

Department of General Services

Misuse of State Resources (Case I2008-1024)

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This report concludes that a manager with the Department of General Services (General Services) improperly used state vehicles for his daily commute for nine years. The cost of the misuse from July 2006 through July 2009, the three years for which complete records are available, totaled an estimated \$12,379. Because the records were not retained, we were not able to accurately estimate the cost to the State for the remaining six years.

In the report, the California State Auditor (state auditor) made the below recommendations to General Services. The state auditor's determination regarding the current status of recommendations is based on General Services' response to the state auditor as of June 2011.

Recommendation 1—See pages 29—31 of the investigative report for information on the related finding.

General Services should seek reimbursement from the manager for the costs associated with his misuse of state vehicles.

General Services' Action: Fully implemented.

In June 2011 General Services and the manager signed an agreement directing the manager to reimburse the State \$12,379 in costs arising from his misuse of state vehicles. The terms of the agreement require the manager to repay the State \$200 a month from June 2011 through August 2016. The manager made his first installment payment in June 2011.

Recommendation 2—See pages 15—17 of the investigative report for information on the related finding.

General Services should issue a memorandum regarding the appropriate use of state-owned vehicles to all fleet division employees with access to state vehicles.

General Services' Action: Fully implemented.

General Services stated that in March 2010, before the completion of our investigation, it issued a number of operating policies to its employees that prohibit the use of state-owned vehicles for travel to and from an employee's home without express permission.