

**Tuesday, June 25, 2019**

The Board met at its offices at 450 N Street, Sacramento, at 10:19 a.m., with Ms. Cohen, Chair, Mr. Vazquez, Vice Chair, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Schaefer and Ms. Yee present.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Cohen.

### **BOARD MEMBER ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPH**

The annual Board photograph was taken during the following break.

The Board recessed at 10:20 a.m. and reconvened at 10:26 a.m. with Ms. Cohen, Mr. Vazquez, Mr. Gaines and Mr. Schaefer present.

### **BOARD MEMBER REQUESTED MATTERS**

#### **Resolutions to Honor The San Diego County Assessor, The Pacific Southwest Association of Realtors, and the Veterans Association of Real Estate Professionals, San Diego Chapter, for their work in assisting Disabled Veterans (Mr. Schaefer)**

Mr. Schaefer made introductory remarks and presented resolutions to honor the San Diego County Assessor, the Pacific Southwest Association of Realtors, and the Veterans Association of Real Estate Professionals, San Diego Chapter, for their work in assisting disabled veterans ([Exhibit 6.1](#)).

Speakers:       Honorable Ernest J. Dronenburg, Jr., San Diego County Assessor/Recorder/Clerk  
                       Robert Calloway, President, Pacific Southwest Association of Realtors (PSAR)  
                       Ricardo Pacheco, State Director, Veterans Association of Real Estate  
                                   Professionals (VAREP), San Diego Chapter  
                       Jordan Marks, Taxpayers Rights Advocate, Office of San Diego County  
                                   Assessor/Recorder/Clerk

Members made complimentary remarks and thanked the recipients for their valued work and continued assistance to disabled veterans of the State of California.

Exhibits to these minutes are incorporated by reference.

#### **Butte County Assessor's Office Resolution (Mr. Gaines)**

Mr. Gaines made introductory remarks and presented a resolution honoring the Butte County Assessor's Office team for their work handling the Camp Fire and its aftermath ([Exhibit 6.2](#)).

Speaker:       Honorable Diane Brown, Butte County Assessor

Members made complimentary remarks and thanked Ms. Brown and her team for their good work and continued support of the citizens of the State of California.

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

**ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION****Administrative Matters, Consent**

With respect to the Administrative Matters, Consent Agenda, upon a single motion of Mr. Vazquez, seconded by Mr. Schaefer and unanimously carried, Ms. Cohen, Mr. Vazquez, Mr. Gaines and Mr. Schaefer voting yes, Ms. Yee absent, the Board made the following order:

Action: Approve the Board Meeting Minutes of May 29, 2019.

Staff was available to answer questions regarding a report on time extension for Amador, Colusa, Lake, Lassen, Nevada, Sierra, Sonoma and Yuba Counties to complete and submit the 2019 Local Assessment Roll, pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code section 155 ([Exhibit 6.3](#)).

**Executive Director's Report**

Brenda Fleming, Executive Director, introduced Steven Mercer, Budget Officer, California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA), who provided an overview of the Governor's Budget ([Exhibit 6.4](#)).

Speaker: Honorable Leslie K. Davis, President, California Assessors' Association (CAA), and Calaveras County Assessor

Brenda Fleming, Executive Director, provided a report regarding the status of pending and upcoming organizational issues including updates on: Office Relocation; Opportunity Zones; Information Hearings; and, Organizational Priorities ([Exhibit 6.5](#)).

**BOARD MEMBER REQUESTED MATTERS (CONTINUED)****SB 364 (Stone), Property Taxation: Senior and Disabled Veterans (Mr. Schaefer)**

Mr. Schaefer made introductory remarks for discussion and possible action to support SB 364 (Stone), which would cap the property taxes on any primary residence of an honorably discharged veteran over the age of 65 ([Exhibit 6.6](#)).

