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# News Release

**Betty T. Yee, Member**

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## **Gasoline Consumption Declines, Diesel Consumption Up in Second Quarter 2013**

**Sacramento** – California’s gasoline consumption declined 0.2 percent, while diesel consumption increased 1.6 percent in the second quarter of 2013, according to fuel tax data released by Betty T. Yee, First District Member of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE).

“California’s downward trend in gasoline consumption has continued almost uninterrupted for the last 10 quarters.” said Ms. Yee.

The BOE’s gasoline fuel tax report reveals Californians consumed 3.68 billion gallons of gasoline in the second quarter, a 0.2 percent decline from 3.69 billion gallons used in the second quarter of last year. The average price of gasoline was \$4.04 per gallon in California during the second quarter, which is a decline of 22 cents from the second quarter last year when the average price per gallon was \$4.26. Nationally the average price of gasoline was \$3.67, according to the [Energy Information Administration](#). The BOE estimates statewide gasoline tax-related revenues for the second quarter of 2013 are \$450 million in sales taxes and \$1.326 billion in excise taxes.

California’s diesel fuel consumption increased 1.6 percent in the second quarter to 687 million gallons, compared to 676 million gallons during the second quarter of last year. In California, the average price of diesel fuel in the second quarter was \$4.07 per gallon, and the nationwide average price of diesel fuel was \$3.88. The BOE estimates statewide diesel fuel tax-related revenues for the second quarter of 2013 are \$251 million in sales taxes and \$79 million in excise tax.

For more information on California fuel statistics, or reports based on fuel tax receipts paid by distributors in California, visit: [www.boe.ca.gov/sptaxprog/spftrpts.htm](http://www.boe.ca.gov/sptaxprog/spftrpts.htm)

