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Gasoline Consumption Declines, Diesel Consumption Up in Second Quarter 2013

Sacramento – California’s gasoline consumption declined 0.2 percent, while diesel consumption increased 1.6 percent in the second quarter of 2013, according to fuel tax data released by Michelle Steel, Vice Chair of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE).

The BOE’s gasoline fuel tax report reveals Californians consumed 3.68 billion gallons of gasoline in the second quarter, a 0.2 percent decline from 3.69 billion gallons used in the second quarter of last year. The average price of gasoline was \$4.04 per gallon in California during the second quarter, and nationally the average price of gasoline was \$3.67, according to the [Energy Information Administration](#). The BOE estimates statewide gasoline tax-related revenues for the second quarter of 2013 are \$450 million in sales taxes and \$1.326 billion in excise taxes.

California’s diesel fuel consumption increased 1.6 percent in the second quarter to 687 million gallons, compared to 676 million gallons during the second quarter of last year. In California, the average price of diesel fuel in the second quarter was \$4.07 per gallon, and the nationwide average price of diesel fuel was \$3.88. The BOE estimates statewide diesel fuel tax-related revenues for the second quarter of 2013 are \$251 million in sales taxes and \$79 million in excise tax.

For more information on California fuel statistics, or reports based on fuel tax receipts paid by distributors in California, visit: www.boe.ca.gov/sptaxprog/spftrpts.htm

