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State employees having custody of state funds will be instructed to surrender, without resistance, funds demanded if they are threatened with violence during the course of an attempted robbery. The California Highway Patrol will be notified immediately. In addition, agencies are required to notify the Department of Finance, Office of State Audits and Evaluations. See SAM Section 20060.

Agencies normally handle the following types of cash items:

1. General Cash
2. Revolving Fund Cash
3. Agency Trust Fund Cash
4. Cash receipts that for valid reasons will not be deposited immediately.

The first three types of cash items are discussed in general in the sections following. The fourth type of cash items is discussed in SAM Section 10513. Standard Entry No. 13.
The Centralized State Treasury System (CTS) is a system authorized by Government Code section 16305, whereby state moneys are deposited in specified banks for credit to central accounts of the State Treasurer’s Office (STO). These banks have been authorized by the State Treasurer to receive deposits from departments for credit to the State Treasurer’s demand deposit account at the institution. The purpose of the CTS is to maximize the earning of interest consistent with safe and prudent treasury management and to assure that depository banks provide the state with proper and adequate security for deposits of state moneys.

All money in the possession of any department will be deposited in the CTS except when otherwise authorized by the Department of Finance, statute, or unless deposited directly into the State Treasury.

When a deposit is made, the depositing department notifies the STO by submitting a Report of Deposit. Although deposits may be made at any branch of an approved depository, only one demand deposit account is maintained for each depository by the STO. The State Controller’s Office (SCO) maintains accountability for all deposits by specific CTS bank account (also known as the agency checking account).

Withdrawals from each department’s CTS bank account are made by checks drawn by the department and by the SCO transfers to a state fund. The SCO sends statements of accounts at least monthly to each department with a CTS bank account. The STO maintains the online statewide Agency Paid System for departments to access and print images of their department checks. The system is updated daily and check data is retained for five years from the date paid. To obtain access to the Agency Paid System, departments shall complete the STO’s User ID Assignment/Removal form, STO-IP 130. The form and information can be obtained by contacting the STO Item Processing Section at Item.Processing@Treasurer.ca.gov.
Requests to open new accounts will be made by letter to Department of Finance, Fiscal Systems and Consulting Unit. The request must include the legal name of the department together with the official designation of the account, for example:

Department of General Services
General Checking Account

The Department of Finance, Fiscal Systems and Consulting Unit, will send a letter of approval to the agency and a copy to the State Treasurer's Office along with a copy of the agency’s request. Upon assignment of the account number, the State Treasurer's Office will forward a copy of the approval with account number designation to the agency and to the State Controller, Division of Accounting and Reporting. Agencies will keep the number of their centralized State Treasury System accounts to a minimum.

Most agencies will require only one centralized State Treasury account even though they may have more than one general ledger cash account (i.e., General Cash, Revolving Fund Cash, and Agency Trust Fund Cash). The title of such centralized State Treasury System account will be "General Checking Account." Special circumstances may require separate centralized State Treasury System accounts. In such instances, the agency will request approval to establish such accounts from Department of Finance, Fiscal Systems and Consulting Unit. Requests should include the purpose or reason for a separate account.

Departments will prepare an intraoffice memo that lists the names of each person authorized to sign agency checks. A specimen of both a manual and facsimile signature (if used to sign checks), will be shown. It is the department’s responsibility to ensure that adequate safeguards are taken to preclude improper or unauthorized use of facsimile signatures. See SAM Sections 8080, Separation of Duties and 8081, Check Signing Machines. Each memo will contain the following statement:

"Checks drawn for an amount in excess of $15,000 will require two authorized signatures unless the check is payable to (1) the State Treasurer, (2) another state department or account, or (3) if the Department of Finance, Fiscal Systems and Consulting Unit, has authorized, in writing, special instructions permitting a department to deviate from this requirement."

The memo will be placed in an Agency Check–Authorized Signatures file. This file will be kept by the department on a current basis. The State Treasurer's Office does not require a copy of this memo. Each department will be solely responsible for the maintenance and control of authorized signature files.
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FACSIMILE SIGNATURES 8001.3
(Revised 7/1979)

In accordance with Section 5501 Government Code, every authorized officer when facsimile signature is used on any instrument of payment shall file his manual signature, certified by him under oath, with the Secretary of State.

It is the agency's responsibility to ensure that adequate safeguards are taken to preclude improper or unauthorized use of facsimile signature. (See SAM Sections 8080, 8081, and 8082.)

FACSIMILE SIGNATURE (SIGNATURE PLATE OR RUBBER STAMP) DESTRUCTION 8001.4
(Revised 7/1979)

Agencies shall destroy the facsimile signature plate upon the departure of the particular authorized officer. Two persons, exclusive of the individual whose signature is involved, shall witness and sign an acknowledgment of the destruction. One copy shall be given to the departing officer and one shall be retained and filed by the agency.

Agencies shall use any convenient method of destruction. Suggested methods for signature plate destruction are to saw in half or hammer or file imprint down. For rubber stamps, the imprint should be removed from the stamp and cut with scissors.

CLOSING AN ACCOUNT 8001.5
(Revised 09/2012)

Departments will periodically review their need for maintaining a centralized State Treasury System (CTS) bank account. When more than one CTS bank account exists, departments will combine these into one CTS bank account, where feasible.

Requests to close inactive or unnecessary CTS bank accounts will be sent to State Treasurer's Office, Centralized Treasury and Securities Management Division, Bank Reconciliation Section, along with a copy of the current CTS statement with a zero balance.
ACCOUNTS OUTSIDE OF THE CENTRALIZED STATE TREASURY SYSTEM

(Revised 06/2013)

Except as provided in the criteria #7 below, requests for approval of bank, savings and loan association, or credit union accounts to be maintained outside the centralized State Treasury System (CTS) will be sent to the Department of Finance (Finance), Fiscal Systems and Consulting Unit. Please refer to SAM section 19462 for bank accounts or section 19463 for savings and loan association and credit union accounts. Departments are encouraged to establish the account outside the CTS with one of the State Treasurer’s Office (STO) approved depository banks. All requests shall include the following information:

1. Justification for the need to open an account outside the CTS.
2. The name and location of the proposed bank, savings and loan association, or credit union.
3. The legal name of the department and the official designation of the account.
4. Whether the bank or savings and loan association is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). For credit unions, whether it is insured by the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA).
5. The amount, source, and purpose of the funds to be deposited, type of deposit (time deposit, savings account, savings, checking, zero balance account (ZBA), certificate of deposit, investment, etc.), date account is needed, length of deposit, fees associated with the account, and interest rate to be received.
6. The provisions for the withdrawal of funds.
7. For ZBA, indicate whether the ZBA is new, or whether it is being changed from one depository bank to another. Finance approval is not required for a change in depository banks when all of the following conditions are met:
   - The change in depository bank is for a contract between the STO or the State Controller’s Office (SCO) and another department.
   - The ZBA was previously approved by Finance.
   - No other changes are made to the account(s).

A ZBA is a type of account held outside the CTS in which a balance of zero is maintained by automatically transferring funds into the CTS daily. No other withdrawal of funds or disbursements will be made from the ZBA.

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Finance will notify the \text{SCO}, Division of Accounting and Reporting, and the \text{STO} in writing of each new account approved.

Departments must submit a new request for approval for account maintained outside the CTS if any of the conditions of the Finance approval have changed such as purpose or banking information.

Departments will obtain signature cards from banks, savings and loan associations, and credit unions. Finance approval of signature cards is not required. It is the department’s responsibility to ensure that adequate safeguards are taken to prevent improper or unauthorized use of facsimile signatures. (See SAM sections 8080-8082.)

Departments shall ensure that deposited funds are collateralized throughout the year in accordance with the following Government Code (GC) sections:

**Bank Accounts**

GC section 16520 – Security is not required for that portion of deposited funds insured under any law of the United States.

GC section 16521 – Requires banks to deposit securities as collateral with the State Treasurer valued at 110 percent of the uninsured portion of the collected funds deposited with the banks.

GC section 16522 – Specifies the types of securities that banks may deposit as collateral with the State Treasurer.
Savings and Loan Association and Credit Union Accounts

GC section 16610 – Security is not required for that portion of deposited funds insured under any law of the United States.

GC section 16611 – Requires savings and loan associations and credit unions to deposit securities as collateral with the State Treasurer valued at least 110 percent of the uninsured portion of the collected funds deposited with the savings and loan associations and credit unions.

GC section 16612 – Specifies the types of securities that savings and loan associations and credit unions may deposit as collateral with the State Treasurer.

To provide collateral as required by law, departments shall instruct financial institutions to submit form STO-TD-011B to the STO, Centralized Treasury and Securities Management Division and ensure that the appropriate Safekeeping Agreement is in place with the STO, Collateral Management Section. To obtain form STO-TD-011B, refer to the STO website at:

http://www.treasurer.ca.gov/publications/forms.asp

For additional information regarding the security and collateral requirements, consult with the STO.
FISCAL AGENT

Fiscal agents are financial institutions or other third parties receiving remittances and/or making disbursements on behalf of the state. The state's normal procedures for receipts and disbursements should be used whenever possible to minimize the use of fiscal agents.

If unusual conditions exist requiring the use of fiscal agents, requests for approval should be submitted to the Department of Finance (Finance), Fiscal Systems and Consulting Unit (FSCU) prior to finalizing the contract. All requests shall include the following information:

1. Justification for the fiscal agent.
2. Name and location of the fiscal agent.
3. Description of all functions to be performed by the fiscal agent.
4. Description of the internal control procedures between the state department and the fiscal agent.

The fiscal agent may maintain separate bank or savings and loan association accounts for any money under its control. The same approval procedures and reporting requirements apply as to any account outside the centralized State Treasury System. See SAM sections 8002 and 7975.

Information on how to obtain FSCU approval can be found on the Finance website at: http://www.dof.ca.gov/Accounting/FSCU/FSCU_FAQs/.

NON-STATE MONEY

Employees involved in activities which are not an integral part of State programs or operations must be involved only on their own time and without the use of State equipment or supplies. Any funds which are collected or controlled by State employees for such non-State activities are not to be accounted in the State Treasury. Non-State monies are to be collected, controlled, and expended in a manner that will prevent any implication that the State is a sponsor or participant in those activities.
Federal funds are awarded to departments by grant awards or letters of credit. Grant awards or letters of credit are a commitment certified by an authorized federal official, and they are specified by an Account Identification Number, a Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number, and a dollar limit to a designated payee. A period of availability may also be specified. This information is used to obtain the federal funds.

