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**FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT**

**SOUTHWEST BORDER REGIONAL COMMISSION**

**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 Southwest Border Regional Commission, 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 Southwest Border Regional Commission. This audit was conducted under the authority vested in the Auditor General by Section 10527 of the Government Code.

The Southwest Border Regional Commission is an economic development commission composed of the counties of the four states bordering Mexico. This commission was established in response to the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C.A. Section 3121, et seq.). The objective of the commission is to generate a coordinated plan of development for the entire border region. Specifically, the commission will attempt to integrate economic development with improvements in health care services, transportation facilities, educational opportunities, and public works programs. In California, Riverside, Imperial, and San Diego Counties participate in the commission.


The programs of the Southwest Border Regional Commission are supported by federal funds.

AUDITOR'S OPINION

To the Joint Legislative Audit Committee of the California Legislature:

We have examined the balance sheet of the Southwest Border Regional Commission as of June 30, 1979 and the related statement of financing sources, expenditures, and changes in fund balance 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 Southwest Border Regional Commission at June 30, 1979 and the results of operations and changes in fund balance for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

  
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SOUTHWEST BORDER REGIONAL COMMISSION

BALANCE SHEET

JUNE 30, 1979

ASSETS

Cash in State Treasury	\$22,252
Expense advances to employees	<u>2,255</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$24,507</u>

LIABILITIES, ENCUMBRANCES  
OUTSTANDING, AND FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	<u>\$14,523</u>
Encumbrances Outstanding	<u>2,790</u>
Fund Equity:	
Fund balance	<u>7,194</u>
Total Liabilities, Encumbrances Outstanding, and Fund Equity	<u>\$24,507</u>

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

SOUTHWEST BORDER REGIONAL COMMISSION  
STATEMENT OF FINANCING SOURCES, EXPENDITURES,  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1979

Financing Sources:	
Intergovernmental revenues	\$178,562
Reimbursements	<u>16,566</u>
Total Financing Sources	<u>195,128</u>
Expenditures:	
Personal services	130,567
Operating expenses and equipment	<u>57,367</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>187,934</u>
Excess of Sources over (under) Expenditures	7,194
Fund balance - July 1	<u>    --</u>
Fund balance - June 30	<u><u>\$ 7,194</u></u>

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



SOUTHWEST BORDER REGIONAL COMMISSION  
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 Southwest Border Regional Commission. 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 of the Fiduciary Fund Type.

FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE

The Fiduciary Fund Type is used to account for assets a governmental unit holds as a trustee. The fund type for the Southwest Border Regional Commission is the Special Deposit Fund, an expendable trust fund which is used to account for federal funds earmarked for various programs.

The Fiduciary Fund Type 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 recorded 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 the fund balance 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 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 \$9,218.

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

## OTHER INFORMATION

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 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 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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