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Introduction

As a part of our audit of the State of Louisiana's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and our work related to the Single Audit of the State of Louisiana (Single Audit) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, we performed procedures at the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) to provide assurances on financial information that is significant to the state's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report; evaluate the effectiveness of CPRA's internal controls over financial reporting and compliance; and determine whether CPRA complied with applicable laws and regulations. In addition, we determined whether management has taken actions to correct the finding reported in the prior year.

Results of Our Procedures

Follow-up on Prior-year Finding

Our auditors reviewed the status of the prior-year finding reported in the CPRA management letter dated March 6, 2023. We determined that management has resolved the prior-year finding related to Inaccurate Annual Fiscal Report.

Annual Comprehensive Financial Report – State of Louisiana

As a part of our audit of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2023, we considered internal control over financial reporting and examined evidence supporting CPRA's capital outlay escrow fund nonpayroll expenditures and payables.

Based on the results of these procedures, we did not report any findings. In addition, the account balances and classes of transactions tested, as adjusted, are materially correct.

Federal Compliance - Single Audit of the State of Louisiana

As a part of the Single Audit for the year ended June 30, 2023, we performed certain procedures as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) on information submitted by CPRA to the Division of Administration's Office of Statewide Reporting and Accounting Policy on the status of the prior-year finding for the preparation of the state's Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings.

Based on the results of these procedures, we did not report any findings. In addition, CPRA's information submitted for the preparation of the state's Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings is materially correct.

Trend Analysis

We compared the most current and prior-year financial activity using CPRA's Annual Fiscal Reports and/or system-generated reports and obtained explanations from CPRA's management for any significant variances.

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Respectfully submitted,



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APPENDIX A: SCOPE AND METHODOLOGY

We performed certain procedures at the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) for the period from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, to provide assurances on financial information significant to the State of Louisiana's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, and to evaluate relevant systems of internal control in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our procedures, summarized below, are a part of the audit of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and our work related to the Single Audit of the State of Louisiana (Single Audit) for the year ended June 30, 2023.

- We evaluated CPRA's operations and system of internal controls through inquiry, observation, and review of its policies and procedures, including a review of the laws and regulations applicable to CPRA.
- Based on the documentation of CPRA's controls and our understanding of related laws and regulations, we performed procedures to provide assurances on certain account balances and classes of transactions to support our opinions on the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.
- We performed certain procedures on information for the preparation of the state's Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings for the year ended June 30, 2023, as a part of the 2023 Single Audit.
- We compared the most current and prior-year financial activity using CPRA's Annual Fiscal Reports and/or system-generated reports to identify trends and obtained explanations from CPRA's management for significant variances.

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our work at CPRA, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of CPRA's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. Accordingly, this report is not intended to be, and should not be, used for any other purposes.

We did not audit or review CPRA's Annual Fiscal Reports, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion on those reports. CPRA's accounts are an integral part of the State of Louisiana's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, upon which the Louisiana Legislative Auditor expresses opinions.