

STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

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STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING
5901 Green Valley Circle, Room 207, Culver City
February 23-24, 2016
NOTICE AND AGENDA
Meeting Agenda (as of 2/23/2016, 11:30 PM)

FIONA MA, CPA Second District, San Francisco

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Agenda Changes Webcast on Tuesday, February 23, 2016

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9:30 a.m. Pledge of Allegiance

**Board Committee Meetings Convene\*** 

Board Meeting convenes upon Adjournment of the Board Committee Meetings\*\*

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## **Board Committee Meetings\***

## I. 2016 Legislative Proposals

Set forth below are suggestions for legislation to be sponsored by the BOE in the second year of the 2015-16 Legislative Session.

# 2016 Legislative Proposals: Business Taxes

- 2-4 Add Revenue and Taxation Code Section 6010.15 of the Sales and Use Tax Law to exclude from the computation of sales or use tax, the transfer of tangible personal property by a pawnbroker back to the person that pledged the property, under specified conditions.
- 2-5 Amend Revenue and Taxation Code (RTC) Section 42022 to provide that sellers with de minimis sales of prepaid mobile telephony services (prepaid MTS) are not required to register as prepaid MTS sellers with the Board of Equalization (BOE). Amend RTC Section 42014 to align the prepaid MTS surcharge known-transaction qualifying circumstances to the local prepaid MTS.

1. 2016 Annual Education and Outreach Plan

Presentation of the Annual Board of Equalization Education and Outreach Plan for 2016.

### **Board Meeting\*\***

#### **Administrative Session**

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#### P. Other Administrative Matters

Request approval of the new excise tax rates for motor vehicle fuel and diesel fuel (fuel tax swap) effective July 1, which are required by current law to be adjusted by BOE on an annual basis.

- - Staff recommendation for setting the Fiscal Year 2016-17 diesel fuel tax rate for interstate users component b.

Section 6480.1 of the Revenue and Taxation Code requires the Board to determine annually by March 1, the rate at which sales tax on motor vehicle fuel, diesel fuel, and jet fuel is to be collected at the time such fuel is first distributed in the state during the twelve-month period beginning the following July 1.

A. Homeowner and Renter Property Tax Assistance Appeals Hearings There are no items for this matter.

# B. Corporate Franchise and Personal Income Tax Appeals Hearings (Contribution Disclosure forms required pursuant to Gov. Code, § 15626.)

B1a. Curtice R. Booth and Evelyn Booth, 824057 +

B1b. Patrick J. O'Grady and Laurel O'Grady, 848643 +

For Appellants: Gregory G. Wilson, Representative

For Franchise Tax Board: Eric Yadao, Tax Counsel

Marguerite Mosnier, Tax Counsel

B2. Craig Wheeler and Dani Wheeler, 852861 +

For Appellants: Craig Wheeler, Taxpayer
Cris J. Wenthur, Attorney

For Franchise Tax Board: Susanne Coakley, Tax Counsel

David Gemmingen, Tax Counsel

B3. Brenda J. Daly, 854545 +

For Appellant: Brenda J. Daly, Taxpayer

Katherine Castro, Representative

For Franchise Tax Board: Eric Brown, Tax Counsel

Diane Ewing, Tax Counsel

B4. John M. Kling, 847081 +

For Appellant: A. Lavar Taylor, Attorney

For Franchise Tax Board: Marguerite Mosnier, Tax Counsel

Maria Brosterhous, Tax Counsel

B5. Edward Lavi, 861784 +

For Appellant: Edward Lavi, Taxpayer

For Franchise Tax Board: Bradley Kragel, Tax Counsel

Michael Cornez, Tax Counsel

B6. Rodney L. Gleicher and Renay Gregg, 877786 +

For Appellants: Rodney L. Gleicher, Taxpayer

Richard H. Ellwood, Representative

For Franchise Tax Board: Brad Coutinho, Tax Counsel

Natasha Page, Tax Counsel

B7. Larry Russ, 731267 +

For Appellant: Larry Russ, Taxpayer

For Franchise Tax Board: Brian Miller, Tax Counsel

Ciro Immordino, Tax Counsel

B8. Joseph A. Sciarretta, 809250 +

For Appellant: Joseph A. Sciarretta, Taxpayer For Franchise Tax Board: Brian Werking, Tax Counsel

Fred Campbell-Craven, Tax Counsel

B9. Cesar Z. Lugo, 790947 +

For Appellant: Cesar Z. Lugo, Taxpayer
For Franchise Tax Board: Andy Amara, Tax Counsel
Diane Ewing, Tax Counsel

B10. David Haller and Vanessa Chau Haller, 872918 +

For Appellants: David Haller, Taxpayer

Bich Loan Nguyen, Representative

For Franchise Tax Board: Maria Brosterhous, Tax Counsel

Marguerite Mosnier, Tax Counsel

B11. Aadonix Corporation, 892108 +

For Appellant: Oleg Tulkoff, Taxpayer
For Franchise Tax Board: Joel Smith, Tax Counsel
Natasha Page, Tax Counsel

B12. Marvin E. Catchings and Winnie V. Catchings, 881694 +

For Appellants: Marvin E. Catchings, Taxpayer
Winnie V. Catchings, Taxpayer
Valerie D. Catchings, Representative

For Franchise Tax Board: Brad Coutinho, Tax Counsel

Marguerite Mosnier, Tax Counsel

### C. Sales and Use Tax Appeals Hearing

(Contribution Disclosure forms required pursuant to Gov. Code, § 15626.)

