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Gasoline Consumption Up 1.6%, Diesel Up 6.8% in Fourth Quarter 2013

Sacramento – California’s gasoline consumption rose 1.6% in the fourth quarter 2013, according to data released today by California State Board of Equalization (BOE) Member Betty T. Yee.

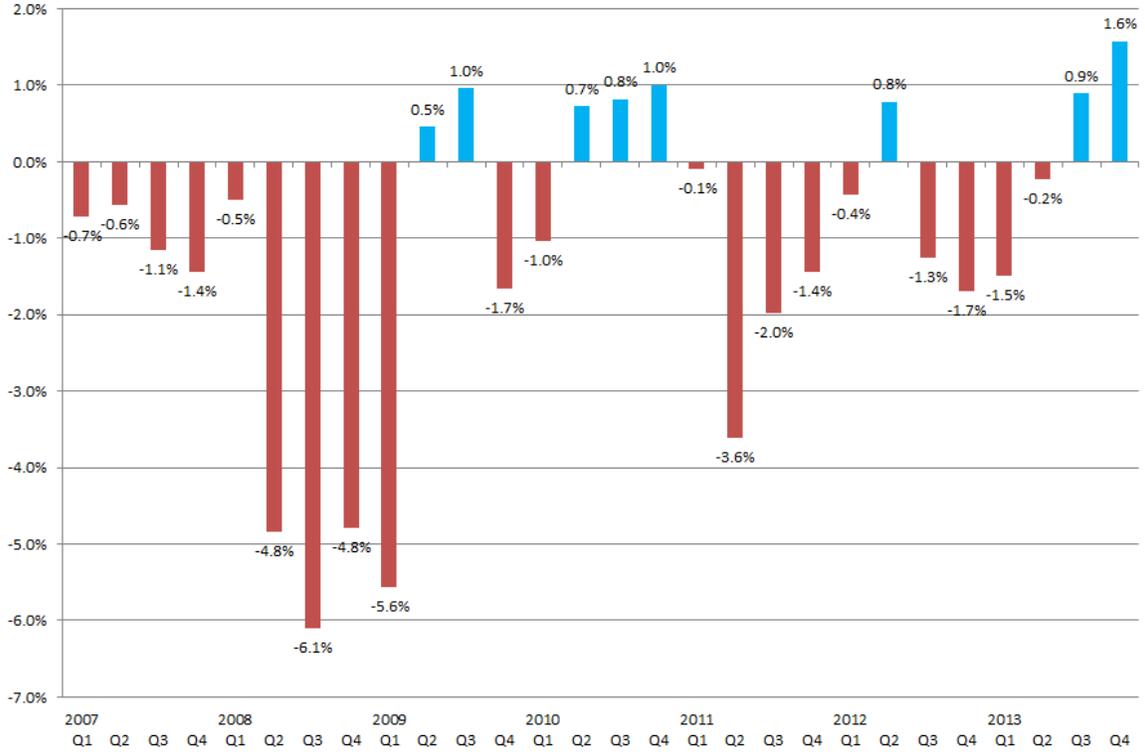
“Fourth quarter gasoline consumption in California is consistent with trends reflecting an improving economy and lower prices throughout most of last year,” said Ms. Yee.

The BOE’s [state taxable gasoline gallons report](#) reveals Californians consumed 3.631 billion gallons of gasoline in the fourth quarter, of 2013, a 1.6 percent increase from 3.575 billion gallons used in the fourth quarter of 2012. The average price of gasoline was \$3.70 per gallon in California during the fourth quarter, which is 29 cents lower than the average price of gasoline of \$3.99 per gallon in the fourth quarter of 2012, according to the [Energy Information Administration](#). Nationally the average price of gasoline was \$3.37 in the fourth quarter, according to the [EIA](#), which is 20 cents lower than the average national price per gallon of \$3.57 in the fourth quarter 2012. The BOE’s [fuel revenues](#) show quarterly estimates of excise taxes and sales and use taxes associated with gasoline for the fourth quarter are \$381 million in sales taxes and \$1.4 billion in excise taxes.

