

State Board of Equalization

2003-04 Annual Report



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Mission

The mission of the State Board of Equalization is to serve the public through fair, effective, and efficient tax administration.

Goals

The State Board of Equalization will

- Interpret and apply tax and fee laws correctly, consistently, and fairly.
- Collect and allocate revenues as required by law.
- Assess and allocate property values as required by law.
- Educate and assist tax- and fee payers to comply voluntarily, while minimizing their compliance burden.
- Provide high-quality customer service, using qualified staff and state-of-the-art technology.
- Achieve program objectives at the lowest possible cost.

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The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor of California

June 2005

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

On behalf of the Members of the State Board of Equalization, I am pleased to submit to you our annual report for fiscal year 2003-04.

Programs administered by the Board of Equalization produced \$44.46 billion in revenue in 2003-04. The state's portion, \$34.23 billion, contributed more than 35 percent of all state revenue for the fiscal year.

Our agency connects state and local governments by providing essential revenue for the state's cities, counties, and special tax districts. In 2003-04, Board of Equalization-administered programs yielded \$9.11 billion for local governments from local and district sales and use taxes alone.

And thanks to our effective administration and resourceful employees, we bring together quality customer service and public value. In 2003-04, the Board spent \$205.22 million—only 72 cents for every \$100 of revenue collected.

We are proud to serve the people and businesses of our state as we join you in California's journey through the 21st century.

Sincerely,

Ramon J. Hirsig
Executive Director