The federal agency will advise the department of the reporting requirements and monitor the use of funds. Departments must comply with federal agency requirements and they have the following responsibilities:

- Initiate fund requests according to the agreed upon terms and only when needed to meet actual and immediate disbursement needs.
- Funds must be requested according to the terms in the grant or letter of credit and in accordance with federal law.
- Prepare and submit reports as required by the federal agency.
- Impose the same requirements on any sub-recipients.

See SAM sections 8010 through 8014 for information on the Cash Management Improvement Act.

The Financial Management Service (FMS) is a bureau of the U.S. Department of the Treasury and operates the Vendor Express Program. Within the FMS, the Division of Payment Management oversees and operates federal payment systems, which disburses the majority of all federal payments.

The majority of federal payments are requested through automated systems and received by electronic funds transfer. The ACH Vendor/Miscellaneous Payment Enrollment form, (SF 3881) may be completed to enroll departments in the Vendor Express Program. The form allows use of the automated systems to request federal funds such as Payment Management System (PMS), Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP), and Vendor Invoicing Portal & Electronic Reporting System (VIPERS). Departments should complete the Agency Information (Federal) and Payee/Company Information (Department) sections of the form. The form should be sent to the State Treasurer’s Office (STO) Financial Services Section at 915 Capitol Mall, Room 319, Sacramento, CA 95814 for recording with the depository bank. STO will return the completed original form to the department for submission to the federal agency.

Most federal funds are remitted to a fund on the Report to State Controller of Remittance to State Treasurer, Form CA-21. The original and one copy of the Form CA-21 should be sent to the STO Financial Services Section. See SAM section 8091 for guidance on remittances to the STO.
The Cash Management Improvement Act of 1990 (CMIA) was enacted by Public Law 101-453, codified at 31 U.S.C. 3335, 6501, and 6503. The implementing regulations are in 31 CFR Part 205. The purpose of CMIA is to ensure efficiency, effectiveness, and equity in the exchange of funds between the states and the federal government for federal assistance programs. The general provisions are as follows:

1. Federal agencies must make timely fund transfers and grant awards to the state departments.

2. State departments must minimize the time between the deposit of federal funds in the state's account and the disbursement of funds for program purposes.

3. With some exceptions, the state is entitled to interest from the federal government from the time state warrants are redeemed until federal funds are deposited in the state's account.

4. The federal government is entitled to interest from the state from the time federal funds are deposited in the state’s account until the state warrants are redeemed.

The programs listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance are subject to the CMIA regulations. In California, federal assistance programs that meet or exceed the established threshold of federal funding are considered CMIA major programs and are subject to CMIA interest provisions under Subpart A of federal regulations. The programs that meet this criteria are determined by the state’s most recent Single Audit Report.

Programs not considered major programs are subject to Subpart B of federal regulations, and must minimize the time between the deposit of federal funds in the state’s account and the disbursement of funds for program purposes.

The Department of Finance (FINANCE), Fiscal Systems & Consulting Unit (FSCU), prepares the Treasury State Agreement (TSA). The TSA lists the state departments and programs impacted by CMIA, the funding techniques for each program, the clearance and redemption patterns for requesting federal funds and calculating interest liability, the interest calculation methodologies, and the description of reimbursable interest calculation costs.
PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The principal responsibilities of **FINANCE**:
   a. Establish the annual **CMIA** threshold amount. Identify the state departments and federal assistance programs that will be impacted by CMIA.
   b. Notify CMIA participating departments of their roles and responsibilities.
   c. Negotiate with the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service (FMS) on new TSAs and amendments to the existing TSA.
   d. With the assistance of the State Controller’s Office, develop patterns by programs for the average number of days from warrant issuance to redemption.
   e. Calculate the state and federal interest liabilities by programs and FINANCE’s interest calculation costs.
   f. Prepare the CMIA Annual Report and Interest Calculation Cost Report for submittal to FMS.
   g. Budget funds from the General Fund and special funds for the payment of the state interest liability to the federal government.
   h. Process interest payment.

2. The principal responsibilities of the state department that administer CMIA programs:
   a. Request federal funds in accordance with the approved funding technique described in the TSA and only in amounts needed for immediate payments.
   b. For specific CMIA programs identified in the TSA, document the amount of federal funds requested, when federal funds are deposited in the state’s account, and when warrants are issued. This information is provided to FINANCE quarterly.
   c. Notify the FINANCE, FSCU, of any changes to the funding process for CMIA programs. A state department shall not make a change until it is reviewed and approved by FINANCE and FMS.

NON-COMPLIANCE BY A STATE DEPARTMENT THAT ADMINISTERS CMIA PROGRAMS

If a state department that administers **CMIA** programs fails to fulfill its CMIA responsibilities, any additional costs for interest penalties and audit exceptions resulting from non-compliance will be paid from the department’s support appropriation.

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State departments will prepare receipts for the following transactions:

a. All collections of coin or currency received in person from payers who are not given press-numbered or pre-numbered documents of fixed value (such as guest meal tickets) at the time of payment.

b. All collections from payers who request receipts.

c. All collections where a receipt is needed by the payer as a temporary permit pending issuance of a license.

All cash receipts must use a controlled numbering system such as press-numbered receipts, cash register receipts, or pre-numbered tickets.

A numeric file and inventory control of all receipt copies including voided receipts should be maintained for audit purposes.

Receipts will be mailed only upon request. If a payer who does not request a receipt at time of payment subsequently requests one, the state department must date the receipt with the current date and cross-reference it to the report of collection or Cash Receipts Register that documented the receipt of the money.

Duplicate receipts will designate "DUPLICATE" and a cross-reference to the originally issued receipt will be noted on all duplicate receipts. All copies of receipts and licenses, except the originals, must designate “Copy-Not A Valid Receipt” or “Copy-Not A Valid License.”
Department records will contain information regarding the type of collection (such as cash, check, or money order) received from each payer. This information will be recorded so that it can be readily audited from receipts, reports of collections, or the registers, and will show the amount of the check or money order presented. See SAM Section 8023, Acceptance of Checks and Money Orders.

To maintain accountability of these assets, all incoming collections will be documented by the person opening the mail. These collections may be either payable or not payable to the state department.

Cash or checks not payable to the department but are transferred between employees from the time of its receipt to its deposit will be documented by the department. This documentation will include the date received or check date/check number, payer name, amount, and a brief description of the receipt.

All checks, money orders, and warrants received for deposit will be endorsed per the instructions in SAM sections 8034.1, 8034.2, and 8034.5 as applicable.

As a general principle, departments will accept personal checks to provide convenience to the public. See Government Code section 6157. However, departments may require payment by cash, certified check, cashier's check, or money order when:

- Service or materials that cannot be withdrawn if the check is dishonored by the bank are furnished to other than well established firms or well-known persons.
- The payer previously gave the department a check that was dishonored by the bank.
- The check is drawn on a financial institution outside the United States.

Departments accepting personal checks over-the-counter for cash or for services or materials that cannot be withdrawn will assure that enough information is available, either on the check or from available records, to enable tracing the person who presents the check if it is dishonored by the bank. Supplemental information, such as residence or business address, driver's license number, etc., may be essential in locating such individuals.
ACCEPTANCE OF CREDIT CARDS

State agencies accepting credit card payments must provide a notice of the credit card payment option to all payers. The notice will be included on or accompany the billing statement and provide:

A. Space on the payment form for the payer to provide a credit card number, expiration date, and signature, or

B. Complete instructions describing the procedures the payer must follow in order to pay by credit card.

SAFES AND VAULTS

The following standards apply to safes and vaults housing either cash or valuable documents:

1. The combination will be known to as few persons as possible consistent with operating requirements and the value of the cash or documents safeguarded.

2. A record will be kept showing: (a) date the combination last was changed and (b) names of persons knowing the present combination.

3. The combination will be changed when it becomes known to an excessive number of employees, or if any employee having knowledge of the combination leaves the employ of the State agency, or no longer requires the combination in the performance of his or her duties.

PLACEMENT OF SAFES FOR SECURITY PURPOSES

As a deterrent to burglary, State agencies will securely anchor a safe to the building and, where practical, to the building’s foundation.
DEPOSITS—INTRODUCTION 8030
(Revised 01/2017)

Departments must comply with all applicable State Administrative Manual (SAM) sections regarding the preparation, depositing, reporting, and correction of deposits made into the Centralized State Treasury System (CTS). It is imperative that departments report deposits in a timely and accurate manner in order to expedite the reconciliation of their departmental accounts and to maximize interest earnings.

Departments will deposit their collected funds into the Treasurer’s demand account at an approved depository bank. The department is then responsible for notifying the State Treasurer’s Office (STO) of funds deposited by submitting the Treasurer’s copy of the Report of Deposit form to the STO. Departments participating in the Electronic Deposit Form web application should reference SAM section 8033.4. The STO records valid deposits and submits a daily file of all deposits received to the State Controller’s Office (SCO) for posting to the individual department checking accounts. The SCO prepares the monthly Centralized Treasury Trust System Account Statements (bank statements) and distributes them to the departments following the end of the month.

Funds in the form of electronic fund transfers (EFT) and credit card payments should be deposited into a Zero Balance Account (ZBA) at a depository bank. If a department decides to collect funds via EFT or credit card, a ZBA may be requested by the department. See SAM section 8002 for more information.
Departments will make deposits into the CTS at an STO approved depository bank. Departments cannot make deposits into their CTS accounts at the STO. The following depository banks have been approved by the STO:

- Bank of America
- Bank of The West
- Citibank
- JP Morgan Chase Bank
- Union Bank of California
- U. S. Bank
- Wells Fargo Bank
- Westamerica Bank

Departments must submit a written request to the STO to add or change depository banks. The request must include the following information:

**To add a depository bank:**

1. Indicate bank and branch.
2. Indicate reason for adding bank.

**To change depository bank:**

1. Current bank name and address.
2. New bank and branch name and address.

Send written requests to:

State Treasurer’s Office (IMMS C-15)  
Centralized Treasury and Securities Management Division  
Bank Reconciliation Section Manager  
P.O. Box 942809  
Sacramento, CA 94209-0001

Note: For accounts outside the CTS, including Zero Balance Accounts (ZBA), refer to SAM Section 8002.
PROCEDURE FOR DEPOSITING

WHEN TO DEPOSIT

Departments are required to deposit money in a timely and economical manner. Where possible, deposits should be combined and the number of daily deposits kept to a minimum to save time and avoid unnecessary depositing costs. Departments will adhere to the following guidelines in determining when to deposit money into a state depository bank account at an approved depository for credit to the department’s CTS account:

- Departments that have safes, vaults, money chests, or other comparable storage that is adequate to safeguard cash will accumulate collections until they amount to $1,000 in cash or $10,000 in cash, checks, money orders, and warrants (excluding state warrants and state checks), whichever occurs first.