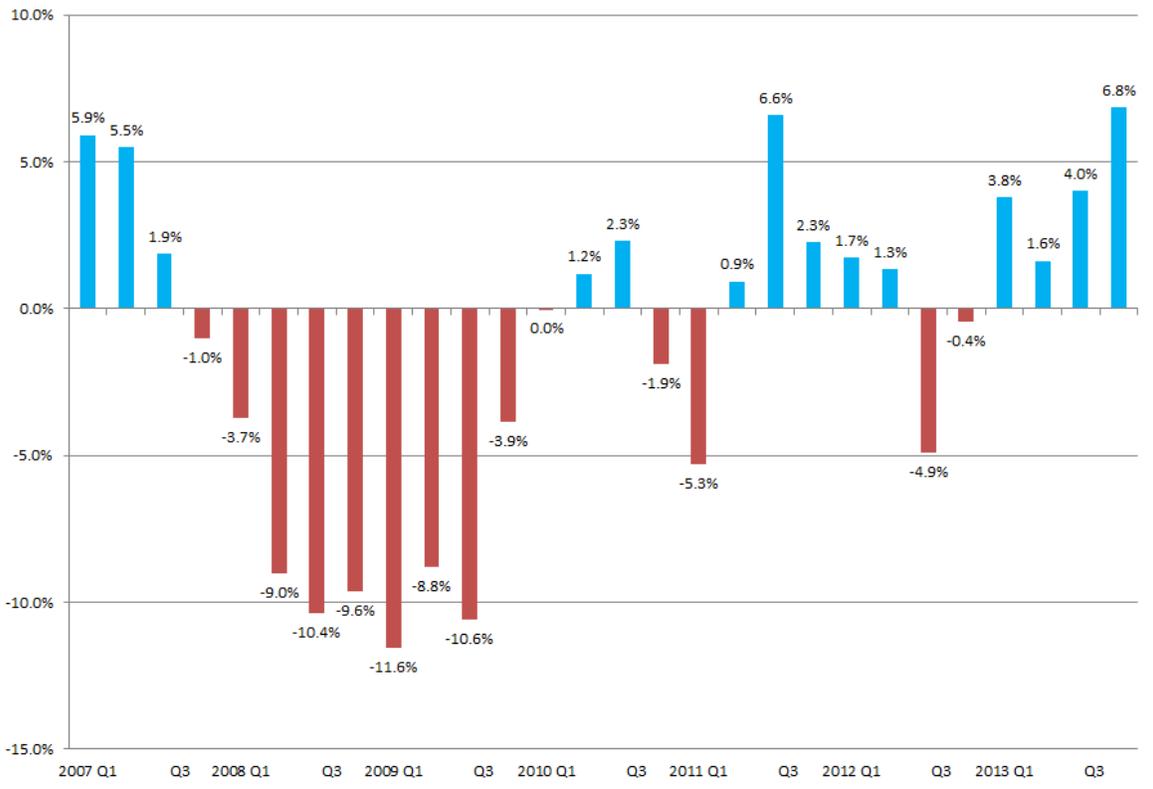
Diesel consumption rose 6.8 percent in the fourth quarter, faster than any quarter since 2005. For calendar year 2013, diesel consumption increased 4.1 percent, reflecting increased movement of goods associated with an improving economy. The BOE’s [state taxable diesel gallons report](#) shows California’s diesel fuel consumption was 698 million gallons, compared to 653 million gallons during the fourth quarter of last year. In California, the average price of diesel fuel in the fourth quarter was \$4.09 per gallon, and the nationwide average price of diesel fuel was \$3.87. The BOE’s [fuel revenues](#) show quarterly estimates of excise taxes and sales and use taxes associated with diesel for the fourth quarter are \$245 million in sales taxes and \$81 million in excise taxes.

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

Year over Year Quarterly Gasoline Consumption Comparisons



Year over Year Quarterly Diesel Consumption Comparisons



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Board Member Betty T. Yee was elected to her post in November 2006. Her district includes many of California's coastal counties, from Del Norte to Santa Barbara, and includes the entire San Francisco Bay Area. Ms. Yee previously served as Chief Deputy Director for Budget at the California Department of Finance, covering a wide array of state and local finance policy matters.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects \$56 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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