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Independent Auditors' Report

THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the State of California, as of and for the year ended June 30, 1999, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the State of California's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the pension trust funds, which reflect total assets constituting 87 percent of the fiduciary funds. We also did not audit the financial statements of certain enterprise funds, including those of the California State University, which reflect total assets and revenues, constituting 90 percent and 91 percent, respectively, of the enterprise funds. In addition, we did not audit the University of California funds. Finally, we did not audit the financial statements of certain component unit authorities, which reflect total assets and revenues, constituting 97 percent and 93 percent, respectively, of the component unit authorities. The financial statements of the pension trust funds, certain enterprise funds, the University of California funds, and certain component unit authorities referred to above were audited by other auditors whose reports have been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for these funds and entities, is based solely upon the reports of the other auditors.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit and the reports of other auditors provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the reports of other auditors, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the State of California, as of June 30, 1999, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary funds and component unit authorities for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining financial statements and schedules and required supplementary information listed in the accompanying table of contents are

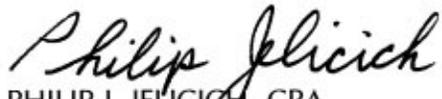
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presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the State of California. The information for the combining financial statements and schedules and the Schedule of Funding Progress in the required supplementary information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, based upon our audit and the reports of other auditors, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. We did not audit the required supplementary information on the Year 2000 Compliance of Computer Systems and Other Equipment and do not express an opinion on such information. In addition, we do not provide assurance that the State of California is or will become year 2000 compliant, that the State of California's year 2000 remediation efforts will be successful in whole or in part, or that parties with which the State of California does business are or will become year 2000 compliant.

We did not audit the data included in the introductory and statistical sections of this report, and accordingly, we express no opinion on them. In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, reports on the State's internal control structure and on its compliance with laws and regulations will be issued in our single audit report.

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November 19, 1999