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CALIFORNIA STATE GOVERNMENT  
ORGANIZATION AND ECONOMY  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1979**

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The Honorable Speaker of the Assembly  
The Honorable President pro Tempore of the Senate  
The Honorable Members of the Senate and the  
Assembly of the Legislature of California

Members of the Legislature:

Your Joint Legislative Audit Committee respectfully submits the Auditor General's financial audit report of the Commission on California State Government Organization and Economy, year ended June 30, 1979.

The auditors are Curt Davis, CPA; Romero Zamora; Gus Demas; Geraldine Parks; Teri Yee; Michael Tritz; and Charles Thrasher.

Respectfully submitted,

S. FLOYD MORI  
Chairman, Joint Legislative  
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## INTRODUCTION

In response to a resolution of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee and in compliance with federal Office of Revenue Sharing regulations, we have conducted a financial audit of the Commission on California State Government Organization and Economy. This audit was conducted under the authority vested in the Auditor General by Section 10527 of the Government Code.

The Commission on California State Government Organization and Economy was created by the 1961 Legislature. This body is responsible for submitting reports of its findings and recommendations to the Legislature and to the Governor. The objectives of the commission are to secure assistance for the Governor and the Legislature in promoting economy, efficiency, and improved service in the transaction of public business in the various departments and agencies of the executive branch of state government.

The Commission on California State Government Organization and Economy is supported by appropriations from the State's General Fund.


AUDITOR'S OPINION

To the Joint Legislative Audit Committee of the California Legislature:

We have examined the combined balance sheet of the Commission on California State Government Organization and Economy as of June 30, 1979 and the related statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in operating clearing for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the aforementioned financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Commission on California State Government Organization and Economy at June 30, 1979 and the results of operations and changes in operating clearing for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

The column amounts on the accompanying combined balance sheet captioned "Totals - Memorandum Only" for June 30, 1979 are not necessary for a fair presentation of the financial statements but are presented as additional analytical data and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

  
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COMMISSION ON CALIFORNIA STATE GOVERNMENT  
ORGANIZATION AND ECONOMY

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE AND ACCOUNT GROUP

JUNE 30, 1979

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>Governmental Fund Type</u>	<u>Account Group</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>General Fixed Assets</u>	<u>June 30, 1979</u>
Equipment	\$ --	\$ 2,969	\$ 2,969
Total Assets	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>\$ 2,969</u>	<u>\$ 2,969</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES, ENCUMBRANCES OUTSTANDING, AND FUND EQUITY</u>			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 4,463	\$ --	\$ 4,463
Due to other funds	<u>2,034</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>2,034</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>6,497</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>6,497</u>
Encumbrances Outstanding	<u>51,906</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>51,906</u>
Fund Equity:			
Investment in general fixed assets	--	2,969	2,969
Operating clearing (Note 4)	<u>(58,403)</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>(58,403)</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u>(58,403)</u>	<u>2,969</u>	<u>(55,434)</u>
Total Liabilities, Encumbrances Outstanding, and Fund Equity	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>\$ 2,969</u>	<u>\$ 2,969</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

COMMISSION ON CALIFORNIA STATE GOVERNMENT  
 ORGANIZATION AND ECONOMY

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND  
 CHANGES IN OPERATING CLEARING - BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
 GENERAL FUND

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1979

	<u>Budget as Adjusted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenues and Other Financing Sources: (Note 2)			
Sale of documents	\$       --	\$       52	\$       52
Support appropriations	<u>242,724</u>	<u>184,869</u>	<u>(57,855)</u>
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	<u>242,724</u>	<u>184,921</u>	<u>(57,803)</u>
Expenditures: (Note 2)			
Support expenditures	242,724	237,510	5,214
Miscellaneous adjustments (Note 3)	<u>      --</u>	<u>      15</u>	<u>      (15)</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>242,724</u>	<u>237,525</u>	<u>5,199</u>
Excess of Sources over (under) Expenditures	<u>\$       --</u>	<u>(52,604)</u>	<u>\$ (52,604)</u>
Other Uses:			
Intrafund transfers (Note 4)		<u>(52)</u>	
Excess of Sources over (under) Expenditures and Other Uses		(52,656)	
Operating Clearing - July 1		<u>(5,747)</u>	
Operating Clearing - June 30		<u>\$ (58,403)</u>	

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.



