**Arroyo Grande In Brief**

Arroyo Grande’s receipts from July through September were 6.3% below the third sales period in 2018. However, this comparison is skewed due to the CDTFA’s transition to a new reporting system in the prior year when additional payments were received by the City. Excluding reporting aberrations, actual sales were up 2.7%.

An increase in auto-transportation related sales was the primary factor in this improvement, outperforming the 2% countywide trend with 17% posted growth.

Business-industrial returns were also higher, but this category is volatile and fluctuates a lot from quarter-to-quarter. The recent opening of a new grocery store in town was also positive.

A delayed payment appears to have temporarily deflated casual-dining returns.

Measure M-06 added an additional $1,096,000. After adjusting for correct payment timing, receipts were up 0.8%.

Net of aberrations, taxable sales for all of San Luis Obispo County grew 1.0% over the comparable time period; the Central Coast region was up 1.0%.

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**Top 25 Producers**

*In alphabetical order*

- Ace Hardware
- Arco AM PM
- Arroyo Grande Chevrolet
- Arroyo Grande Valero
- Burke & Pace Lumber Sales
- Chevron
- Donnas Interiors Furniture
- Ember Restaurant
- Food 4 Less
- In N Out Burger
- Katch Go
- Marshalls
- Mason Bar
- McDonalds
- Mobil
- Mullaley Ford
- R & R Furniture
- Rite Aid
- Rooster Creek
- Rugged Race Products
- Smart & Final
- Streator Pipe & Supply
- Trader Joes
- Verizon Wireless
- Wal Mart

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**Revenue Comparison**

One Quarter – Fiscal Year To Date (Q3)

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*Allocation aberrations have been adjusted to reflect sales activity*
Statewide Results
The local one-cent share of statewide sales and use tax from sales occurring July through September was 2.2% higher than the summer quarter of 2018 after adjusting for accounting anomalies.

The bulk of the increase came from the countywide use tax allocation pools and is due to the acceleration in online shopping where a large volume of the orders are shipped from out-of-state.

Online shopping also produced gains in the business-industrial group with in-state industrial zoned logistics centers filling orders previously taken by brick and mortar retailers. Purchases to support healthcare, food processing, logistics/warehouse operations and information/data technology also helped offset declines in other business-related categories.

With the exception of some discount and value-oriented retail, most categories of general consumer goods were down. New cannabis related start-ups offset declines in the food and drug group while a softening in building-construction receipts was consistent with recent declines in the volume and value of new building permit issuances.

Overall growth in restaurant receipts continued to soften with a shift toward lower cost dining establishments and takeout meal options. Reports of labor shortages and the impact of homelessness on customer traffic in metropolitan areas were reportedly factors in the decline in tax revenues from higher price, fine dining establishments.

Despite a slight uptick in used auto and auto lease receipts, the auto related group was significantly down due to a drop in new car and RV sales. Previously propped up by a 23% subprime rated customer base and six- and seven-year financing, loan delinquencies have recently surged back to levels last seen in 2009.

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