- Departments that do not have a safe, vault, or money chest that is adequate to safeguard cash will accumulate collections until they amount to $250 in cash or $10,000 in cash, checks, money orders, and warrants (excluding state warrants and state checks), whichever occurs first. When such funds are not in use, they will be locked in a desk, file cabinet, or other mechanism providing comparable safekeeping.

- Accumulated money of any amount will not remain undeposited for more than five working days. A department may deposit more often than once a day when it is economical or practical to do so because of the size of the deposit.

- Field representatives may either deposit money directly or remit by mail to the appropriate department accounting office to then be deposited into a state depository bank. This should be in accordance with the department’s procedures for depositing money from a field office; however, adherence to the SAM requirements governing the depositing of money is required.

Departments will consider any procedure that expedites depositing if the additional interest earnable exceeds the additional costs of the procedure. Additional earnable interest will be estimated at $27 per million dollars per calendar day for each one percent of current rate of interest earned.
METHOD OF DEPOSITING

(Revised 8/2015)

Departments will maintain adequate security of state monies in-transit to banks and assure that the delivery is made in the most economical way consistent with safety, department needs, and SAM requirements. The following are the different methods to be used for depositing state monies into the Demand Depository Accounts.

1. **By Employee.** A department messenger or other assigned employee may deliver the deposit to the bank if: (1) the bank is not furnishing bank messenger service or (2) an armored car service either is not available or not economically justified and direct delivery of deposits does not subject department employees to the hazard of robbery or compromise their safety.

   a. **Teller Counter.** During regular banking hours a department employee may deliver the deposit to the merchants’ window of their selected CTS bank. Delivery of deposits to the bank by a department employee is normally a routine task for departments which regularly collect money. Employees may perform this service either routinely or occasionally in conjunction with other state duties while in the vicinity of the bank.

   b. **Night Deposits.** Night depository service (after banking hours) is furnished by most branches of those banks listed as approved depositories in SAM section 8031. This service will be used by departments not equipped with proper safes or vaults for safeguarding cash overnight and by departments in outlying areas where a night deposit can be made enroute by a department employee returning home at the end of the workday. See SAM section 8032.1 regarding when to deposit.

2. **Mail Deposits.** Deposits may be made by certified or registered mail if the department or field representative is a considerable distance from the nearest banking facility of an approved depository and visits to such bank would not be made as often as required for depositing collections, provided coin and currency can be converted locally by the purchase of a cashier’s check or money order. The cost of cashier’s checks or money orders purchased for such deposits will not be deducted from the deposit but will be paid from revolving funds, cash purchase funds, or an employee’s own funds. In the latter instance the employee will claim reimbursement on his travel expense claim. Some banks do not charge for money orders or cashier’s checks that are purchased for state business. At the time of purchase, the department employee should make it known that the money order or cashier’s check is being purchased in the state’s behalf and provide such evidence as may be required for verification.

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3. **Armored Car.** If the safety of employees or robbery is imminent concerns, armored car service is also an option. Special arrangements may be made with armored car companies for armored car service during a particular collection period, or when special service is required.

4. **Bank Messenger.** When bank messenger service is available in an area, departments may arrange for their deposits to be picked up and delivered to a selected branch of an approved depository bank. Deposits will be placed in sealed bags and will be receipted by the bank messenger at the time the deposit is picked up. This receipt will be kept by the department along with any other documentation verifying the deposit. *(Note: bank messengers are restricted from picking up deposits that include coin or currency.)*

5. **Remotely.** Image Cash Letter and Remote Site Deposit are ways to deposit check images to depository banks electronically. Departments do not have to use resources to physically deliver items to the bank. It is available to all departments that meet the requirements for the Electronic Deposit Form and have the hardware to process information electronically as instructed in the User’s Manual (see SAM section 8033.4). Participating departments will continue to comply with all applicable SAM sections regarding depositing, reporting, and correcting of deposits made to the CTS. See SAM section 8034.5 for endorsement provisions and 8043.2 for Non-Conforming Images.

Departments may contact the STO for more information by e-mail at: bankrec@sto.ca.gov.

Additional information is also available at the following website: http://treasurer.ca.gov/inside/divisions/icl.asp

In the event of a Fatal File Failure, which prevents the bank from processing deposits, the department must contact the STO, Financial Services Section by e-mail and call immediately after becoming aware of the failure:

finserv@sto.ca.gov and call (916) 653-2917
VERIFICATION OF DEPOSITS 8032.3
(Revised 8/2015)

Except where the supervisor and the person depositing cash are not at the same location, the person supervising the person depositing cash will verify that money has been deposited intact and in accordance with SAM section 8032.1. The supervisor will distribute the copies of the Report of Deposit in accordance with SAM section 8033.2, Item 16, but will perform no other function in connection with the deposit.

COIN AND CURRENCY 8032.4
(New 5/1998)

Depositing coin and currency in excess of $100 will be prepared as described below. If the amount of coin in the deposit exceeds $50, a separate deposit slip for the coin portion only must be prepared and submitted (other currency will be submitted with a separate deposit slip). Bank messengers are restricted from picking up any deposit that includes coin and/or currency.

The coin and currency portion to be delivered by an armored car or to be delivered by an agency messenger as a night deposit or teller counter window deposit will be counted and verified. Currency and coin (unrolled) will be placed in the deposit bag and sealed in the presence of two agency employees who will sign an agency copy of the deposit slip indicating they have verified the coin and currency amount in the deposit. The armored car carrier or agency employee is required to sign a receipt indicating the receipt of the sealed deposit bag to be delivered.

Whenever coin and currency to be deposited exceeds $3,000 and armored car service is either not available, or excessively expensive, two agency employees should be assigned to deliver the deposit jointly or two or more deposits may be made to reduce the cash transported at one time. Occasionally, exceptionally large deposits may be handled by requesting an escort from the local police department or sheriff’s office. A single employee will not transport more than $3,000 in coin and currency at one time.

Agencies will not disburse or withhold receipts for the purposes of establishing or augmenting an over-the-counter change fund. Agencies will also not use receipts to be deposited to cash checks for employees.
All money belonging to or in the custody of the State that is deposited in banks, savings and loan associations or credit unions must be secured by collateral as described in SAM section 8002. This requirement applies to all accounts whether held inside or outside the Centralized State Treasury System (CTS).

Departments must report deposit information as specified in the table below to the State Treasurer's Office (STO), Centralized Treasury and Securities Management Division, Financial Services Section. This will allow the STO to effectively manage compensating bank balances, maximize return on investments, and comply with collateral requirements as described in SAM section 8002.

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REPORT OF DEPOSIT

PAYMENT CARD DEPOSITS –
GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS 8032.6
(New 5/1998)

The following are the procedures for depositing card payments (credit card, debit card, Automated Teller Machine (ATM) cards, Smart cards (value stored on the card itself), etc.) for both the State’s Master Service Agreement for payment card processing or an agency’s individually contracted processor. A contracting agency should ensure that any contract or agreement with the processor includes provisions which are consistent with the following procedures.

1. Agencies accepting payment cards will establish a Zero Balance Account (ZBA), which is an account outside the CTS, in accordance with SAM Section 8002. The ZBA must be established at the main branch of an approved depository bank (SAM Section 8031). All payment card transactions will be processed through the agency’s ZBA.

2. The payment card processor will transmit daily the amounts of the payment card transactions into the agency’s ZBA. In addition, the processor will make all transaction data available to the agency. At the close of each business day, the net amount in the ZBA will be transferred electronically into the appropriate Demand Depository Account. Each agency will receive periodic statements from the bank for reconciliation purposes. The processor will not make any unauthorized debits to the agency’s ZBA.

3. Each working day, the net payment card amount that is transferred into the Demand Depository Account for the previous day’s activity will be processed directly into the agency’s CTS account by the Bank Reconciliation Unit at the State Treasurer’s Office. This procedure eliminates the need for state agencies to submit deposit slips for their payment card transactions.

Credit transfers will be keyed as deposits to the agency’s CTS account and debit transfers will be adjusted by an Agency Trust Adjustment (ATA) and then posted to the agency’s CTS account via a journal entry. Agencies will be responsible for reconciling their ZBA activity. Any payment card questions or disputes should be directed to the payment card processor.
ORDERING REPORT OF DEPOSIT FORMS  8033.1
(Revised 03/2010)

Report of Deposit

Departments are responsible for ordering their own Report of Deposit Forms. Contact the Bank Reconciliation Section, STO at 916-653-8865 or 916-653-8775 for vendor contacts. Use the chart below for the appropriate forms identification and color code.

Departments participating in the STO’s electronic deposit form web application, as described in SAM 8033.4, should maintain a supply of Report of Deposit forms in the event the web application is not available.

State Treasurer’s Office Report of Deposit Form Identification and Color Code

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| ONLY BE ORDERED BY:            | (New 12/1996)   |               |
| • Employment Development       |                 |               |
| Department (EDD)               |                 |               |

| BANK OF THE WEST                | STO BOW         | 331 U – 20%  |
| (New 10/2002)                  |                 |               |

| CITIBANK                        | STO CB          | 155 U – 80%  |
| (New 6/2007)                   |                 |               |

| JP MORGAN CHASE BANK            | STO JPMC        | 7488 – 50%   |
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State agencies shall use the STO form, Report of Deposit, for the purposes of documenting CTS deposits made into approved depository banks. The preprinted deposit serial number and agency account number are not to be altered in any manner. All information on the STO copy (trip copy) of the agency Report of Deposit form should be legible and in agreement with the Report of Deposit form presented at the bank. In addition, no other document (adding machine tape, etc.) should be attached to the STO copy of the Report of Deposit when routed to the STO. For agencies participating in the Electronic Deposit Form web application, see SAM Section 8033.4.

Please refer to Illustration 8033.2 for a sample Report of Deposit form (STO XXX) and the following detailed instructions when completing your Report of Deposit forms:

**Report of Deposit Form Preparation**

1. **Agency Name.** The agency name shall be pre-imprinted.

2. **Location Code.** The location code (if used) may be pre-imprinted. The three-digit alpha/numeric code is selected by the agency. This field is not required by the STO.

3. **Account Number.** The agency account number shall be pre-imprinted. This number must conform to the second, third, and fourth numbers of the ten-digit serial number. The agency account number is the three-digit number assigned to the account in the CTS. An agency may have more than one account. Each account will have a separate number.

4. **Currency Only Line.** The total amount of currency only. Do not provide data pertaining to the currency denomination. Do not enter ANY item that is not currency. US currency ONLY.

5. **Coin Only Line.** The total amount of coin only. Do not enter ANY item that is not coin. US coin ONLY.

