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MICHELLE STEEL SAYS CALIFORNIA GASOLINE CONSUMPTION DOWN

(Rolling Hills Estates) – Michelle Steel, Third District Member of the Board of Equalization, today released gasoline consumption figures that show Californians used less gasoline in September than they did a year ago. September figures declined by 2.6 percent from the same period a year ago.

The complete figures for the third quarter of 2007 mark the sixth consecutive three-month period to show a continuing decline in gas consumption. In the third quarter of 2007, Californians used 46.2 million gallons less than they did in the same period last year.

The average pump price of gasoline in the third quarter of 2007 was \$3.015, down slightly from the average pump price in the third quarter of 2006 of \$3.136.

All monthly, quarterly, and annual figures for taxable gasoline gallons are listed in the *BOE 10 Year Report* that covers the periods of 2000 through September 2007 and can be viewed on the BOE website:

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

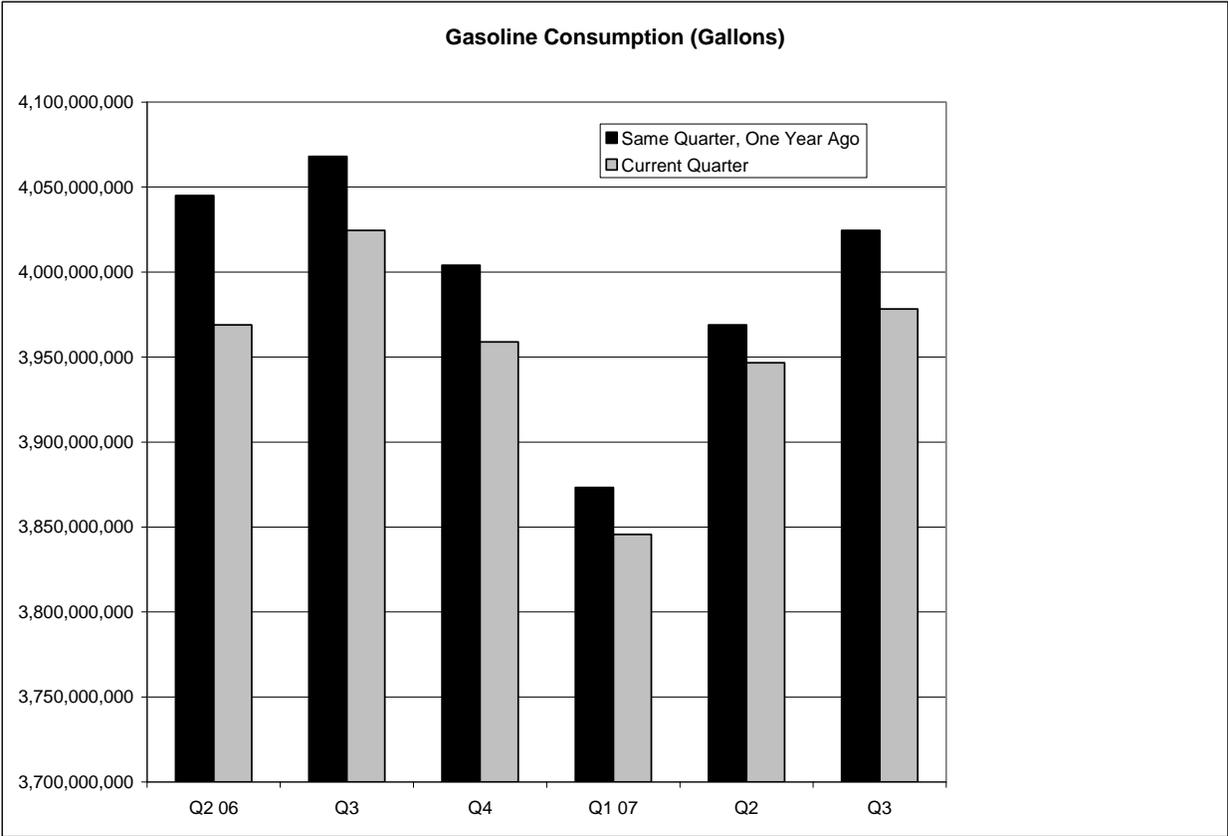
BOE Special Taxes Department Fuel Taxes Division: <http://www.boe.ca.gov/sptaxprog/spftrpts.htm>

The publicly-elected Board of Equalization is able to monitor gallons sold through tax returns filed by fuel companies. Figures for October 2007 should be available near the end of January.

Elected to the Board of Equalization in 2006, Michelle Steel serves as the country's highest ranking Korean-American elected official. She represents the over 8.5 million taxpayers of the Third Board of Equalization District, including the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Riverside, Imperial and San Bernardino.

The five-member State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE 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 serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes.

Editor's note: please see chart.



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