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For over 16 years, California State Auditor Elaine M. Howle has served the State of California by providing accurate, unbiased, and timely assessments of state and local government entities. Ms. Howle has nearly 34 years of auditing, management, and leadership experience with the California State Auditor's office and its predecessor office. Under her leadership, the office serves an important role in the State's system of checks and balances by examining the fiscal health and performance of state and local entities to ensure that government provides the essential services to the public in the most efficient and effective manner.

Ms. Howle is a certified public accountant and a certified government financial manager. She earned a bachelor's degree in sports management from the University of Massachusetts and a master's of business administration from California State University, Sacramento.

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Mike Tilden is an Audit Principal with the California State Auditor's Office. Since joining the office in 1994, he has led numerous financial, performance, and compliance audits. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with concentrations in Accounting and Finance from California State University, Sacramento. He is also a Certified Public Accountant.

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Dale Carlson is a Senior Auditor Evaluator with the California State Auditor's Office. He has worked for the State of California conducting performance audits of state and local public agencies for more than 30 years. For more than eight years, he served on the Executive Committee of the National Legislative Program Evaluation Society. Mr. Carlson has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from California State University, Stanislaus and Master of Public Administration degree from Texas A&M University.
