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The Honorable Speaker of the Assembly
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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 Department of Finance, year ended June 30, 1979.

The auditors are Curt Davis, CPA and Geraldine Parks.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 Department of Finance. This audit was conducted under the authority vested in the Auditor General by Section 10527 of the Government Code.

The Department of Finance is legally authorized under Section 13000 of the Government Code. These are the department's objectives:

- To assist the Governor in developing and enacting the annual financial plan;
- To assess and maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of using resources for state-administered and state-financed programs;
- To provide economic, financial, and demographic information.

The Department of Finance 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 Department of Finance as of June 30, 1979 and the related statements of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance and 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 Department of Finance at June 30, 1979 and the results of operations and changes in fund balance and 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 financial statements 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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Assistant Auditor General

Date: March 13, 1980

Staff: Curt Davis, CPA

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COMBINED BALANCE SHEET ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP

JUNE 30, 1979

	Governmental Fund Type	Fiduc Fund 1		Account Group General	Totals (<u>Memorandum Only</u>)
<u>ASSETS</u>	General	Agency	Trust	Fixed Assets	June 30, 1979
Cash Accounts receivable Due from local governments Expense advances to employees Advances to Architecture	\$ 48,762 799,811 310,135 34,216	\$81,897 	\$860 	\$ 	\$ 131,519 799,811 310,135 34,216
Revolving Fund Equipment				150,000 561,691	150,000 561,691
Total Assets	\$1,192,924	\$81,897	<u>\$860</u>	<u>\$711,691</u>	<u>\$1,987,372</u>
LIABILITIES, ENCUMBRANCES OUTSTANDING, AND FUND EQUITY					
Liabilities: Accounts payable Due to other funds Due to local governments	\$ 208,894 45,311 250,002	\$ 81,897 	\$ 	\$ 	\$ 208,894 127,208 250,002
Total Liabilities	504,207	81,897			586,104
Encumbrances Outstanding .	216,976				216,976
Fund Equity: Reserve for construction Investment in general fixed		· 		150,000	150,000
assets Fund balance (Note 6) Operating clearing (Note 4)	471,741		860	561,691 	561,691 860 471,741
Total Fund Equity	471,741		860	711,691	1,184,292
Total Liabilities, Encumbrances Outstanding, and Fund Equity	<u>\$1,192,924</u>	\$81,897	\$860	<u>\$711,691</u>	\$1,987,372

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE AND OPERATING CLEARING GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1979

	Governmental Fund Type General	Fiduciary Fund Type Expendable Trust	Totals (<u>Memorandum Only</u>) <u>June 30, 1979</u>
Revenues: Sale of documents Miscellaneous income	\$ 2,389 97	\$ 	\$ 2,389 97
Total Revenues	2,486		2,486
Other Financing Sources: Support appropriations Reimbursements Miscellaneous adjustments (Note 3)	46,134,753 1,616,288 42,354	 	46,134,753 1,616,288 42,354
Total Other Financing Sources	47,793,395		47,793,395
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	47,795,881		47,795,881
Expenditures: Personal services Operating expenses and equipment	9,339,364 1,810,179		9,339,364 1,810,179
Payments to counties for cost of trials Chapter 332/78, Section 35.5	529,854		529,854
Allocations to special districts	35,712,761		35,712,761
Total Expenditures	47,392,158		47,392,158
Excess of Sources over (under) Expenditures	403,723		403,723
Other Uses: Intrafund transfers (Note 4)	(2,491)		(2,491)
Excess of Sources over (under) Expenditures and Other Uses	401,232		401,232
Fund Balance - July 1 Operating Clearing - July 1	70,509	860 	860 70,509
Fund Balance - June 30 Operating Clearing - June 30	\$ 471,741	860 <u>\$</u>	860 <u>\$ 471,741</u>

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

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1979

	Budget as Adjusted	Actual	Variance
Revenues: Sale of documents Miscellaneous income	\$ 	\$ 2,389 97	\$ 2,389 97
Total Revenues		2,486	2,486
Other Financing Sources: (Note 2) Support appropriations Reimbursements Miscellaneous adjustments (Note 3)	47,549,321 2,384,002	46,134,753 1,616,288 42,354	(1,414,568) (767,714) 42,354
Total Other Financing Sources	49,933,323	47,793,395	(2,139,928)
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	49,933,323	47,795,881	(2,137,442)
Expenditures: (Note 2) Personal services Operating expenses and equipment Payments to counties for cost of trials Chapters 32/78, Section 35.5 Allocations to special districts	10,203,531 2;129,792 600,000 37,000,000	9,339,364 1,810,179 529,854 35,712,761	864,167 319,613 70,146 1,287,239
Total Expenditures	49,933,323	47,392,158	2,541,165
Excess of Financing Sources over (under) Expenditures	 .	403,723	403,723
Other Uses: Intrafund transfers (Note 4)		(2,491)	(2,491)
Excess of Sources over (under) Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>\$</u>	401,232	\$ 401,232
Operating Clearing - July 1		70,509	
Operating Clearing - June 30		\$ 471,741	

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AGENCY FUND

FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1979

	Balance July 1, 1978	Additions	Deductions	Balance June 30, 1979
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Cash	<u>\$37,470</u>	<u>\$873,486</u>	\$829,059	\$81,897
LIABILITIES				
Due to other funds	<u>\$37,470</u>	\$873,486	\$829,059	<u>\$81,897</u>

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE 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 Department of Finance. 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, a Fiduciary Fund Type, and an Account Group. The Department of Finance accounts for only its portion of the Governmental 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 General Fund is the Governmental Fund Type in the Department of Finance. This fund includes all financial resources not accounted for in another fund.

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, except for certain reimbursements which are accounted for when billed, 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 department are members of the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) which is a defined benefit, contributory retirement plan. The amount the department and its 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 \$1,212,722.

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

FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES

Fiduciary Fund Types are used to account for assets held by a governmental unit as a trustee. The Fiduciary Fund Type for the Department of Finance is the Special Deposit Fund which is subdivided into two funds. The first is an agency fund which is used to account for monies from the sales of data processing equipment. The other is an expendable trust fund which is used to account for monies for a workshop on Senate Bill 90.

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 \$109,685 during the fiscal year.

2. BUDGETED FINANCING SOURCES AND EXPENDITURES

The amounts shown under "Budget as Adjusted" for financing sources 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 financing sources, expenditures, and reimbursements accrued as of the previous June 30 and the actual amount of financing sources, 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 Department of Finance is accountable.

Intrafund transfers are cash receipts representing revenues which the department remitted to the State Treasury during the year.

5. LEASES

Future minimum rental payments required under operating leases are \$37,884. All commitments for operating leases have initial or remaining noncancellable lease terms ending on June 30, 1980.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1979, the total rental expenses for all operating leases, except for those with terms of a month or less that were not renewed, was \$23,010.

6. AGENCY FUND BALANCE

The State Controller's published statements for fiscal years ending June 30, 1978 and June 30, 1979 reflect a fund surplus. According to generally accepted accounting principles, all assets in an agency fund are related to liabilities. Thus, the statements reflect only assets and liabilities (without a fund balance) to conform with generally accepted accounting principles.

OTHER INFORMATION

As an integral part of our examination, we reviewed the accounting procedures and related system of internal accounting control at the Department of Finance and at the Department of General Services (which maintains the department's accounting records) to the extent we considered necessary to properly form an opinion concerning the fairness with which the Department of Finance's financial statements present its 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 department in conjunction with certain recommended adjusting entries necessary to achieve compliance with generally accepted accounting principles.

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

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