Speakers: Honorable Jeff Stone, 28th District Senator  
Claire Marks, Senate Fellow, Office of Senator Jeff Stone  
Honorable Leslie K. Davis, President, California Assessors' Association (CAA), and Calaveras County Assessor

Action: Mr. Schaefer moved to direct the Executive Director to draft a letter of support for SB 364 (Stone). The motion was seconded by Mr. Gaines. Mr. Schaefer withdrew his motion. Upon motion of Mr. Schaefer, seconded by Mr. Gaines and unanimously carried, Ms. Cohen, Mr. Vazquez, Mr. Gaines and Mr. Schaefer voting yes, Ms. Yee absent, the Board deferred consideration of the matter to its July meeting.

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

**SB 562 (Morrell), Property Taxation: Exemption: Principal Residence: Veterans and their Unmarried Surviving Spouses (Mr. Schaefer)**

Mr. Schaefer made introductory remarks for discussion and possible action to support SB 562 (Morrell), which would, for the 2020-21 fiscal year, increase the disabled veterans' exemption amounts to (1) \$200,000 for the basic exemption, and (2) \$250,000 for the lower income exemption, and increase the household income limit to \$65,000 ([Exhibit 6.7](#)).

Speakers: Carney King, Senate Fellow, Office of Senator Mike Morrell  
Jessica Wenger, Staff Contact, Office of Senator Mike Morrell

Action: Upon motion of Ms. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Gaines and unanimously carried, Ms. Cohen, Mr. Vazquez, Mr. Gaines and Mr. Schaefer voting yes, Ms. Yee absent, the Board directed the Executive Director to draft a letter of support for SB 562 (Morrell).

The Board recessed at 12:07 p.m. and reconvened at 12:58 p.m. with Ms. Cohen, Mr. Vazquez, Mr. Gaines and Mr. Schaefer present, Ms. Stowers present on behalf of Ms. Yee in accordance with Government Code section 7.9.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION (CONTINUED)****Property Tax Deputy Director's Report**

David Yeung, Deputy Director, Property Tax Department, introduced David Dodson, Supervisor, Norwalk District Office, County-Assessed Properties Division, Property Tax Department, who provided a report regarding the Assessment Practices Survey Program, which included legal authorities, function, and discussion of the roles and responsibilities of the Board ([Exhibit 6.8](#)).

David Yeung, Deputy Director, Property Tax Department, introduced Honorable Leslie K. Davis, President, California Assessors' Association (CAA), and Calaveras County Assessor, who provided the *CAA Presentation on Calamities: How County Assessor's Offices Handle Calamities* ([Exhibit 6.9](#)).

The Board recessed at 3:02 pm. and reconvened at 3:17 p.m. with Ms. Cohen, Mr. Vazquez, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Schaefer and Ms. Stowers present.

**BOARD MEMBER REQUESTED MATTERS (CONTINUED)****Strategic Planning Session: Discussion on Board Members' Priorities and Go-forward Plan (Mr. Vazquez)**

Mr. Vazquez made introductory remarks regarding the Strategic Planning Session to discuss Board Members' priorities and plan ([Exhibit 6.10](#)).

**Tuesday, June 25, 2019**

Action: Upon motion of Ms. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Vazquez and unanimously carried, Ms. Cohen, Mr. Vazquez, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Schaefer and Ms. Stowers voting yes, the Board directed the Executive Director to provide a budget not to exceed \$4,999 and a recommendation regarding the hiring of a strategic planning facilitator, for the Board's consideration at a later date.

Ms. Cohen left the Board Room and Mr. Vazquez took over as Chair.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION (CONTINUED)**

**Legislative, Research & Statistics Division Chief's Report**

Mark Durham, Chief, Legislative, Research & Statistics Division, provided an update on legislative bills impacting the BOE, both administrative and program related ([Exhibit 6.11](#)).

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Mr. Vazquez invited persons who wish to address the Board regarding items not on the agenda to come forward, but there were none.

**CLOSING REMARKS**

Brenda Fleming, Executive Director, stated for the record that the Board concluded its business for this meeting, and that meeting day Wednesday, June 26, 2019, is therefore cancelled.

The Board adjourned at 3:41 p.m. in memory of Tara Christina O'Sullivan, Police Officer, Sacramento Police Department, who was shot and killed on duty at the scene of a domestic disturbance on Wednesday, June 19, 2019.

*The foregoing minutes are adopted by the Board on July 30, 2019.*