

Restoring Cargill Salt Company's 26,000 acres of South Bay salt ponds to tidal marsh has been a treasured goal for decades. Once restored, a wealth of biological resources will benefit. Now, a deal is close at hand to acquire and restore more than half these ponds. This unprecedented opportunity motivated this study.

Inside the reader will find a wealth of information about what it will take to restore these ponds to tidal marsh and what issues should be addressed as part of acquiring lands from Cargill.

Should the public acquire and restore these lands? Absolutely.

Should the public and Cargill get a fair deal? Absolutely.

Are restoration costs reasonable and in line with other national efforts, such as the \$7.8 billion Florida Everglades restoration effort? Absolutely.



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