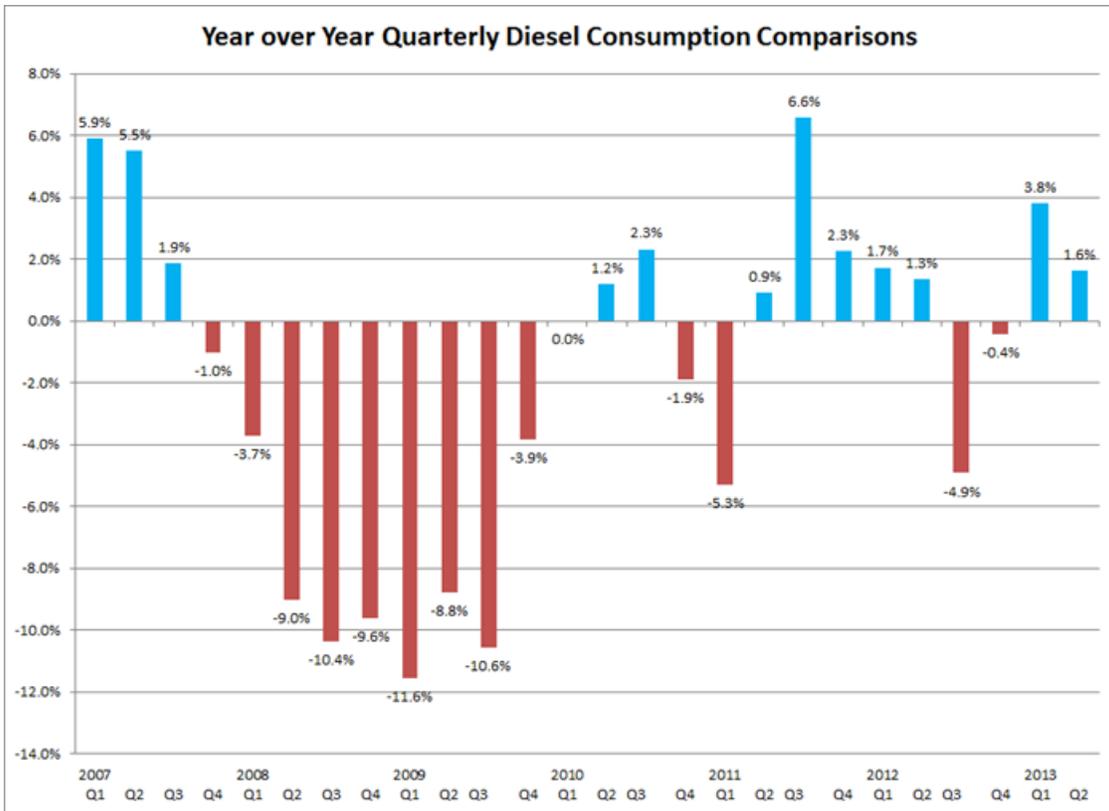
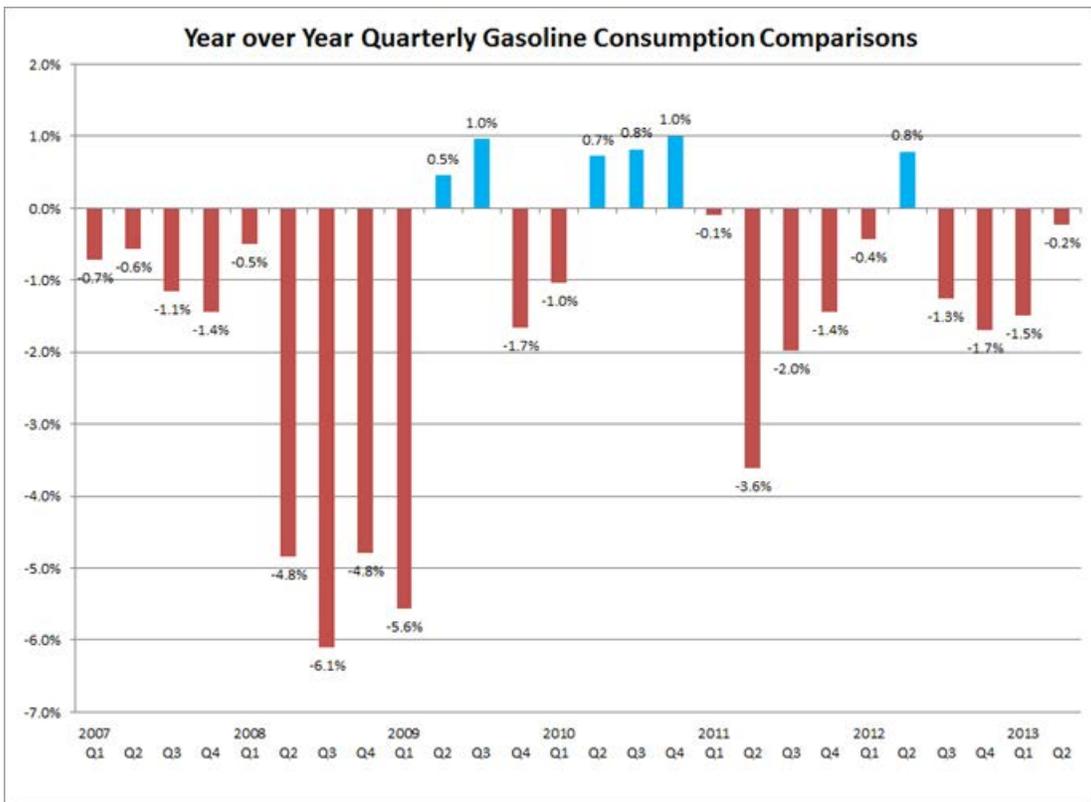
State Taxable Gasoline Gallons Report: www.boe.ca.gov/sptaxprog/reports/MVF_10_Year_Report.pdf

State Taxable Diesel Gallons Report: www.boe.ca.gov/sptaxprog/reports/Diesel_10_Year_Report.pdf

Editor’s Note: The charts below compare year-over-year quarterly gasoline and diesel consumption.

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Elected to the Board of Equalization in 2006 and re-elected in 2010, Michelle Steel serves as *Southern California's elected taxpayer advocate*. In December 2007, Steel discovered the Board of Equalization had delayed the return of millions of dollars in security deposits owed to California businesses. Procedures were changed due to Steel's decisive leadership. Following her investigation, the tax agency refunded tax security deposits to over 5,500 small businesses. To date, over \$100 million in security deposits have been returned to taxpayers.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$50 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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