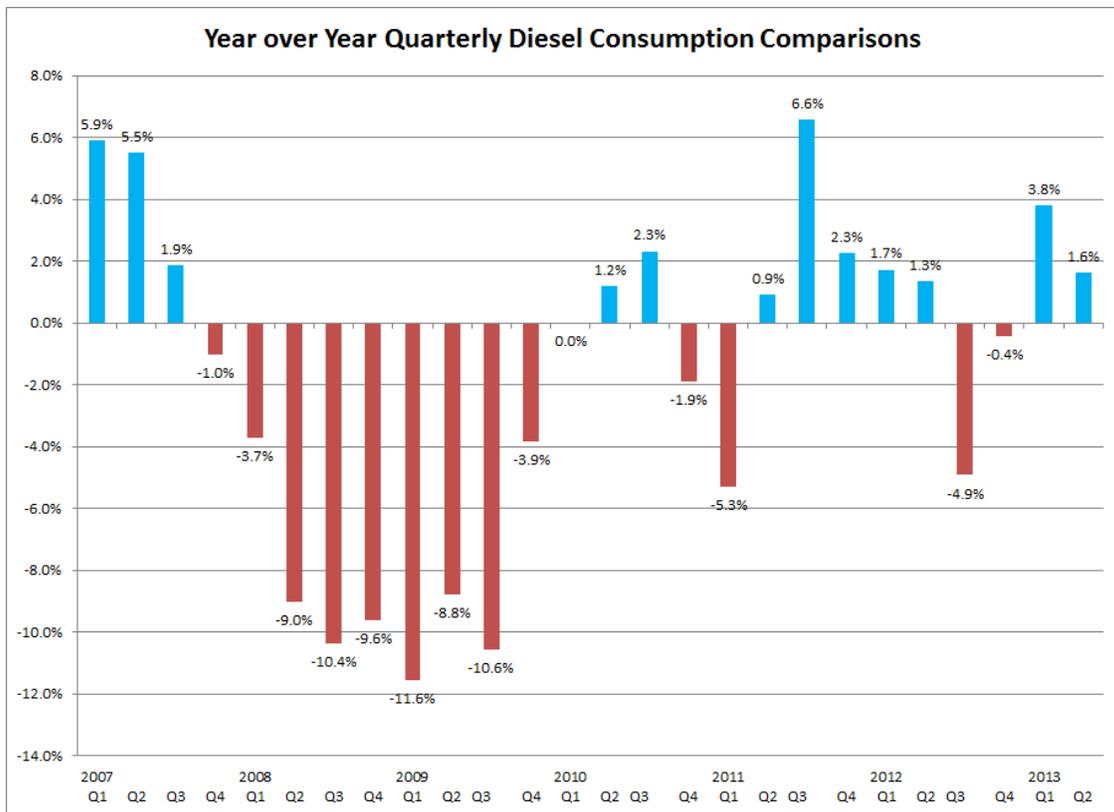
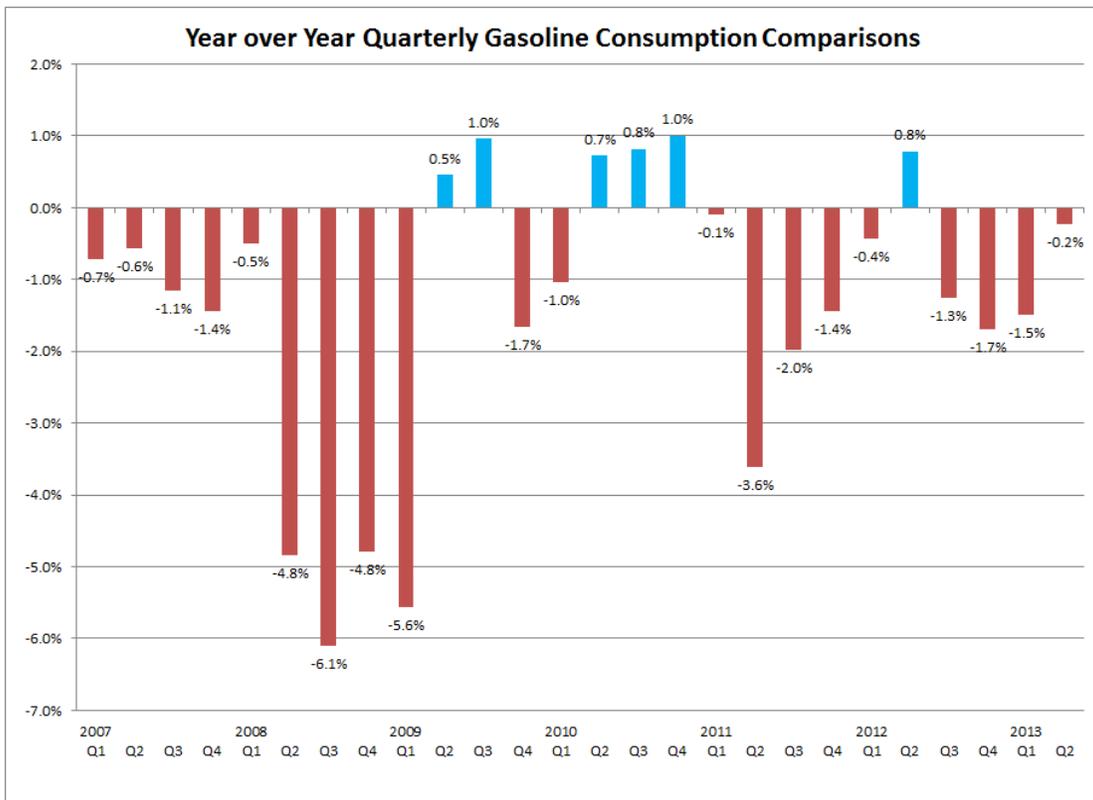
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***Editor’s Note: The charts below compare year-over-year quarterly gasoline and diesel consumption.***

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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 more than \$53.7 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](http://www.taxes.ca.gov).

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