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a. Adjustments. Any adjustment required to correct an overage on a previous Report of Deposit form. (Refer to SAM Section 8033.3)
   
b. Electronic Wires. Total amount of wire(s) only. The Report of Deposit form total must correspond with a single bank credit. The date on the Report of Deposit form must correspond with the date of bank credit. Wire amounts are not to be combined together. Do not send the original and duplicate copies of the Report of Deposit form to the bank for validation of the wire deposit.
   
c. Miscellaneous.

7. Item Count. The number of checks and other negotiable instruments included in the Report of Deposit form. Item count is obtained from the adding machine tape attached to the bank copy. Do not list check numbers or other data pertaining to checks.

8. Check Amount. Total amount of checks and negotiable instruments only. Do not provide any other detail in this space.

9. Total Report of Deposit Form. MUST equal the total of lines 4+5+8, or line 6. A negative balance will NOT be accepted. (Refer to SAM Section 8033.3 for procedure on adjustments.)

10. For Agency Use. Exclusively for agency notes. This field is not required by the STO.

11. Courier, Night, and Mail Deposits. Apart from the three exceptions indicated below, all Report of Deposit forms should have a bank validation. Validation may be by stamp, signature, or machine imprint. Refer to line 14.

   Exceptions: (Check appropriate box)
   
a. Courier: Remove STO copy (trip) and forward to the STO. Remove and retain agency copies (quad, quint). Armored carrier or bank messenger will provide the appropriate receipt for agency records (Example:
   
b. for Bank of America, a Misc. 14). Enclose bank copies (orig., dup.) in the sealed deposit bag.
   
c. Night Deposit: Remove STO copy (trip) and forward to the STO. Remove the last agency copy (quint)
d. and retain. The bank will validate the agency copy (quad) and return it to the agency.

e. Mail: Remove STO copy (trip) and forward to the STO. Remove the last agency copy (quint) and retain.

**Mail deposits must be sent by certified or registered mail.** The agency will retain mail receipt for Report of Deposit form verification.

**Pre-sort and Misc-sort Deposits:** Remove and retain the last two copies (quad and quint). Forward the trip copy directly to the STO. Send the first two copies to the bank with the deposit.

*Pre-sort and Misc-sort agencies are:*

- Board of Equalization
- Department of Motor Vehicles
- Employment Development Department
- Franchise Tax Board
- Public Employees’ Retirement System
- *(Bank of America only)*
- Public Utilities Commission

**12. Date Deposited.** The bank transaction date ONLY will be placed in this field. Generally, the bank transaction date will be the same as the preparation date; however, please note the following exceptions:

a. Night Deposits: The date of deposit should reflect the next business day (excluding weekends or bank holidays).

b. Courier Deposits: The date of deposit should be the day the courier picks up the Report of Deposit forms; however, when preparing Report of Deposit forms, the agency must consider when the next courier pick-up is scheduled (e.g., courier may be scheduled to pick up deposits bi-weekly).

c. Teller Counter: When depositing after **3:00 p.m.,** date the Report of Deposit form the next business day.
DO NOT put the Report of Deposit form preparation date in this field. The agency’s preparation date, if necessary, may be noted in the For Agency Use section. Refer to line 10.

It is vital that the correct deposit date be indicated on the STO and agency copies of the form, as the date on these particular copies is recorded at the STO and utilized in determining compensating balance adjustments to the STO approved depository banks.


14. Bank Use. For bank validation only. If there is no bank validation, one of the three exceptions noted in Section 11 should be checked.

1. MICR Encoding Line. Bank and Report of Deposit form data are electronically coded in this area. IT MUST BE LEFT UNTouched!
16. Distribution:

Report of Deposit form distribution:

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<td>Trip</td>
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<td>Send immediately to: (For credit to agency CTS account) State Treasurer’s Office IMMS#C-15 915 Capitol Mall P.O. Box 942809 Sacramento, CA 94209-0001</td>
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<td>Quint</td>
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<td>The quint copy must be retained by the agency. In the event of a lost Report of Deposit form, it is documentation until the quad is returned. (See Section 11 for exceptions to standard distribution.)</td>
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**PLEASE NOTE:**
In order for the STO to accurately determine compensation for bank services, it is essential that all Report of Deposit form information be complete and correct.

Credit to CTS accounts cannot be recorded until Report of Deposit forms are processed into the CTS by the STO. Incorrect or incomplete Report of Deposit forms cannot be processed.
To properly credit department deposits, the information must be accurate, legible, and complete per the instructions in SAM section 8033.2.

Banks are not allowed to alter the Report of Deposit form. The bank will credit the State Demand Account for the total deposit indicated on the deposit form. The State Treasurer’s Office (STO) will post the same total deposit to your centralized State Treasury System (CTS) account. In addition, the bank will NOT notify you if the discrepancy is less than fifty dollars. However, all discrepancy amounts must be corrected. The STO recommends that all deposits be verified by a second person.

If an error is made on the deposit slip, refer to the following instructions:

1. **Do not make corrections to a completed deposit slip.**

2. If **all** copies of the deposit form are in your possession, void and destroy the entire form. *Do not send voided deposits to the STO.* Prepare a new deposit form.

3. **For overstated deposits.** Whether the deposit is made physically or electronically, if it is received by the bank and the amount is overstated (deposit is less than the deposit form total), prepare a check to the depository bank for the shortage amount and send it to the bank within 24 hours.

4. **For understated deposits.** Whether the deposit is made physically or electronically, if it is received by the bank and the amount is understated (the deposit is more than the deposit form total), prepare a supplemental Report of Deposit form for the amount of the difference within 24 hours. Follow the below instructions on completing and routing the deposit form (see SAM section 8033.2 Illustration for a sample Report of Deposit form):
   a. Indicate the differences on line 6 (“Adj, Wires, Misc.”) and on line 9 (“Total Deposit”).
   b. You may use box 10 (“For Agency Use”) to reference the prior report of deposit serial number.
   c. Send the original bank copy to the deposit adjustment desk of your depository bank.
   d. Send the STO copy to the Treasurer’s office for credit to your agency checking account.
The STO has developed an Electronic Deposit Form web application for use by departments as an alternative to the STO 5-part Report of Deposit form. This application allows departments to access Report of Deposit forms on-line, and key deposit information directly into the Electronic Deposit Form application. Report of Deposit forms are then printed at the department. The STO downloads the deposit information from the Electronic Deposit Form application directly into its deposit system daily. Unless instructed differently in the User’s Manual (see website address below), participating departments will continue to comply with all applicable SAM sections regarding the preparing, depositing, reporting, and correcting of deposits made to the CTS. Reporting of large deposits is still required by 1:30 p.m. on the day the funds are actually deposited into the state’s Demand Accounts (See SAM section 8032.5).

Departments may contact the STO for more information by e-mail at: edfdeposits@treasurer.ca.gov.

Additional information is also available at the following website: http://www.treasurer.ca.gov/inside/edf/overview.asp
Departments will endorse checks, warrants, money orders, and other negotiable instruments that are being physically deposited on the day they are received, to prevent them from being negotiated or endorsed by someone other than the department. Endorsements will contain the following information:

1. The name of the bank in which the deposit is made. Exempt from this requirement are departments which process checks by presort machines that do not have multi-endorsement capabilities (presort departments).

2. A statement which credits the deposit to the state.
   
   Example: For Deposit Only
   California State Treasurer

3. The name of the department making the deposit.

4. A statement guaranteeing the validity of the endorsement. For example:
   Absence of Prior Endorsement Guaranteed

The following is an example which satisfies the state’s requirements:

   (Bank Name)
   For Deposit Only
   California State Treasurer
   (Department Name)
   Absence of Prior End. Guaranteed

Current endorsement stamps/plates need not be altered or replaced. However, all new or replacement stamps/plates will include the preceding information.

If special circumstances prevent departments from including the preceding information in their endorsements, contact the State Treasurer’s Office (STO), Centralized Treasury and Securities Management Division, at bankrec@sto.ca.gov for assistance.
Departments will endorse checks, money orders, warrants, and other negotiable instruments in the first 1 1/2” from the trailing edge. This 1 1/2” is identified as the “payee signature” endorsement area in SAM 8034.2 Illustration. The endorsement areas for the “bank of first deposit” and “subsequent endorser” are also identified in this illustration. Endorsements will not be placed in the MICR Clear Band.

Purple ink will not be used for any state department endorsement. Purple ink is reserved for the “bank of first deposit” endorsement.

Certain money orders, warrants, or other negotiable instruments may have language pre-printed in the area designated for the “payee” endorsement. These instruments may be endorsed in the “subsequent endorser” area if the department endorsement will not fit in the remaining area for the “payee” endorsement.

Departments that cannot comply with this section must request a written exemption from the Department of Finance, Fiscal Systems and Consulting Unit.
ENDORSEMENT OF ERRONEOUS WARRANTS 8034.3
(Revised 5/1998)

Government Code Section 17051 states that state agencies may deposit certain state warrants, not delivered to payees, into the Treasury to credit the fund or appropriation upon which it was drawn or to credit the appropriate account under the agency’s control. These warrants will be endorsed as follows:

1. Endorsement for warrants deposited directly in the State Treasury to the credit of a treasury fund.

   Deposit to
   California State Treasurer
   Per G. C. 17051
   (Agency Name)

2. Endorsement for warrants deposited in a general checking account.

   (Bank Name and Branch Number)
   For Deposit Only
   California State Treasurer
   Per G.C. 17051
   (Agency Name)

ENDORSEMENT OF CHECKS BY OTHER THAN PAYEE AGENCY 8034.4
(Renumbered from 8034.3 and Revised 5/98)

Negotiable instruments received by a state agency but payable to another state agency may be endorsed and deposited by the receiving agency when they are known to be a proper payment to the receiving agency. The endorsement must contain a statement guaranteeing the absence of prior endorsement as prescribed in SAM Section 8034.1.

ENDORSEMENT OF REMOTELY DEPOSITED IMAGES 8034.5
(Revised 8/2015)

For items that are remotely deposited, the endorsement is electronically affixed to the back of the image. Physical endorsements are not required.

For non-conforming images rejected from the electronic process, see SAM section 8043.2.
When checks are lost, the department will first ascertain the circumstances under which they were lost and work with the bank to locate the checks. If the checks cannot be found, the department will attempt to recreate the deposit and remit it to the bank for processing. If the department cannot recreate the deposit, the department will try to establish whether the bank had possession of the checks at the time the loss occurred. If it appears that the bank had possession of the checks and the loss was the fault of the bank, the department will not reimburse the bank for the loss and will refer the matter to the Department of Finance (Finance), Fiscal Systems and Consulting Unit (FSCU). If the department cannot determine fault by the bank, it will draw a check on the account in which the deposit was made to reimburse the bank for the lost checks. The department will notify the payees of the lost checks and request them to place “stop payments” on the lost checks and remit replacement checks.

