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Annual Meeting of the State Board of Equalization and County Assessors *First Meeting Identifies Challenges Facing the \$65 Billion Property Tax System*

Sacramento – More than half of California’s 58 County Assessors arrived in Sacramento on October 23, 2019 for the Board of Equalization’s (BOE) annual meeting with the County Assessors to discuss critical topics affecting property tax assessment. The BOE is the state agency responsible for the fair, effective, and efficient administration of property taxes to promote uniformity in property assessment throughout the State.

For the first meeting with the newly elected Board, the Board Members and Assessors discussed the challenges of recruiting and retaining qualified staff – critically needed to continue to effectively and efficiently administer California’s \$65 billion per year property tax program. Board Members heard from the local counties throughout California, enabling the BOE to discover potential emerging topics which affect counties and discuss possible statewide efficiencies.

Board Members also met with County Assessors from their respective districts to discuss challenges and opportunities facing the Assessors at a regional level.

These annual meetings enable elected officials, from both the State and county level, to collaboratively meet to identify and address common challenges while finding ways to improve processes for California property owners and taxpayers.



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The Board of Equalization is the only elected tax board in the country. Its five members include four equalization district members, and the State Controller. Under its constitutional mandate, the BOE oversees the assessment practices of the state's 58 county assessors, who are charged with establishing values for approximately 12.8 million assessments each year. In addition, the BOE assesses the property of regulated railroads and specific public utilities and assesses and collects the private railroad car tax. The BOE's monthly meetings offer taxpayers and other interested parties' opportunities to participate in the formulation of rules and regulations adopted by the Board. For more information on the BOE, visit www.boe.ca.gov.

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