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California Gasoline Consumption Rose 2.6%, Diesel Increased 4.9%

Jerome E. Horton, Chairman of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), today released California gasoline and diesel consumption figures for November 2010. California gasoline consumption increased 2.6 percent in November 2010, and diesel fuel consumption increased 4.9 percent, compared with November 2009.

“California gasoline consumption last year had an average increase of about 0.5 percent for the first eleven months last year,” said Chairman Horton. “Prices averaged about \$3.12 per gallon last year.”

In November 2010, gasoline demand rose 2.6 percent when Californians used 1.20 billion gallons of gasoline compared to 1.17 billion gallons in November 2009. The average California gasoline price at the pump in November 2010 was \$3.20 per gallon compared to \$3.01 in November 2009, a 6.3 percent increase. The national average price for gasoline in November 2010 was \$2.91 per gallon compared to \$2.71 a year earlier.

Diesel fuel sold in California during November 2010 totaled 207 million gallons compared to November 2009’s total of 198 million gallons, which is an increase of 4.9 percent. California diesel prices were \$3.30 per gallon in November 2010 an increase of 11.5 percent compared to November 2009 when the average diesel price was \$2.96 per gallon. The national average price for diesel fuel in November 2010 was \$3.14 per gallon compared to \$2.80 a year earlier.

The BOE is able to monitor gallons through tax receipts paid by fuel distributors. The figures reported monthly are net consumption that includes BOE audit assessments, refunds, amended and late tax returns, and State Controller’s Office refunds. Figures for December 2010 are scheduled to be available at the end of March 2011.

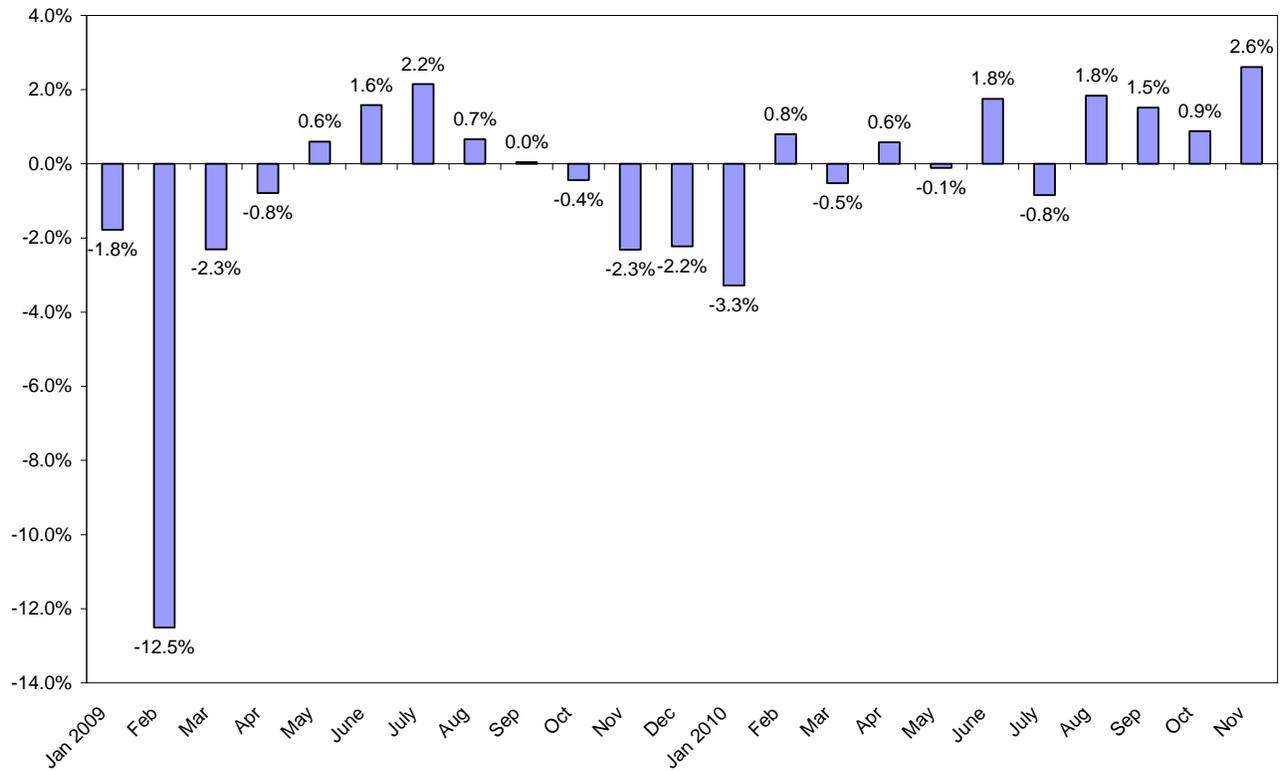
All monthly, quarterly, and annual figures can be viewed at: www.boe.ca.gov/sptaxprog/spftrpts.htm.