Finance, FSCU, will be notified if the department believes that there is probable fault on the part of the organization transporting the checks or any other bank other than the depository bank.
RETENTION OF CHECKS AND FILES FOR ELECTRONIC DEPOSITS 8035.1  
(New 8/2015)

The overwhelming majority of checks received by the state are deposited remotely via electronic Image Cash Letter or Remote Site Deposit to the depository banks.

To protect the state, its paying customers, and the banks, departments must:

1. Retain the original checks for a minimum of 15 working days from the day they were deposited by Image Cash Letter or Remote Site Deposit. It is the department’s responsibility to oversee that the destruction of checks is done in a secure and confidential manner.

2. Retain check images and files for at least four years after the end of the fiscal year in which the checks were deposited through Image Cash Letters.

This will allow departments the ability to ensure the accuracy of deposits and bank credit and, if necessary, that deposits can be recreated, researched, reconciled and corrected. Check images are also required as part of the department’s customer receipt record.

UNSIGNED CHECKS 8036  
(New 5/1975)

Checks received not bearing a signature may be accepted and deposited with the regular bank deposit. If so deposited, the face of the check will contain the following statement:

- Signature lacking
- Guaranteed by
- (Name of State agency)

WITHDRAWALS 8040  
(Renumbered 2/1965)

Except for authorized petty cash disbursements supported by proper vouchers, all disbursements will be made by check.
See SAM Section 3696 for ordering checks.

Checks drawn against centralized State Treasury System accounts will be written on paper check stock.

For checks prepared by typewriter, departments will use noncorrectible ribbon only and will type the check amount as follows: $**123.45**. The use of noncorrectible ribbon and the placement of two asterisks before and after the check amount should minimize the possibility of checks being altered. Checks prepared by an EDP system should also have two asterisks before and after the check amount.

Any check drawn in excess of $15,000 will require two authorized signatures unless it is payable to: (1) the State Treasurer, (2) another state department or account, or (3) if the Department of Finance, Fiscal Systems and Consulting Unit, has authorized, in writing, special instructions permitting a department to deviate from this requirement. All other checks will require only one authorized signature. No person will sign checks until an authorization card bearing his signature has been prepared and filed by the department. See SAM Section 8001.2, Signature Cards.

Departments will keep check stock under strict control at all times and in accordance with SAM Section 8080. Transfer of check stock between persons will be documented to show the check numbers of the stock transferred. This documentation will be kept by the transferor and transferee until the period covered has been audited. See SAM Section 8022, Documentation of Incoming Collections.

In order to prevent misuse of voided checks, departments will stamp or write in ink the word "void" across the face of such checks. Departments will also cut, tear off, or block out completely the signature portion of these checks unless they are voided for specimen purposes. All copies of voided checks will be retained by the department for audit except those used as specimen checks. Department files will contain records as to the disposition of specimen checks. Such records will be signed by an employee other than one authorized to sign checks. See SAM Section 1750 for disposal of check stock.
EXAMINATION OF PAID CHECKS FOR ALTERATION OR FORGERY
(Revised 08/2018)

ALTERATION—When departments find check amount and/or payee name has been altered, the State Treasurer’s Office (STO), Item Processing Section, will be immediately notified. The Department of Finance, Office of State Audits and Evaluations (OSAE), and the California State Auditor’s Office Investigations Division (State Auditor) will be notified within 30 days. Alterations will generally be discovered when the monthly reconciliation of the bank and the centralized State Treasury accounts is performed. See SAM sections 7923, 8060, and 20080.

FORGERY—It is the department’s responsibility to review checks for possible fraudulent endorsements. An endorsement is a signature or stamp on the back of a negotiable instrument, such as a check. Departments will at least test check endorsements for possible deviations. The purpose of this examination is to determine whether the name of the payee appears as the first endorsement and to attempt to detect fraud. Attention will be given to deviations from the normal, such as the following:

1. Endorsements in similar writing on several checks payable to different payees.
2. The same subsequent endorser on several checks.
3. A department employee being a subsequent endorser.
4. Effacement (erasing or wiping out) of endorsements.
5. Manual endorsements where stamped endorsements would be normal.

Departments that detect deviations from normal will investigate them and will notify OSAE and the State Auditor within 30 days of any indication of fraud or errors determined by their investigation. See SAM section 20080.

A letter also will be sent to the payee in duplicate requesting acknowledgment of payment if there is a reasonable question concerning the propriety of the endorsement. If a department has been notified by a payee that a duly issued check has been lost, stolen, or not received, and the check in question is determined to have been paid by the STO, the issuing department will then initiate the following action:

1. Obtain the Forged Endorsement Affidavit, Form STO–CA–0034, from the STO, Item Processing Section at Item.Processing@Treasurer.ca.gov. Complete the section titled Description of Warrant/Check under item number (1). In the Name of Payee block, type the name exactly as typed on the check. If initials were used, type in parentheses the full name, if known. For example, if the check is made payable to J. Doe, type — J. Doe (John Doe). Whenever possible, a street address should be indicated in addition to a post office box. On the top of the form, the department will indicate the department’s address to which the payee will return the form.

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2. The department will then forward the three copies of the Form STO-CA-0034, with a full and legible copy (front and back) of the alleged forged check attached to the top of each copy of the form to the payee to be signed. All three copies must be signed in ink. The payee’s signature must be either witnessed by two disinterested parties or notarized. All three copies must be signed by witnesses; one notarized copy will suffice. The payee is to return all three copies to the department.

3. The department accounting officer or designee should review and compare the payee’s signature with the endorsement on the check; the alleged forged endorsement should also be compared with any other material on file in the payee's handwriting. The department will, with reasonable justification and proper notice to the payee, refuse acceptance of the forgery affidavit if it is determined beyond reasonable doubt that any statement on the affidavit is perjured.

4. Acceptable affidavits, with copies of the alleged forged check, will be forwarded in triplicate to: STO, Item Processing Section, P.O. Box 942809, Sacramento, CA, 94209–0001.

5. Upon receipt by the STO, the first copy of the Form STO–CA–0034 will be charged back to the applicable bank. The second copy will be returned to the department with the date of charge-back indicated on the front. The third copy will be retained by the STO.

6. The bank will be given 30 days from the date of charge-back in which to protest. Departments will be immediately notified by the STO as to any such action by the bank. Reissuance by the department prior to 30 days from the date of charge-back to the bank is at the department’s own risk. See SAM section 8427 for procedures for handling forged warrants.

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Checks will be delivered directly to the payee by either (1) U.S. mail, (2) messenger service in a sealed envelope, or (3) a person having no connection with either preparing or approving the claim or invoice. A check will not be routed through the person who prepared or approved the related travel expense claim or invoice nor will it be returned for mailing or distribution to the person who prepared it.
Uncashed checks are those that have been issued by the agency but remain uncashed by the payee. Unclaimed checks are those that have been returned to the agency and for which the payee cannot be located. Agency checks are checks issued from an agency’s account: (1) office revolving fund (ORF), (2) general cash, or (3) trust.

ORF and general cash checks have a one-year period of negotiability. Unless specific provisions of law require cancellation in a different period of time, trust fund checks also have a one-year period of negotiability.

Agencies will send a Stop Payment Request form, STD. 432, to the STO for all uncashed checks timed to arrive at least one week prior to the end of the one-year period of negotiability. The STO is able to stop payment of stale dated checks only through the receipt of stop payment requests from agencies. See SAM Section 8045 for specific procedures on processing stop payments. Entries to record the cancellation transactions will be made in the appropriate disbursement register or the Revolving Fund Cash Book.

Agencies will issue stop payment notices as required (by the banking institution) for those bank accounts not in the centralized State Treasury System.

Upon confirmation from the STO of stop payment request for uncashed checks, agencies will:

- **General cash checks**: Cancel the checks and remit the amount to an escheat revenue account in the fund from which the checks were drawn.

- **ORF checks**
  - Reimbursement to the ORF has not been received: Cancel the checks and credit the amounts back to the ORF.
  - Reimbursement to the ORF has been received: Cancel the checks and remit the amount to an escheat revenue account in the fund that has established the ORF.

- **Trust fund checks**: Cancel the checks and credit the amounts back to the depositors’ or special trust accounts unless otherwise provided in the trust agreement or statute under which the trust was established. See SAM Section 18424.2.

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With the exception of processing stop payment requests, agencies will follow the above procedures for all unclaimed checks.

Government Code (GC) Section 17096.1 allows payees to claim amounts for 2 years after cancellation of the agency check. See SAM Section 8240 for procedures on processing refunds of revenue.

Agencies will maintain a subsidiary ledger of all amounts credited to and disbursed from the escheat revenue accounts. Subsequent claims made by payees within 2 years of the check cancellation date will be processed by filing a claim schedule against an escheat revenue account. For those amounts credited in the current fiscal year, the claim schedule shall be filed against the current year escheat revenue account. For those amounts credited in a prior fiscal year, the claim schedule shall be filed against the prior year escheat revenue account. The SCO will process the claims regardless of the balances in the escheat revenue accounts.

Expenditure claims made by payees more than 2 years after the check cancellation date will be processed in the same manner as claims against a reverted appropriation (See SAM Section 8422.7). Revenue refund claims by payees more than 2 years after the check cancellation date will be processed in accordance with SAM Section 8240.
DISHONORED CHECKS

(Revised 01/2017)

Dishonored checks are items deposited at a depository bank, but are returned to the State due to non-sufficient funds or other reasons preventing the bank from cashing the items. Depository banks attempt to deposit checks twice before being considered dishonored.

The depository bank will notify each department when a check is dishonored, which either cannot be re-deposited or has been re-deposited and dishonored a second time. Upon receipt of such notification, the department will within no more than ten (10) business days, draw a check on the account into which the deposit was made to purchase the dishonored check. The buy-back check will be made payable to the depository bank and will serve to clear all bank records affected by the return of dishonored check(s).

If the department has been notified by the depository bank that counterfeit money has been received, the department will follow the above buy back procedure and notify the California Highway Patrol. See SAM section 8072.1 for procedures for counterfeit currency.

The department will track and maintain a monthly count of the number of dishonored checks that were bought back from the depository banks. If deposits are made into more than one depository, a separate dishonored check count worksheet should be maintained for each bank. The State Treasurer’s Office (STO) uses the total count of dishonored checks by centralized State Treasury System (CTS) account to compensate the depository bank for handling these items.

