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RE: State Budget Update #19 – Governor Signs Budget

85 days into the 2008-09 fiscal year, the Governor has signed the latest state budget on record. The \$103.4 billion General Fund budget for 2008-09 is virtually the same funding level as last year and includes \$9.7 billion in reductions. The final budget includes vetoes of \$510 million from the plan approved by the Legislature including the elimination of the Senior Citizens Property Tax and Renter's Tax Assistance for savings \$190.9 million. In addition, the budget includes \$340 million in savings due to the budget delay and the effect of Governor's executive order to lay off 10,000 temporary and part-time workers and reduce overtime pay. With the vetoes, the final budget includes a reserve of \$1.7 billion.

Significant human services vetoes including the following:

CalWORKs

Single Allocation: \$70 million cut to the Single Allocation for a five percent reduction to CalWORKs Eligibility and Employment Services.

Work Incentive Nutritional Supplement: \$2 million cut to delay implementation for one year.

Stage Two Child Care: \$16.4 million cut to delete the legislative augmentation which was intended to ensure sufficient funding to avoid the 2007-08 child care reserve and funding issue. In contrast to prior years, there will be no Stage Two reserve for 2008-09.

Adult Protective Services: \$11.4 million (\$6.1 million GF) for a 10 percent reduction to the program.

Aging Programs: \$13.2 million GF cut to a number of aging programs including Multipurpose Senior Services Program (\$2.5 million), Linkages (\$.3 million), the Senior Legal Hotline (\$.2 million), Senior Community Employment (\$3.2 million), and the Long-term Care Ombudsman and Supportive Services programs (\$6.0 million).