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Chiang Releases State's Cash-Flow Figures

Offers New Analysis to Provide Timely Fiscal Information to Californians

SACRAMENTO – State Controller John Chiang released his monthly report detailing California's cash balance, receipts and disbursements during the first eight months of the fiscal year. *The Statement of General Fund Cash Receipts and Disbursements* shows that through February 28, 2007, General Fund revenue is 4.5% higher than last year.

“Revenue figures to date offer a mixed bag of news on California's fiscal condition,” Chiang said. “Sales tax receipts are better than expected, but Personal Income Tax revenues are still nearly \$1 billion behind the Governor's January projections. We'll have a better picture of the state's finances after businesses pay their taxes this month, and we tally individual tax payments in April.”

Since July 1, 2006, the state has spent \$17.2 billion more than it has in General Fund receipts. But a deficit at this point is not unusual as a majority of the state's revenues come in during the last four months of the fiscal year, while a large percentage of disbursements occur in the first eight months.

As the state's Chief Financial Officer, the State Controller is required to issue monthly financial statements, which primarily are used by bond rating and state fiscal control agencies and legislative budget writers. As a supplement to the monthly statement, Controller Chiang today issued the first summary analysis of the financial report to provide taxpayers with the most current information on the state's fiscal condition. The summary analysis contains a brief summary of the state's cash transactions, and compares it to prior years as well as budget projections made by the Legislature and the Governor.

“Californians deserve to have easy access to factual, updated information about how the state is spending their hard-earned tax dollars,” Chiang said. “These analyses will summarize the state's cash-flow information while providing context and assist in identifying financial trends.”

The [report](#) and the [summary analysis](#) can be found on the Controller's website at www.sco.ca.gov.

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