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

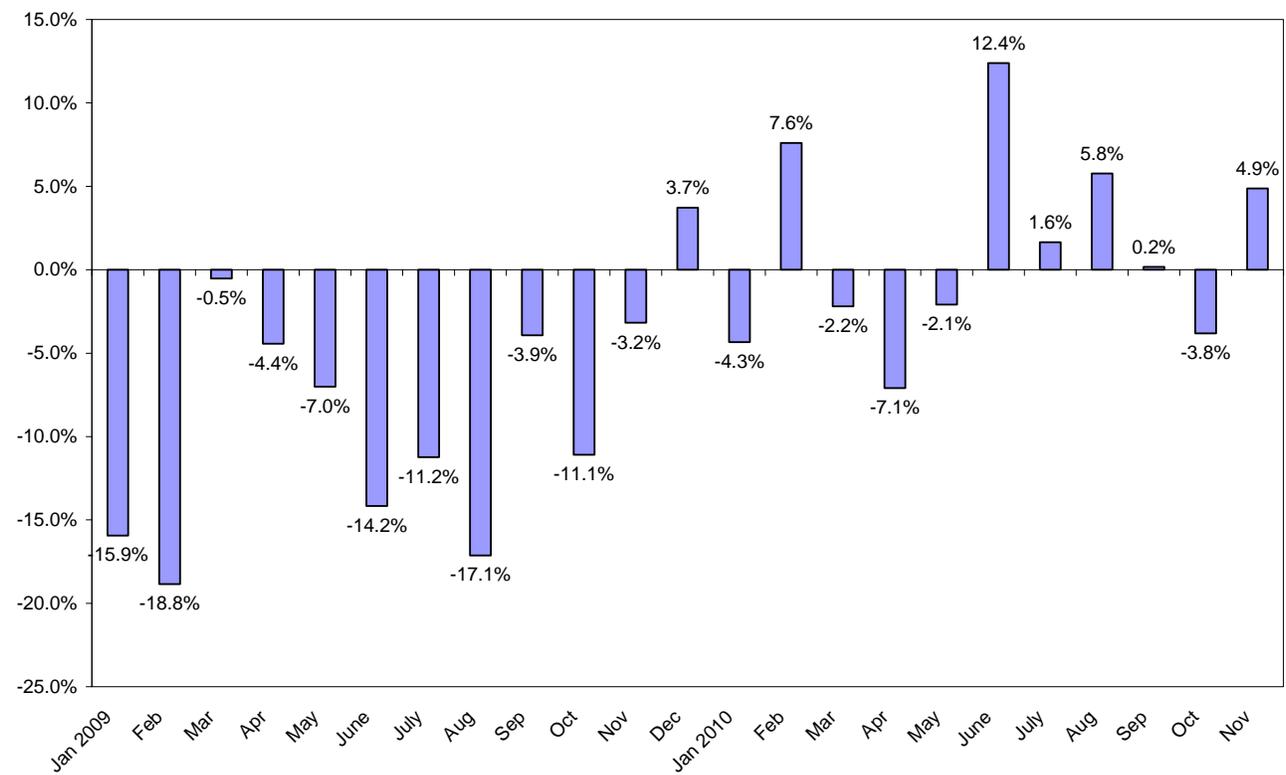
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Editor’s note – please see the two attached charts showing percent change in gasoline and diesel gallons consumption compared to 12 months prior from January 2009 through November 2010.

**Percent Change in Gas Consumption Compared to 12 Months Prior
From January 2009 Through November 2010**



**Percent Change in Diesel Gallons Compared to 12 Months Prior
From January 2009 Through November 2010**



Elected in 2010, Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the Fourth District Member of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the BOE Legislative Committee chairman. Horton is the first African American to serve on the BOE since its inception in 1879, and the third African American constitutional officer in California's history. Horton previously served as a member of the California State Assembly from 2000-2006.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$48 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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