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Bill Leonard Announces California Gasoline Use Figures

Bill Leonard, Member 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.

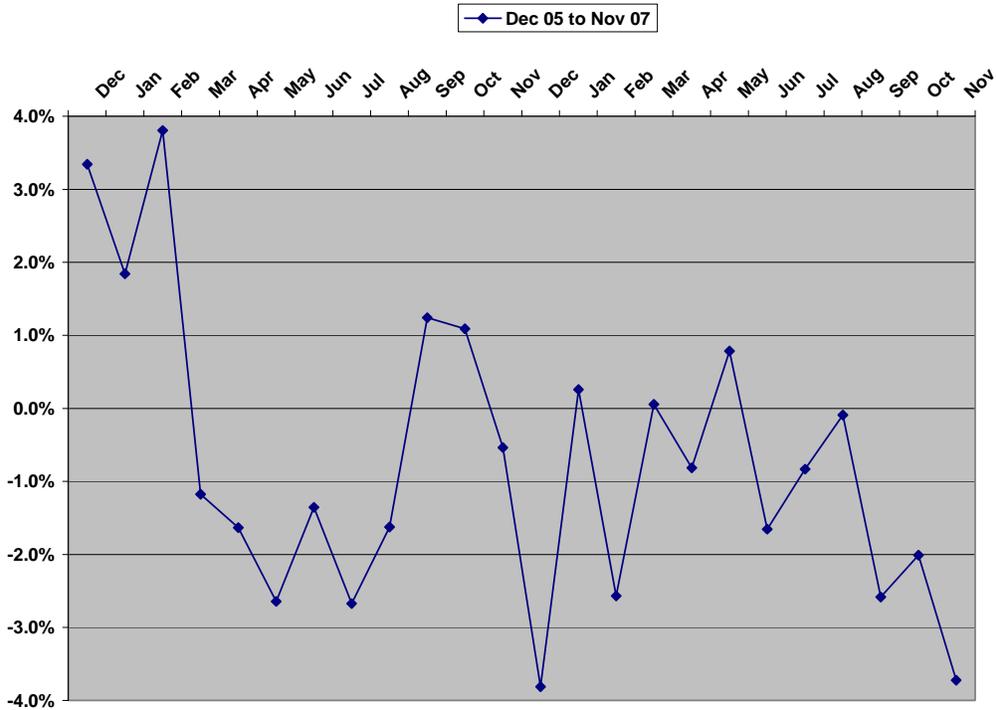
For more information on BOE Fuel Taxes, visit: <http://www.boe.ca.gov/sptaxprog/spftrpts.htm>.

Bill Leonard, of Sacramento/Ontario, was elected as the Second District Member of the State Board of Equalization in 2002 and reelected in November 2006. Prior to his election, Bill Leonard served in the State Assembly (1978-1988, 1996-2002) and in the State Senate (1988-1996).

The five-member State Board of Equalization (BOE) 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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