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Judy Chu Announces California Gasoline Use Figures

Judy Chu, Ph.D., Chair of the State Board of Equalization (BOE) today released gasoline consumption figures that show Californians used less gasoline in November 2007 than the same month a year ago, a decline of 3.7 percent. October to November gasoline use is down by 86 million gallons or 6.5 percent.

Californians used 1.233 billion gallons in November 2007, down 47.6 million from the same period a year earlier.

The average pump price of gasoline in November 2007 was \$3.39 per gallon, up 88 cents per gallon from the average pump price in November 2006 of \$2.51.

Editors Note: The attached chart shows a month-to-month comparison of percentage changes of gasoline use in California for 24 months from December 2005 through November 2007.

The publicly-elected Board of Equalization is able to monitor gallons sold through tax returns filed by fuel companies.

To view all monthly, quarterly, and annual figures for net taxable gasoline gallons in the *BOE 10 Year Report* for the period of January 2000 through November 2007, visit:

Net Taxable Gasoline Gallons: http://www.boe.ca.gov/sptaxprog/reports/MVF_10_Year_Report.pdf.

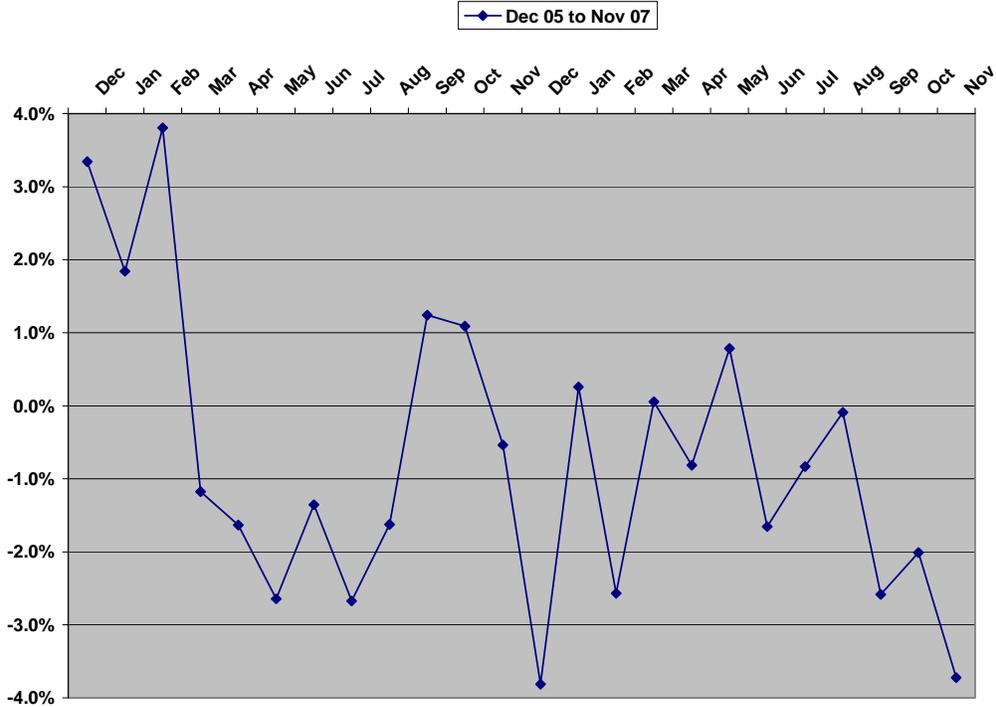
For more information on BOE Fuel Taxes, visit: <http://www.boe.ca.gov/sptaxprog/spftrpts.htm>.

Chair Chu represents the Fourth Board of Equalization District, which includes Los Angeles County. She won election to the BOE in November 2006 and was elected Chair of the Board of Equalization in January 2008. Chair Chu is also a voting member of the Franchise Tax Board.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$53 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.

**Comparison of Percentage Changes of Gasoline Use in California
from December 2005 through November 2007**

Source: California State Board of Equalization



Month/Year	%Change	Month/Year	%Change
Dec.05	3.3%	Dec.06	-3.8%
Jan.06	1.8%	Jan.07	0.3%
Feb.06	3.8%	Feb.07	-2.6%
Mar.06	-1.2%	Mar.07	0.1%
Apr.06	-1.6%	Apr.07	-0.8%
May.06	-2.6%	May.07	0.8%
Jun.06	-1.4%	Jun.07	-1.7%
Jul.06	-2.7%	Jul.07	-0.8%
Aug.06	-1.6%	Aug.07	-0.1%
Sep.06	1.2%	Sep.07	-2.6%
Oct.06	1.1%	Oct.07	-2.0%
Nov.06	-0.5%	Nov.07	-3.7%

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