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Statement Regarding the STRAW Transition

The Watershed Education Program STRAW, (Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed), formerly of The Bay Institute, is now part of PRBO Conservation Science (PRBO). PRBO has been an integral partner of The Bay Institute's Watershed Education program, making this a streamlined and synergistic transition. The excellent restoration and educational programs of the STRAW project will continue at PRBO under the leadership of Laurette Rogers and the entire STRAW team.

This mutually beneficial transition will allow The Bay Institute to focus more closely on its Rivers and Delta and Bay Restoration Programs. For PRBO, this transition enables the professional restoration and education activities of STRAW to become directly linked and influenced by PRBO's 46 years of bird and ecosystem science and outreach.

The Bay Institute's affiliate, Aquarium of the Bay, will continue its free science-based education based programs that reach more than 16,000 students, teachers and chaperones each year.

PRBO and TBI will continue to partner and work together to improve conservation outcomes and educational programming for the San Francisco Bay Area.