The STO has created a standardized Excel spreadsheet that departments can use to track dishonored check data. To request this worksheet, the department should e-mail Checks.Management@treasurer.ca.gov.

The following information should be reported to the STO:

- For the Non-Pre/Miscellaneous sorting check departments, the total number of dishonored checks bought back for the previous fiscal year will be reported by the last business day of July to the following web address: http://www.treasurer.ca.gov/dishonoredchecks/.

- Departments with the Pre/Miscellaneous Sort Deposit Contract will report monthly the total number of dishonored checks bought back by the 15th of each month and e-mail to Checks.Management@treasurer.ca.gov.

Departments will make certain checks are endorsed with identifiable information as a means for depositories to return dishonored checks. See SAM sections 8034.1 and 8034.5 on Endorsements.

Dishonored checks relating to deposits in banks outside the CTS will be returned in accordance with usual commercial practice. The bank will debit the account of the depositing department in such cases.
DISHONORED CHECK CHARGE 8043.1
(Revised 9/1993)

Section 6157 of the Government Code authorizes the State to assess a charge for dishonored checks. Agencies may assess a dishonored check charge for a reasonable amount not to exceed the actual costs incurred for the processing and collection costs. Agencies may refrain from issuing licenses, permits, etc., or withhold services until the original charge plus the dishonored check charge is paid.

If the license, permit, etc., has been issued or the service rendered, the charge, if assessed, will be applied to the payer's account. If the payer has no account, a new account will be established for the amount of the original charge plus the dishonored check charge.

As the result of a check being dishonored, the payer may also be required to pay a penalty because the replacement payment was received after the date penalty became applicable. If a payer pays the amount of the license, permit, service, etc., plus penalty but neglects to pay the dishonored check charge, agencies need not pursue collection of such charge.

The amount received from the dishonored check charge will be accounted as miscellaneous revenue for the fund from which the majority of the support of the cashiering and accounts receivable sections is appropriated.

NON-CONFORMING IMAGES 8043.2
(New 06/2012)

A non-conforming image is an item that was transmitted to the bank remotely and was unable to be processed. To redeposit a non-conforming image the department will retrieve and manually deposit the original item by one of the alternative methods described in SAM section 8032.2 and use the proper endorsement as provided in SAM section 8034.1.
Lost or destroyed checks for which the amount has not been remitted to an escheat revenue account (SAM 8042) may be replaced with new checks at the request of and made payable to either:

1. The payee of the lost or destroyed check who has requested replacement of the check, or
2. A person other than the original payee who has requested the issuance of a new check in lieu of the lost or destroyed check and who has certified that he is the legal owner or was in legal possession of the check at the time it was lost or destroyed.

Upon receipt of a request for the issuance of a check to replace a lost or destroyed check the agency will:

1. Prepare a Stop Payment Request form, STD. 432, and process it in accordance with the instructions in SAM Section 8045, Stop Payments.
2. a. If the request is for $100 or less, and the agency has received a letter from the payee containing all the facts required by the State Agency Trust Check Replacement Application form, STD. 805A, proceed to Step 3.
   b. If the request is for more than $100 or the agency has not received a letter from the payee containing all the pertinent facts, the agency will complete the application sections of an STD.805A or STD. 805B, and forward to the person requesting a new or replacement check. The STD. 805A will be used if it is to be executed within the State of California. The STD. 805B will be used if it is to be executed outside the State of California.
3. Release a new or replacement check to the person requesting such check only after:
   a. It has received the duplicate of the stop payment form from the STO as acknowledgment that the stop payment notice has been received.
   b. It has determined that the check was not paid prior to the inclusive period shown on the duplicate of the stop payment form received from the STO. (See SAM Section 8045.)
   c. It has received the application form required by 2.b. and reviewed it to ensure that the form has been completed properly.
      (1) Reasonable variations between the signature and the inserted name or reasonable substitution of an initial for a first name will not necessarily invalidate the instrument.

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(2) The owner of the check and the declarant or affiant signing the application must be the same person.

(3) If STD. 805B is used, it must bear the seal of a notary public.

(4) All spaces provided in the form must be completed or lined through.

(5) All erasures, corrections, additions, or deletions must be initialed by the person making such changes, or preferably by the notary public if STD. 805B is used.

4. Make adequate cross reference in accounting records between the original check and the new or replacement check. (The completed application form will be retained by the agency as a fiscal record.)
A Stop Payment Request form, STD. 432 must be sent to the State Treasurer's Office (STO) one week before the stale date of all uncashed agency checks. The stale date is one year from the date of issuance. See SAM section 8042.

To stop the payment of a centralized State Treasury System (CTS) agency check, departments will complete a STD. 432, in triplicate and send the original with one copy to STO. The copy will be returned to the department showing the effective date of the stop payment. The STO does not determine if an agency check has been cashed before processing the stop payment. It is the department's responsibility to determine if the check has been paid before issuing a replacement check. See SAM section 8044. Departments must review their CTS statements or the STO's Agency Paid System to determine if payment was made previously. Departments can contact the STO to obtain access to the Agency Paid System. See SAM section 8050.

Telephone requests for stop payments will not be accepted by the STO, except in extremely urgent situations. If the STO agrees to accept an emergency request, a completed STD. 432 must be faxed to STO. The department must then write "confirming" at the top of the form and forward the original with one copy to the STO.

The STO will recognize a stop payment until it is either officially released by the agency or the check becomes five years old.

To release a stop payment the agency must check the release box and complete a STD. 432, in triplicate. The original and one copy must be sent to STO. The copy will be returned to the agency showing the effective date of the stop payment release.
Departments will make every effort to prevent overdrafts in their centralized State Treasury System accounts, both with respect to department’s bank balances and the State Controller’s Office balances.

Observance of the following principles should help prevent overdrafts:

1. Deposit collections promptly. See SAM section 8030: Deposits-Introduction.

2. Send appropriate copies of the Reports of Deposits to the State Treasurer’s Office and the State Controller’s Office on the date of the deposits. Department’s accounts receive their credits from these copies rather than from records of the State Treasurer’s depository banks, which maintain only consolidated Active Trust Accounts.

3. Do not draw checks against cash received but not yet deposited.

4. Schedule claims for reimbursement of office revolving funds promptly.

Whenever any blank check stock is determined to be missing, departments will immediately notify the State Treasurer’s Office of the missing check number(s), the account used, and the date the check(s) determined to be missing. If there is any indication that the check(s) might have been stolen, departments will notify the Department of Finance, Office of State Audits and Evaluations, the California State Auditor’s Office (see SAM section 20080), and the California Highway Patrol, Report Crime or Damage on State Property (STD 99).
The State Treasurer's Office (STO) will:

1. Settle daily with banks presenting agency checks for payment. Agency checks are checks issued from a department’s account; i.e. office revolving fund, general cash, or trust.

2. Retain the paid checks data in STO’s statewide Agency Paid System for five years from the paid date. Departments can access and print images of their agency checks online through the Agency Paid System.

To obtain access to the Agency Paid System, departments shall complete the STO’s User ID Assignment/Removal Form STO-IP 130. The form and information can be obtained by contacting the STO Item Processing Section at Item.Processing@Treasurer.ca.gov.
All centralized State Treasury System (CTS) accounts will be reconciled promptly at the end of each month. See SAM sections 7900, 7923 and 7967. This does not preclude reconciliations at other times of the month as considered necessary by the department.

At the end of each period, the State Controller’s Office (SCO) issues a CTS Statement for each CTS account. If there is an item on the statement that you cannot identify, contact the SCO for explanation.

If it is determined by the reconciliation that an error has been made, departments will notify the State Treasurer’s Office (STO) Bank Reconciliation Section. **DO NOT NOTIFY THE BANK.**

CTS Statement Errors:

1. If a department does not receive credit for a deposit, the department will verify that all of the information on the Report of Deposit is complete and accurate. The department will send a legible photocopy of the Report of Deposit on white letter size paper only. **DO NOT** send agency or bank copies.

2. If there is a discrepancy in the amount of credit, the department will send photocopies of the Report of Deposit and the CTS statement with the item highlighted and a brief letter of explanation.

Departments can email the requested information to bankrec@sto.ca.gov or mail to:

State Treasurer's Office  
Bank Reconciliation Unit  
915 Capitol Mall, C-15  
P. O. Box 942809  
Sacramento, CA 94209-0001

3. If it is determined there is an agency check error on the CTS statement, departments will notify the STO Item Processing Section by sending legible photocopies of the check, front and back, and the statement with a brief letter of explanation.

Email the requested information to itemproc@sto.ca.gov or mail to:

State Treasurer's Office  
Item Processing Section  
915 Capitol Mall, C-15  
P.O. Box 942809  
Sacramento, CA 94209-0001

Do not include Report of Deposit errors with agency check errors on any letter of explanation. A separate letter is required for each type of error.
CASH OVERAGES AND SHORTAGES 8070
(Revised 2/1998)

State officers and employees who receive and disburse money will be held accountable for the money in their custody. They will be held personally responsible for any cash discrepancies.

Each department differs as to their collection activities, frequency, and amount of cash collected. Therefore, each department is responsible for establishing standards of performance for their cashiers and prescribing corrective actions to be utilized when performance standards are not satisfied. See SAM Section 8072 for Cash Shortages.

OVERAGES 8071
(Revised 3/1987)

Cash overages (representing cash in excess of that for which a cashier is accountable) will be credited to Account No. 3710, Cash Overages, at the time of receipt.

If the person making the overpayment can be identified and the facts substantiated that an overpayment was made, refunds may be made and charged to the cash overage account. All other cash overages will be cleared as revenue or operating revenue at least once each quarter.
Cash shortages are amounts due the State; therefore, departments will follow the collection procedures outlined in SAM Section 8776.6. If all reasonable collection efforts do not result in payment, departments will adjust the accounting records by using the procedure applicable to the type of cash shortage that has occurred. A discharge of accountability is not required for an accounts receivable that was established because of a cash shortage.

1. Revenue, Reimbursement, or Abatement

   The accounting records may be adjusted for cash shortages involving revenue, reimbursement, or abatement items. No approval is required for the adjustment; however, agencies must submit a report explaining the cash shortage to the Department of Finance, Office of State Audits and Evaluations (OSAE), at the time of occurrence.

   The report explaining the cash shortage must include the following:

   1. The total amount of the cash shortages and the period covered.
   2. Whether or not the person having custody of the money used due diligence and followed recognized good practices in handling and safeguarding the money.
   3. Whether or not the cash shortage was such as might reasonably be expected in the regular course of business and was not due to an employee's dishonesty, carelessness, or negligence.
   4. A copy of the police report if theft is involved.
   5. A detailed explanation showing date, place, and complete circumstances for the incident which caused the shortage. If the shortage is a result of "clerical error", the explanation must be signed by the person responsible for the error. Included in the explanation must be a statement as to the corrective actions taken, if any, to prevent reoccurrence of the error. If the shortage is not the result of any person's error, then the explanation should be written by the person in charge of the fund.

