

Department of Finance		<b>Fund: 0140</b>
<b>STATE OF CALIFORNIA MANUAL OF STATE FUNDS</b>		<b>PAGE 1</b> Renumbered From:
<b><u>Legal Title</u></b> California Environmental License Plate Fund		
<b><u>Legal Citation/Authority</u></b> Chapter 1105, Statutes of 1979 Public Resources Code sections 21190-21193 Vehicle Code sections 5100-5110		
<b><u>Fund Classification</u></b> <b><u>GAAP Basis</u></b> Governmental/Special Revenue Funds	<b><u>Fund Classification</u></b> <b><u>Legal Basis</u></b> Governmental/Other Governmental Cost Funds	
<b><u>Purpose</u></b> A depository for revenues collect from personalized license plates  The Environmental Protection Program pertains to preserving and protecting the environment including control and abatement of air pollution generated by motor vehicles.  The primary source of revenue for the California Environmental License Plate Fund is the sale of personalized license plates by the Department of Motor Vehicles. Money available may also be used to qualify for any funds available from other sources for carrying out the program.  Funds available may be apportioned among various state agencies, local governments, the University of California, and private research organizations to carry out the purposes of the program.		
<b><u>Administering Agency/Organization Code</u></b> The Secretary of the Resources Agency/Org 0540 is responsible for development of the program and determining its priorities.  The Department of Motor Vehicles/Org 2740 accounts for collection of the revenue and the costs incurred by them in collection.		
<b><u>Major Revenue Source</u></b> Registration fees for issuing special and personalized license plates.  Renewal and transfer fees.		
<b><u>Disposition of Fund (upon abolishment)</u></b> Pursuant to Government Code 16346, in absence of language that identifies a successor fund, any balance remaining in this fund upon abolishment shall be transferred to the General Fund.		

**Appropriation Authority**

Section 21191 of the Public Resources Code provides that the resources of the California Environmental License Plate Fund are available to the Department of Motor Vehicles when appropriated by the Legislature. The balance of the money in the fund will be available for expenditure for the purposes of the California Environmental Protection Program upon appropriation by the Legislature.

**State Appropriations Limit**

**Excluded** - Revenues in this fund are not proceeds of taxes, however, when transferred, may become proceeds of taxes. These revenues are used to provide direct services or products to the payers.

**Comments/Historical Information**

Chapter 779, Statutes of 1970 enacted the California Environmental Protection Program and created the California Environmental Protection Program Fund

Chapter 1105, Statutes of 1979 changed the name of this fund from the California Environmental Protection Program Fund to the California Environmental License Plate Fund.

Under former law the Secretaries of the Resources and Transportation Agencies were responsible for the administration of the California Environmental Protection Program. Chapter 1105, Statutes of 1979 removes the Secretary for Business and Transportation from the administration and requires the Secretary for Resources to administer the program.