

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OPERATING BUDGET

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The system for budget administration and control is provided in the State Constitution, Government Code provisions, and a number of control sections of the Budget Act. The system also adheres to the Attorney General's opinions.

The operating budget is the total of all the expenditure authorizations provided by law. This includes the Budget Act, continuing or continuous authorizations provided by the State Constitution and statutory law, and separately enacted appropriation measures and initiatives.

The Department of Finance provides an Enacted Budget with departmental details on its website after the Budget Bill is signed by the Governor. Each department sets up its initial operating budget accounts based upon its portion of the Enacted Budget and the Budget Act.

In administering each department's operating budget, Finance has established a system of delegation of the approval authority for routine documents to the department head. Only those transactions which do not meet the criteria for delegation must be referred to Finance for budgetary approval.