



STATE BUDGET MAY REVISE 2009-10:

SAVINGS IN STATE GOVERNMENT

GOVERNOR PROPOSES MEASURES TO FIRM UP STATE GOVERNMENT

“We’re going to make government more efficient and we’re going to get rid of that waste and abuse and fraud.”

(Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, 1/7/09)

California is again facing a budget shortfall due to the global recession, and today the Governor is proposing measures that, regardless of the outcome of the May 19 election, will help root out waste and redundancy in government, allow the state to take better advantage of its real estate assets to help balance the budget, and improve government efficiency. These measures will help ensure that state government is cutting back and making the necessary sacrifices to balance its budget like every other Californian.

California remains in fiscal crisis due to the economy and the Governor is taking action to make certain the state tightens its belt along with every Californian, while utilizing every available state resource. The Governor wants to do everything he can to minimize the pain of another multi-billion budget deficit on hardworking Californians, so he has proposed the following measures to achieve savings within government:

UTILIZE STATE ASSETS:

California’s real estate is one of our greatest assets and by selling off state property, we could raise over \$1 billion. The Governor is proposing the sale of seven state-owned properties to help get our budget in balance including:

- Cal Expo
- San Quentin State Prison
- Cow Palace
- Del Mar Fairgrounds
- Orange County Fairgrounds
- Ventura County Fair Grounds
- Los Angeles Coliseum

REDUCE THE STATE WORKFORCE:

The Governor is calling for the state workforce to be immediately reduced by 5,000 employees. The Governor has directed his agency secretaries to take action to reduce their staffing levels of General Fund employees.

- Every single Californian is struggling and sacrificing to make ends meet and with a multi-billion dollar deficit we have no choice but to join the rest of the state’s residents in cutting back.

MAKE GOVERNMENT MORE EFFICIENT:

The Governor is committed to making government more efficient through the following measures:

- Streamline and Reorganize Energy Functions. Consolidate and reorganize functions from 12 different entities into a single Department of Energy with a cabinet-level Secretary of Energy.
- Eliminate the following: the Integrated Waste Management Board, the Inspection and Maintenance Review Committee, the Landscape Architects Technical Committee (LATC), the Bureau of Naturopathic Medicine, the Telephone Medical Advice Services Bureau and the Court Reporter Board.
- Consolidate Postsecondary Education Commission, Student Aid Commission and Decentralize Cal Grants
- Eliminate and transfer the functions of the following: the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment to the Department of Public Health, Community Services and Development at Health and Human Services Agency to the Department of Social Services and the new Department of Energy and the Department of Boating and Waterways to the Department of Parks and Recreation.
- Merge the Franchise Tax Board (FTB), the Board of Equalization (BOE), and Employment Development Department (EDD) tax collection operations.
- Consolidate the following: the Board of Geologists and Geophysicists to the State Mining and Geology Board, the Professional Fiduciaries Bureau under the Board of Accountancy, Consolidate the Board of

Behavioral Sciences, the Board of Psychology, and the oversight of psychiatric technicians duties of the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians to a new Board of Mental Health, the nursing oversight functions of the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians to the Board of Registered Nursing, and the Hearing Aid Dispensers Bureau to the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Bureau.

- Merge Department of Corporations, Department of Financial Institutions, Department of Real Estate and Department of Real Estate Appraisers.
- Seek private entity to take over operations of the Science Center.