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To : Honorable Jerome E. Horton, Chairman
Honorable Michelle Steel, Vice Chair
Honorable Betty T. Yee, First District
Senator George Runner, Second District
Honorable John Chiang, State Controller

Date : September 5, 2012

From : David J. Gau, Deputy Director
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Subject : **2013 Diesel Fuel Tax Rate For Interstate Users – component b**
(September 2012 Administrative Consent Calendar)

Beginning January 1, 1998, and on each January 1 thereafter, section 60115 of the Revenue and Taxation Code provides that a (two-component) diesel fuel tax shall be established by the Board. This tax is imposed on all interstate users for the privilege of using diesel fuel purchased without California sales tax to propel a qualified motor vehicle in California.

The first component, is the rate imposed by section 60050. Effective July 1, 2012, the excise tax rate on diesel fuel decreased from 13.0 cents (\$0.13) to 10.0 cents (\$0.10) per gallon.

The second component, component b, is the rate as prescribed by section 60116. This component is a cents per gallon component equivalent to the sales tax on the average selling price of diesel fuel purchased in California during the prior twelve-month period ending August 31. The price of diesel fuel gradually increased in California during this period. The average price per gallon used in last year's computation was \$3.825 compared with this year's average price per gallon of \$4.153. Additionally, effective July 1, 2012 the combined state and local sales tax rate for diesel fuel increased to 9.42 percent (7.25 percent + 2.17 percent).

I recommend the adoption of a diesel fuel tax rate for interstate users - component b - of \$0.345 per gallon for calendar year 2013. The rate was developed as follows:

\$ 4.153	Average price per gallon of diesel fuel including state excise tax and sales tax for the period 9/1/11 through 8/31/12.
- 0.120	Weighted average state excise tax rate.
4.033	Average price per gallon excluding state excise tax.
- 0.368	Sales tax amount included in average price per gallon (\$4.033/1.100369 = \$3.665. \$4.033 - \$3.665 = \$0.368).
3.665	Average price per gallon excluding state excise tax and sales tax.
x .0942	Combined state and local sales tax rate.
<u>\$ 0.345</u>	Second component of the interstate users' tax on diesel fuel.

Please place this item on the Board's September 2012 Administrative Consent Calendar for approval.

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