The individual revenue components and their performance vs. budget forecast for the month are as follows:

The Tourism Revenues (TRCA) (hotel bed tax and car rental surcharge) posted $2,584,374 in total; which is $278,494 / 12.08% better than the budget forecast for the month.

Hotel Bed Tax reported $1,418,196; which is $153,272 / 12.12% better than budget for the month.

Car Rental Surcharge Tax posted revenue receipts of $1,166,178; which is $125,221 / 12.03% better than the FY2016 budget forecast for the month.

The Authority’s total revenues for the month are greater than the FY2016 budget forecast for the month by a total of $691,602 / 20.34%.

NOTE: This positive variance vs. budget for the month is driven by both the Tourism and Facilities revenue components: Tourism Revenues (TRCA) for the month, exceeded the budget forecast by $278,494 = 12.08%.

Facilities Revenues (FRCA) for the month, were greater than the budget forecast by $413,109 / 37.78%. The individual FRCA revenue line item that drove this “good news” was Event Sales Tax Rebate/Recapture (STR) @ $855,638 / 108.12% better than budget for the month.
The Facilities Revenues (FRCA) includes:

The NFL income tax. This monthly revenue is determined by the Arizona Department of Revenue prior to the start of each fiscal year. This monthly receipt was on budget @ $590,077 per month for FY2016. It is anticipated that each month in FY2016 will be @ budget.

AZ Cardinals Rent is pre-determined via the agreement with the Authority. This monthly receipt was on budget @ $24,898 for the month. It is anticipated that each month in FY2016 will be @ budget.

The Facility Use Fees (FUF) receipts for the month were $9,969; which is $8,262 / 483.77% better than the FY2016 budget for the month. This revenue component typically has a timing issue vs. the forecast budget: i.e. relating to when the FUF revenues are collected, the accounts get settled with the event promoter. The FUF then gets reported and paid-out to the Authority during the SPECTRA / Global Spectrum’s financial package review for a given month.

Sales Tax Rebate / Recapture (STR) revenues receipts for the month were $855,638 = $444,505 / 108.12% better than the FY2016 budget forecast for the month. This revenue source is also subject to timing issues related to when the Authority actually receives STR receipts from the City of Glendale and/or from the State of Arizona-Department of Revenue. These timing delays are driven by the date of the event, when vendors file their tax returns / remit their applicable sales taxes to these two taxing authorities; and then, when these taxing authorities are able to process the tax returns and revenue receipts, and, finally, when these two taxing authorities send the Sales Tax Rebate/Recapture to AZSTA.

The Food & Beverage Commissions (F&B) receipts for the month were $9,969 = ($15,317) / (-60.57)% less than the budget for the month. This FRCA revenue source has a similar timing issue related to when the F&B commission revenues are collected, calculated, and reported on the month-end commission workbook by ROJO Hospitality. Then, the F&B commission check gets released to AZSTA.

The Fiesta Bowl Facilities Use Fee (FUF) / Ticket Use Fee (TUF) receipts for the month were $0 = $0 @ budget forecast for the month. Note: the Fiesta Bowl FUF & TUF revenue sources have a timing that hits near the date of the game = Jan timeframe of each given fiscal year.

The Telecom License Fees revenues represent a license fee paid by a carrier for their use of a telecommunications tower located on the stadium property. The receipts for the month = $1,984 vs. the monthly budget forecast @ $1,800 = $184 / 10.21% better than budget forecast for the month.

Year-to-Date Tourism Revenues (TRCA) are $11,507,484 = $1,388,080 / 13.72% better than budget forecast YTD for FY2016. It is expected that the Authority will surpass the TRCA total revenue $ budget forecast for the fiscal year.

Year-to-Date Facility Revenues (FRCA- cash receipts) are $10,105,133 = $2,194,626 / 27.74% better than budget forecast YTD for FY2016. Again, this delta vs. YTD budget is timing driven. However, it is expected that the Authority will surpass the FRCA total revenue $ budget forecast for the fiscal year.

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