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## CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION WILL CONDUCT ANNUAL MEETING WITH COUNTY ASSESSORS

The Board to Receive Updates and Discuss Emerging Issues in Property Tax Administration

**Sacramento** – Next Tuesday, the California State Board of Equalization (BOE) at their October 20, 2020 Board Meeting, will have their annual meeting with the 58 County Assessors virtually in accordance with statewide public health orders. The BOE is required by law to hold meetings with County Assessors at least once a year to receive updates and discuss emerging issues related to property tax administration. County Assessors will provide a recap of 2020 and outline priorities for 2021.

Since March, the Board has held numerous public policy hearings with the participation of County Assessors in dealing with the impacts of COVID-19 on county boards of equalization and assessment appeals boards. In addition, the Board established the Workforce Planning Workgroup, and County Assessors have provided critical input to ensure the BOE is prepared for future challenges and the possible passage of the split-roll initiative.

"As Chairman and on behalf of the Board, I thank all the County Assessors for their partnership, hard work and commitment to help us address, in a public and transparent manner, the impacts of COVID-19 through emergency public policy measures to ensure a fair and efficient property tax administration," said Chairman Antonio Vazquez. "There is still much more work to do in response to COVID-19 and on other critical property tax administration matters, and I look forward to continuing to work with them on these important issues during these unprecedented times."

The annual meeting will be available via livestream with live-captioning on the BOE website at <a href="https://www.boe.ca.gov">www.boe.ca.gov</a>. Members of the public can find <a href="https://www.boe.ca.gov">additional information</a> to participate in the Board's <a href="https://october.20-21, 2020 Board Meeting">October 20-21, 2020 Board Meeting</a>.

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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 over 13 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 <a href="https://www.boe.ca.gov">www.boe.ca.gov</a>.