



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Wetlands Conservation Stakeholders and Other Interested Parties

**From:** Brian Baird, Assistant Secretary for Ocean and Coastal Policy

**Date:** October 20, 2009

**Subject:** Commencement of 30-day Comment Period for *Public Review Draft State of the State's Wetlands Report*

### Introduction

The Natural Resources Agency of California is releasing a draft report for public review titled, *Public Review Draft State of the State's Wetlands*. The report was prepared under the auspices of the Natural Resources Agency with the participation of a variety of state agencies led by the Department of Fish and Game and with assistance of staff from the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project, San Francisco Estuary Institute, Aquatic Science Center, and State Coastal Conservancy. The report can be downloaded from the Internet at <http://resources.ca.gov/ocean>. **The public comment period will last 30 days and conclude on November 20, 2009.**

### State of the State Wetlands Report

The report summarizes the importance of wetlands, what we know about them, and efforts undertaken to implement the California Wetlands Conservation Policy (Executive Order W-59-93). The report also identifies the progress made by many state agencies, public and private partnerships, and the federal government to protect, restore, and monitor California's wetlands. The report concludes by citing challenges and making a set of recommendations to better realize the Wetlands Conservation Policy's goal of reducing wetlands loss and achieving wetland gains.

Once we receive and review all comments, we will determine potential revisions and then release a final *State of the State's Wetlands Report*.

### Where to Send Comments

**Comments on the report should be sent to:**

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**Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to [wetlands@resources.ca.gov](mailto:wetlands@resources.ca.gov). Deadline for receiving comments is 5:00 P.M. November 20, 2009. If you have any technical questions regarding this report, please contact Craig Wilson from the California Department of Fish and Game by phone (916-445-1739) or e-mail ([cjwilson@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:cjwilson@dfg.ca.gov)).**

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