COMMISSION ON CALIFORNIA STATE GOVERNMENT  
ORGANIZATION AND ECONOMY  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 1979

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying financial statements reflect the financial position and results of operations of the Commission on California State Government Organization and Economy. The statements have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to state and local governments as prescribed by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and by the National Council on Governmental Accounting.

The accompanying financial statements are structured into a Governmental Fund Type and an Account Group. The Commission on California State Government Organization and Economy accounts for only its portion of the fund type category. The State Controller maintains the central accounts for all state funds and annually publishes fund statements.

GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES

Governmental Fund Types are those through which most governmental functions are financed. The acquisition, use, and balances of the government's expendable financial resources and the related current liabilities--except those accounted for in Proprietary Funds--are accounted for through governmental funds. The Governmental Fund Type for the Commission on California State Government Organization and Economy is the General Fund. This fund includes all financial resources accounted for by the commission.

The General Fund is maintained on the modified accrual basis of accounting. These are some of its more significant elements:

Income

Throughout the fiscal year all income including revenues, transfers, and reimbursements is accounted for on a cash basis. At June 30, the accounts are adjusted to accrue all earned but uncollected income.

## Expenditures

Expenditures are accounted for at the time claims for payment are filed with the State Controller. At June 30, all valid expenditure commitments are accrued as expenditures including encumbrances outstanding against budget appropriations for which no goods or services have been received.

## Liabilities

Retirement Plan - Regular employees of the commission are members of the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) which is a defined benefit, contributory retirement plan. The amount the commission and employees contribute to PERS is actuarially determined under a program in which contributions plus retirement system earnings provide the necessary funds to pay retirement costs as accrued. Retirement contributions for the year totaled \$15,971.

Vacation and Sick Leave - Costs of vacation and sick leave are charged when these benefits are used rather than when they are earned.

## ACCOUNT GROUP

The Account Group is used to account for general fixed assets. Assets purchased are recorded as expenditures in the appropriate fund in the year of acquisition or encumbrance. General fixed assets increased by a net of \$186 during the fiscal year.

## 2. BUDGETED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

The amounts shown under "Budget as Adjusted" for revenues and expenditures reflect the Governor's Budget after allowing for adjustments by the Budget Act, interim statutory changes affecting appropriations, and authorized executive budget revisions issued during the year.

## 3. MISCELLANEOUS ADJUSTMENTS

This account shows the difference between the net amount of revenues, expenditures, and reimbursements accrued as of the previous June 30 and the actual amount of revenues, expenditures, and reimbursements related to the prior year but obtained during the current fiscal year.

#### 4. OPERATING CLEARING AND INTRAFUND TRANSFERS

The Operating Clearing account is the connecting link between the records of the various state agencies and the central fund accounts maintained by the State Controller for the General Fund and other funds not accounted for entirely by one agency. The balance at June 30 represents the net assets and liabilities for which the Commission on California State Government Organization and Economy is accountable.

Intrafund transfers are cash receipts which the commission remitted to the State Treasury during the year. These receipts represent revenues.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

The annual legislative budget for support expenditures of the Commission on California State Government Organization and Economy is in total only. The following schedule shows the actual expenditures for the period as kept by the commission for management purposes.

COMMISSION ON CALIFORNIA STATE  
GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION AND ECONOMY

SCHEDULE OF SUPPORT EXPENDITURES  
GENERAL FUND

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1979

Expenditures:

Personal services	\$122,291
Operating expenses and equipment	115,219
Miscellaneous adjustments	<u>15</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$237,525</u>

### OTHER COMMENTS

As an integral part of our examination, we reviewed the accounting procedures and related system of internal accounting control at the commission and at the Department of General Services (which maintains the commission's accounting records) to the extent we considered necessary to properly form an opinion concerning the fairness with which the commission's financial statements present financial position and results of operations in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles consistently applied.

Our review enabled us to suggest improvements which would result in better operating procedures and controls. A management letter describing the suggested operating improvements was issued to the commission in conjunction with certain recommended adjusting entries necessary to achieve compliance with generally accepted accounting principles.

The commission generally concurs with the suggested operating improvements and adjusting entries.

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