   The explanation should be reviewed and signed by the person's supervisor.
   6. Any other facts explaining the circumstances creating the shortage.

   Similar types of cash shortages may be grouped and covered by a single explanation and report, where appropriate.

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2. Office Revolving Fund

The office revolving fund, which includes cash purchase funds and change funds, will be made whole upon the receipt of monies to replenish the cash shortage. To request the replenishment, agencies must complete a Claim for Reimbursement form, STD. 27A (Rev. 9/95 or later). If an internal audit unit exists within the agency, the claim must be reviewed and signed by the head of the audit unit.

- For an individual deficiency (shortage) of $1,000 or more, or for a multiple deficiencies claim schedule which totals $2,500 or more, an original Claim for Reimbursement and one copy must be submitted to the Department of Finance, Office of State Audits and Evaluations, (OSAE). If approved, the Claim for Reimbursement will be returned to the agency for their submission to SCO through the regular claim schedule process. Only deficiency claims will be included in the claim schedule. The claim may be paid from an existing appropriation so designated by the agency on the claim schedule face sheet.

- For an individual deficiency of less than $1,000, or a multiple deficiencies claim schedule which totals $2,499.99 or less, agencies are delegated the authority to submit the Claim for Reimbursement directly to SCO, except as noted below. The Claim for Reimbursement shall be presented through the regular claim schedule process, except that only deficiency claims will be included in the claim schedule. The reimbursement shall be from an existing appropriation so designated by the agency on the claim schedule face sheet.

- For a deficiency in any amount for which the canceled check is not available or for a deficiency that is a result of an unresolved SCO claim correction, agencies must submit the Claim for Reimbursement to Department of Finance, OSAE. The processing of these types of claims is the same as that for an individual deficiency of $1,000 or more.

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For each fiscal year, agencies will prepare and submit a report of office revolving fund deficiency claims for reimbursements whether or not such claims were filed. If no claims were filed during the fiscal year, the report will contain the statement, "No Claims for Reimbursement were filed during the fiscal year". If claims were filed, the report will detail the disposition of all Claims for Reimbursement. The report will be submitted to Department of Finance, Office of State Audits and Evaluations, by September 30th, and must contain the following information:

- Agency Name,
- Report title,
- As of June 30, XXXX,

Claim schedule number, date filed, claim schedule amount, and date paid,
- The amount of each Claim for Reimbursement, and
- The reason for each deficiency.

The report must be signed by someone at the level of, or above, the accounting office manager and contain the following certification:

- I certify under penalty of perjury that the forgoing is true, correct, and complete.
- Subscribed and executed this ________day of ________, XXXX.

Any claims for reimbursement which are disallowed will be returned to the agency. These claims must now be submitted to the Board of Control in accordance with the procedures for legislative claims. See SAM Section 8710.

3. Other Cash Shortages

All other cash shortages (e.g. amounts reflected in uncleared collections, depositor's trust, or advance collections) should be processed in accordance with the Board of Control legislative claim procedures. See SAM Section 8710.
Cash shortages caused by counterfeit currency turned over to a United States Treasury agent by the bank will be remedied as provided in SAM Section 8072. The Treasury agent's receipt or a letter on bank letterhead will include all pertinent data. The letter must be signed by a bank official above the teller/cashier level. After the type of cash shortage has been identified, the letter or receipt will be used as supporting documentation for the applicable approval or report requirements.

The State Leadership Accountability Act (Government Code sections 13400–13407) requires that the head of each State department establish and maintain an adequate system of internal control within their departments. A key element in a system of internal control is separation of duties. This section provides the appropriate level of separation of duties for departments with manual accounting processes. Employees of units other than the accounting unit should be used, when necessary, to provide separation of duties.

Members of the same family (husband, wife, brother, or sister) are considered one person. No one person will perform more than one of the following seven types of duties:

1. Receiving and depositing remittances
2. Authorizing disbursements
3. Preparing checks
4. Operating a check signing machine*
5. Comparing machine-signed checks with authorizations and supporting documents (or signing checks manually after personally comparing them with authorizations and supporting documents).*
6. Reconciling bank accounts and posting the General Ledger or any subsidiary ledger affected by cash transactions*
7. Initiating, or preparing invoices
   (*Will not have access to or control blank check stock)

The person who prepares checks will mark authorizations and supporting documents with the check number in ink in such a manner as to prevent their reuse.

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Preferably, no books of original entry concerning cash receipts, cash disbursements, or invoices should be kept by any person assigned duties 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 7. However, persons receiving or depositing remittances may keep the cash receipts register, persons preparing checks may keep the cash disbursements register, and persons preparing invoices may keep the invoice register. Any person assigned duties 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 7 will not keep more than one of the books of original entry concerning receipts, disbursements or invoices. These books of original entry are: General Cash Receipts Register, General Cash Disbursements Register, Trust Cash Receipts Register, Trust Cash Disbursements Register, Revolving Fund Cash Book, and Invoice Register.

The paid checks will be delivered unopened to the person charged with the bank reconciliation function and will be safeguarded by him/her until the reconciliation is completed.

Departments having an office management, office services, or cashiering section independent from the accounting office will assign to such duties, 1, 3, 4, and 5. Such section will be custodian of check stock, but accountability records for such stock will be kept by the accounting office.

Duty 5 should be performed by staff with appropriate authority and responsibility. When separation of duties is not possible due to small size and limited staffing, compensating controls such as management supervision and review of cash disbursement should be implemented.

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Checks will not be routed for mailing or distribution through the person who authorized the disbursement or prepared the check.

The person who prepares checks will maintain a daily log of checks written. If the checks are to be signed by check signing machine, it will be in the form shown in SAM section 8081. If the checks are signed by hand, the following form will suffice:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Beginning</th>
<th>Ending</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Date</td>
<td>Check</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Number</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/1</td>
<td>101</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/2</td>
<td>204</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The person who records checks written in the books of original entry (General Cash Disbursements Register, Trust Cash Disbursements Register, and Revolving Fund Cash Book) will assure that only those checks shown on the daily log of checks written are recorded therein.

Organizational units cited above will perform the duties outlined only when the nature of services provided by such units permit. It is not the intention of this instruction to include office service units in separation of duties if, for example, the unit is providing duplicating services only or similar activities not related to accounting functions.
SEPARATION OF DUTIES AUTOMATED SYSTEMS 8080.1
(Revised 8/2018)

The State Leadership Accountability Act (Government Code sections 13400–13407) requires that the head of each state department establish and maintain an adequate system of internal control within their departments. A key element in a system of internal control is separation of duties. This section provides the appropriate level of separation of duties for departments with automated accounting processes. Employees of units other than the accounting/data processing units should be used, when necessary, to provide separation of duties.

No one person will perform more than one of the following types of duties:

1. Designing systems
2. Programming
3. Maintaining records file and operating mechanized equipment
4. Initiating disbursement document
5. Approving disbursement document
6. Inputting disbursement information
7. Receiving and depositing remittances
8. Inputting receipts information
9. Controlling blank check stock
10. Reconciling input to output
11. Initiating or preparing invoices

SEPARATION OF DUTIES (COMBINED SYSTEMS) 8080.2
(Revised 3/1982)

For departments whose accounting systems include manual and automated processes, SAM Sections 8080 and 8080.1 should be used in combination to provide adequate separation of duties.
Departments may purchase check signing machines if desired when the average volume of checks written exceeds 500 per month.

The person who prepares checks will maintain a daily log of checks written showing:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Beginning Check Number</th>
<th>Ending Check Number</th>
<th>Checks Used</th>
<th>Voided Check Number</th>
<th>Forwarded for Signature</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>10/1</td>
<td>101</td>
<td>203</td>
<td>103</td>
<td>105, 199</td>
<td>101</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/2</td>
<td>204</td>
<td>255</td>
<td>52</td>
<td>226</td>
<td>51</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The person assigned to compare signed checks to authorizations and supporting documents* will maintain a daily log showing:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Number of Checks Reviewed</th>
<th>Number of Checks Hand Signed</th>
<th>Proper Ending Meter Reading</th>
<th>Voided Check Number</th>
<th>Checks Used</th>
</tr>
</thead>
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<tr>
<td>10/1</td>
<td>10,000 (**))</td>
<td></td>
<td>10,098</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>103</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/1</td>
<td>98</td>
<td></td>
<td>10,098</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>103</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/2</td>
<td>49</td>
<td></td>
<td>10,147</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>52</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

(*) See SAM Section 8080 for separation of duties and which position is to be assigned this duty.

(**) This entry is needed only at start of this procedure.
The person assigned to compare signed checks to authorizations and supporting documents will compare daily or have his secretary compare daily the meter reading on the machine with what it should be according to his log of checks reviewed and signed by machine. (Authorizations and supporting documents may not be available for comparison under automated accounting systems.) At least once each week he will personally make the comparison with the meter reading. All voided checks will be retained by the person who reviews checks until completion of the following reconciliation. At the end of each month full accountability will be made of all checks used by comparing the daily log maintained by the person who reviews authorizations, checks, and supporting documents with the daily log maintained by the individual who prepares checks or the person who controls blank check stock. After this accountability all voided checks, to that date, will be filed in the check file.

Where two keys are required for the operation of the check signing machine, one will be controlled by the operator and the other by the person whose signature is used. For machines requiring only one key, the person whose signature is used will control the key.

In the event that the person whose signature is used is traveling or otherwise not available, the key normally controlled by this person may be assigned to a responsible person other than the operator of the check signing machine.

The operator will lock the machine and remove the key or keys whenever the machine is not in use. If the check signing machine is operated with two keys, the operator will promptly return the second key to the person responsible for controlling its use when the machine is not being used.

Departments may be authorized to use rubber stamp facsimile signatures for check signing. Departments considering this method of check signing should contact the Department of Finance, Fiscal Systems and Consulting Unit, for authorization. Precautions must be taken to prevent the unauthorized use of rubber stamped signatures. When the stamps are not in use, they should be locked in a secure place with the key in the custody of the person authorized to sign checks.
GENERAL CASH 8090  
(Revised 2/1999)

General cash, consists of cash collected by or temporarily on deposit in an agency account (1) pending its remittance to the State Treasury or (2) pending its refund to payers, as authorized by law.

