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# News Release

**Chairwoman Betty T. Yee**

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## **BETTY T. YEE SAYS GAS USE CONTINUES TO DECLINE FROM 2006**

Betty T. Yee, Chairwoman of the State Board of Equalization (BOE), today announced that gasoline use totals fell by 11.2 million gallons, approximately 0.8 percent from the same period of last year. Consumption rose in July 2007 by about 1 percent from June. (*Editor's note: see chart on second page.*)

“The downward trend in consumption, however slight, appears to be an ongoing trend when comparing this year’s figures to last,” said Chairwoman Betty Yee.

Over the past five years, Californians have used an average of 15.77 billion gallons of gasoline annually. During the 2006 calendar year Californians consumed 15.83 billion gallons, down from 15.94 billion a year earlier.

The BOE is able to monitor gallons through tax returns filed by fuel companies. Figures for August 2007 will be available near the end of November. All monthly, quarterly and annual figures can be viewed on the BOE website.

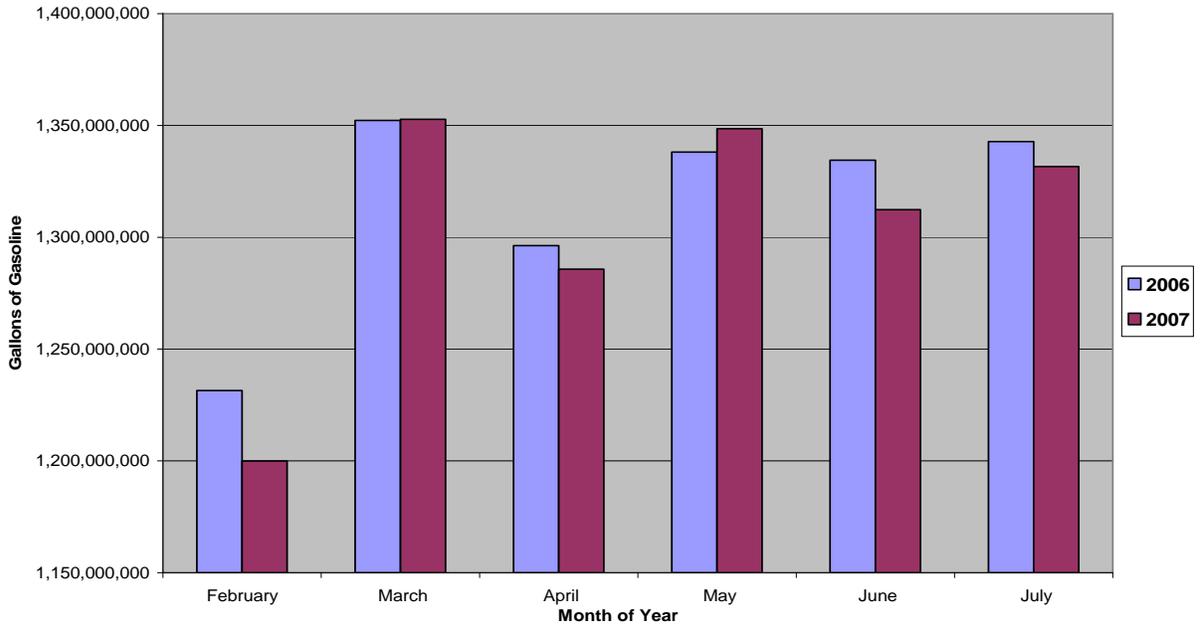
Net Taxable Gasoline Gallons: [www.boe.ca.gov/sptaxprog/reports/imvf10ynet.pdf](http://www.boe.ca.gov/sptaxprog/reports/imvf10ynet.pdf)

Chairwoman 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.

The publicly-elected Board collects nearly \$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 plays a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes.

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**Year-to-Year Gasoline Use Comparisons**



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