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Controller Releases November Cash Flow Figures

SACRAMENTO – State Controller John Chiang today released his monthly report detailing California’s cash balance, receipts and disbursements in November and through the first five months of the 2007-08 fiscal year.

“Thanks to corporate tax receipts, November’s totals were above projections, but we are not out of the woods,” said Controller John Chiang. “If you look at the entire budget year, our three largest sources of revenue are still behind more than \$550 million. Although welcome, November’s up tick was not enough to pick up the slack.”

Actual General Fund revenue receipts in November were \$62 million, or 1 percent, above the 2007-2008 Budget Act estimate for that month. Corporate tax receipts surpassed estimates by \$113 million. Income tax receipts in November were down \$24 million, or -0.9 percent, from estimates. Retail sales tax receipts missed projections by \$155 million, or -4.1 percent.

The State spent \$779 million more than it received in November – but deficits at this point are not unusual because a large part of the State’s revenues come in during the last four months of a fiscal year, while many of its expenses occur in the first eight months.

The State started the fiscal year with a \$2.5 billion cash balance, leaving a net cash deficit of \$14.3 billion on November 30. The State issued a \$7 billion Revenue Anticipation Note in November to cover a portion of this short-term deficit. The remaining \$7.3 billion is being covered by internal borrowing.

The [financial statement](#) and the [summary analysis](#) can be found on the Controller’s Web site at www.sco.ca.gov.

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