Table 8The State Bar Implemented Cost-Savings Measures in 2023, All of Which Impact the General Fund

| MEASURE | DESCRIPTION | STATUS | ACTUAL AMOUNT SAVED Or State Bar Projections* |
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| Reduced travel and meeting costs | The State Bar has restricted staff travel and in-person meetings since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. | Implemented | \$635,000 (Savings specific to 2023) |
| Reduction in temporary help expenses | The State Bar has restricted the use of temporary help for its operations. | Implemented | \$2,314,000 (Savings specific to 2023) |
| 3-month hiring freeze | In 2023, the State Bar budgeted a three-month hiring freeze for all vacant staff positions. | Implemented | \$713,000 (Savings specific to 2023) |
| Budgeted a 15% vacancy rate (goal) | During the 2023 budgeting process, the State Bar budgeted its personnel costs assuming a staff vacancy rate of 15%. | Implemented But unable to be reached. The State Bar has had a stable vacancy rate of around 8% from 2020 to 2024. | No savings realized. |
| Sale of the State Bar's San Francisco Building | In November 2023, the State Bar sold its San Francisco headquarters for \$54 million. | Implemented | The State Bar estimates it would have needed to spend \$12 to \$15 million in capital improvements and around \$25 million in tenant space improvements had the State Bar continued to own the building. |

Source: Auditor analysis, the State Bar's internal financial records, and State Bar human resources information.

Note: Values rounded to the nearest thousand.

^{*} Text in green represent State Bar projections.