AGENCY TRUST FUND CASH 8090.1  
(Revised 2/1999)

Agency Trust Fund Cash consists of cash relating to certain depositor trusts which is held on deposit under agency control and is not remitted to the State Treasury.
Cash collected by departments for revenue, reimbursements, or abatements is deposited into an approved depository bank within the Centralized State Treasury System (CTS). See SAM section 8031 for approved depository banks. Cash deposits totaling less than $25,000 must be remitted within 15 days from the date the funds were collected, unless more frequent remittances are required by law. Accumulated deposits of $25,000 or more will be remitted as soon as possible, but no later than the first day of the week following the collection.

Departments may use the following methods to remit funds:

- Report to State Controller of Remittance to State Account, Form CA-21A or Report to State Controller of Remittance to State Treasurer, Form CA-21
- The Electronic Fiscal Input Transaction System (eFITS).

Form CA-21A

The Report of State Controller of Remittance to State Account, Form CA-21A, also known as a remittance advice (RA) is required when cash has been deposited in the department’s CTS checking account and will be remitted to a fund in the State Treasury. Form CA-21A is available at: http://www.sco.ca.gov/Files-ARD/remittc_tc47.pdf and may be submitted to the State Controller’s Office (SCO) via email to FiscalControl@sco.ca.gov. Departments may design their own RA form with SCO approval prior to its use.

On Form CA-21A, departments will enter its three-digit CTS checking account number and a RA number, which is a unique five-digit number after the preprinted letter "R." Each checking account number must have its own department assigned range of RA numbers, which cannot be duplicated within the same fiscal year. Upon receipt of Form CA-21A, the SCO issues a Controller’s Receipt beginning with the prefix CRA, to record the reduction of cash in the department’s checking account and the corresponding increase to Cash in State Treasury.

Departments will record the remittance to the State Treasury via Form CA-21A as a debit to general ledger account (GL) 1115, General Cash, Remittances in Transit. The CRA document will be recorded as a credit to GL 1115. See SAM section 7620 for GL descriptions.

Form CA-21

The use of Report to State Controller of Remittance to State Treasurer, Form CA-21, is limited to those instances when Form CA-21A or the eFITS process is not an option.

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Departments will submit Form CA-21 plus one copy to the State Treasurer’s Office (STO) Financial Services Section at 915 Capitol Mall, Room 319, Sacramento, CA 95814, identifying the appropriate fund to be increased. If the cash has been deposited into the department’s checking account, the department will submit a department check payable to the STO, along with Form CA-21 plus one copy, which is available at: http://www.sco.ca.gov/Files-ARD/remittc_tc30.pdf. Departments may design their own RA form with SCO approval prior to its use.

On Form CA-21, departments will enter a RA number, which consists of two alphabetical characters assigned by the SCO and six numeric characters from the department’s own assigned range of RA numbers.

Upon receipt of Form CA-21, the SCO issues a Controller's Receipt document beginning with the prefix CR to record the increase to Cash in State Treasury.

Department’s will record the remittance to the State Treasury as a debit to GL 1150, Cash in Transit to State Treasury. The CR document will be recorded as a credit to GL 1150. See SAM section 7620 for GL descriptions.

When cash is received directly into the State Treasurer's demand account, in the case of wire transfers, departments will complete Form CA-21 and one copy or Report of Deposit form and mail it without a department check directly to the STO Financial Services Section at 915 Capitol Mall, Room 319, Sacramento, CA 95814.

eFITS

Departments, authorized by the SCO, may use the eFITS process when cash has been deposited in the department’s checking account and will be remitted to a fund in the State Treasury. Information on the eFITS method of remittance is available at: https://www2.sco.ca.gov/eFITS_Enterprise_ApplicationWeb/static/eFITSFAQ.pdf.

In the eFITS system, departments will enter its three-digit checking account number and a five-digit RA number after the preprinted letter "R." Each checking account number must have its own department assigned range of RA numbers, which cannot be duplicated within the same fiscal year. The SCO issues a Controller's Receipt beginning with the prefix CRE to record the reduction of cash in the department’s checking account and the corresponding increase to Cash in State Treasury.

Departments will record the remittance to the State Treasury via eFITS as a debit to GL 1115, General Cash, and Remittances in Transit. The CRE document will be recorded as a credit to GL 1115. See SAM section 7620 for GL descriptions.
DETAIL TO BE SHOWN ON REPORT TO STATE CONTROLLER OF REMITTANCE TO STATE TREASURER 8091.1 (Revised 12/2011)

General

There will be no attachment or schedule to the form CA 21 or CA 21A. See SAM section 18424.5 for remittances of unclaimed trust money. All account coding will be displayed on the remittance advice. The State Controller’s Office (SCO) may consider exceptions to this procedure on an individual basis.

A single remittance advice may include remittances to more than one fund in the State Treasury. In those instances, the name of each fund will be entered in the "Description" column of the form, followed by the detail of accounts and amounts applicable to each fund.

No information will be entered in the "SCO" column of the form.

Revenues

Departments will report revenues on remittance advices using the six-digit subsidiary revenue codes and titles as provided in the Uniform Codes Manual (UCM). The revenue code and title will be entered in the "Description" column, and the amount remitted for each account will be entered in the "Amount" column.

Reimbursements

Departments will report reimbursements on remittance advices by the fund appropriation item number, chapter, year of appropriation, and reimbursement category title. Departments with budgeted reimbursement authority will remit their funds as scheduled reimbursements. If a department collects reimbursements in excess of their budget authority, the excess collections will also be remitted as scheduled reimbursements. Departments with no budgeted reimbursement authority will remit funds as unscheduled reimbursements.

Departments will enter the reimbursement receipt code title as provided in the UCM in the “Description” column whether the reimbursement is scheduled or unscheduled and the amount remitted for each receipt code will be entered in the “Amount” column. This information is required by SCO to validate the category of reimbursements.

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DETAIL TO BE SHOWN ON REPORT TO STATE CONTROLLER OF REMITTANCE TO STATE TREASURER 8091.1 (Cont. 1) (Revised 12/2011)

Abatements

Departments will report abatements on remittance advices by the fund, appropriation item number, chapter, year of appropriation, and abatement source code title as provided in the UCM. The abatement receipt code title will be shown in the “Description” column and the amount remitted for each type of abatement will be entered in the “Amount” column. Only those receipts authorized by SAM section 10220 will be accounted for as abatements.

Refunds to Reverted Appropriations

Departments will report reimbursements and abatements to appropriations that have reverted as refunds to reverted appropriations. Regardless of the actual year of the abatement or reimbursement the funds will be remitted to the prior fiscal year.

Operating Revenue

Remittances of operating revenue to Non-Governmental Cost Funds will include a description of receipts at an appropriate level of detail acceptable to the SCO and in accordance with the coding structure provided in the UCM.

REPORT OF COLLECTIONS 8092
(Renumbered 2/1965)

Agencies will prepare a report of collections unless they record directly in the Cash Receipts Register the amount collected from each payer or the amounts represented by a series of receipts. The report of collections then is the basis for a summary entry in the Cash Receipts Register.

The following information normally will be included on a report of collections for amounts received from each payer for whom no receipt is written: (l) date of collection, (2) name of remitter, (3) amount received, (4) type of remittance, i.e., cash, check, or money order, unless all remittances are in cash, and (5) distribution of amount received. Agencies that prepare reports of collections normally will summarize on the reports amounts received from payers for whom receipts are written by showing (l) beginning and ending receipt numbers, (2) amount represented by the receipts, and (3) distribution of amount represented by the receipts.
General Cash and Agency Trust Fund Cash received will be entered in Cash Receipts Registers. Separate registers will be used for General Cash and Agency Trust Fund Cash transactions respectively. Agencies that prepare reports of collections (See 8092) will record each report as a summary entry in this register (1) identifying report of collections concerned, (2) showing amount represented by the report of collections, and (3) distributing the amount represented by the report of collections.

Agencies that do not prepare reports of collections normally will show the following in this register for amounts received from each payer for whom no receipt is written: (1) date of collection, (2) name of remitter, (3) amount received, (4) type of remittance, i.e., cash, check, or money order, unless all remittances are in cash, and (5) distribution of amount received. Such agencies normally will summarize in this register amounts received from payers for whom receipts are written by showing (1) beginning and ending receipt numbers, (2) amount represented by the receipts, and (3) distribution of amount represented by the receipts.

General Cash and Agency Trust Fund Cash disbursements will be recorded daily in Cash Disbursements Registers. Separate registers will be used for General Cash and Agency Trust Fund Cash transactions respectively. Agencies will record individual checks or make a summary entry for all pertinent checks written each day, depending primarily upon the volume of checks written. If a single entry is made in a register for each day, beginning and ending check numbers will be recorded in the register.

Unless special provisions of law provide otherwise, refunds may be made out of the general cash account if the applicable collections have not been remitted to the State Treasury. (See 8240 for revenue refunds.)
The state is vitally concerned in maximizing its interest earnings. Every dollar earned from investments reduces the need for taxes or other income by an equal amount. Interest earnings can be maximized by the earliest practical deposit of receipts and the latest reasonable disbursement of money. Adherence on a day-to-day basis by all departments to sound cashiering, depositing, and other cash flow management practices is an important factor in permitting the state to realize the most interest from the dollars that flow through its system. The state earns approximately $27 on each million dollars per calendar day for each 1 percent of interest earning rate.

Various sections of the State Administrative Manual (SAM), as summarized below, refer to practices that state departments will follow. For further information, refer to the specific section in the SAM. The following is a synopsis of all significant SAM sections related to this subject.

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Centralized State Treasury System - The purpose of the centralized State Treasury System (CTS) is to maximize the earning of interest consistent with safe and prudent treasury management and to assure that depository banks provide the state with proper and adequate security for deposits of state money. With few exceptions, all money collected by or in the possession of any state department will be deposited in the CTS.

Receipt of Federal Funds – The purpose of the Federal Letter of Credit is to enable the state department to withdraw cash from the U.S. Treasury concurrently with disbursements. This practice prevents state cash from being utilized for federal program disbursements resulting in a loss of interest earning.

When to Deposit – Departments will use the most efficient procedure that provides timely deposits.

Method of Depositing – Outlines various methods used to deposit money into the CTS in a timely manner to maximize interest earnings.

Purchase and Expense Claims – Disbursements reduce cash available and therefore reduces interest earned.

Accounts Receivable – Provides instructions for prompt invoicing for amounts due the state to maximize cash flow and subsequent interest earnings.

NonEmployee Accounts Receivable – Provides instructions for prompt invoicing for amounts due the state to maximize cash flow and subsequent interest earnings.

Employee Accounts Receivable – Provides instructions for prompt invoicing for amounts due the state to maximize cash flow and subsequent interest earnings.