C1. West Coast Storm, Inc., 627343, 805282 (EH) +

For Taxpayer/Claimant: Waived Appearance

For Department: Nenita DeLaCruz, Hearing Representative

## D. Special Taxes Appeals Hearing

This item is scheduled for Wednesday, February 24, 2016.

E. Property Tax Appeals Hearings

There are no items for this matter.

# F. Public Hearings

Public hearing regarding proposed amendments to clarify that a sale or purchase of counterfeit goods by a convicted seller or purchaser is subject to tax, regardless of whether the sale or purchase was for resale.

- F2. Property Taxes State Assessees' Presentations on Capitalization Rates and Other Factors Affecting Values ..... Mr. Thompson
  - State assessees' presentations on capitalization rates and other factors and procedures affecting Fiscal Year 2016-17 property values of California public utilities, railroads, and pipelines.

Speaker: Peter Michaels, Law Office of Peter Michaels

 Private railroad car assessees' presentations on factors and procedures affecting Fiscal Year 2016-17 taxable values of private railroad cars.

## G. Tax Program Nonappearance Matters – Consent

(Contribution Disclosure forms not required pursuant to Gov. Code, § 15626.)

- G1. Legal Appeals Matters ...... Mr. Angeja
  - Hearing Notice Sent No Response
    - 1. Pisces International, Incorporated, 358265, 792538 (STF)
- G2. Franchise and Income Tax Matters ...... Mr. Epolite
  - ➤ Hearing Notice Sent No Response
  - 1. Cheryl A. Savage, 874840
  - Decisions
    - 2. Berc Agopoglu, 848646
    - 3. David Brennan, 852170
    - 4. Yanina Cartagena, 762688
    - Ryan L. Harkey and Jennifer R. Harkey, 812721
    - 6a. Richard Ligun He and Sheri Xiaochun Liu, 663709
    - 6b. Sheri Xiaochun Liu and Richard Ligun He, 744889
    - 7. Jennifer Herbert, 839022
    - 8. Stanley A. Kopp and Kimberly A. Kopp, 807700
    - 9. Eric Lee, 835871
    - 10. Priscilla V. Ludd. 740007
    - 11. Peter H. Nguyen and Kimphung T. Nguyen, 856885
    - 12. Marie Prevot. 852525
    - 13. James Strizich, 852251
    - 14. Kevin S. Tait, 792430
    - 15. Brantley W. White, 857550

G3.	Homeowner and Renter Property Tax Assistance Matters There are no items for this matter.		
G4.	Sales and Use Taxes Matters		
G5.	Sales and Use Taxes Matters – Credits, Cancellations, and Refunds		
	19. Advanced Lab Concepts, Inc., 926269 (EA) 20. RMS Lifeline, Inc., 927222 (OH) 21. IGT, 838764 (OH) 22. Harley-Davidson Credit Corp., 917688 (OH)		
	<ul><li>23. Optimedica Corporation, 841647 (GH)</li><li>24. Citigroup, Inc. &amp; Subsidiaries and Affiliates, 717884 (OH)</li></ul>		

25. QG, LLC, 851234 (OH)

26. Dailycandy Commerce, LLC, 777660 (OH)

	G6.	Special Taxes Matters There are no items for this matter.
	G7.	Special Taxes Matters – Credits, Cancellations, and Refunds
	G8. G9.	e are no items for the following matters: Property Tax Matters Cigarette License Fee Matter Legal Appeals Property Tax Matters
Н.		Program Nonappearance Matters – Adjudicatory ribution Disclosure forms required pursuant to Gov. Code, § 15626.)
	H1.	Legal Appeals Matters
	H2.	Franchise and Income Tax Matters
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	H10.	Legal Appeals Property Tax Matters
l.		Program Nonappearance Matters ribution Disclosure forms not required pursuant to Gov. Code, § 15626.)

Property Taxes Matters
There are no items for this matter.

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- 12. Offer in Compromise Recommendations.......Mr. Anderson
  - 1. Alma J. Abouraya
  - 2. Syed Khizer Ahmed
  - 3. Dan Eugene Craig
  - 4a. Darren Tyler Daily
  - 4b. Crystal E. Daily
  - 4c. Daily Enterprises, Inc.
  - 5a. Dino-Co, Inc.
  - 5b. Bashar Jamil Alhajjar
  - 6a. Charlene Marie Duarte
  - 6b. Manolo Duarte
  - 7. Hyduke's Valley Motors, Inc.
  - 8. Brian O'Connor
  - 9. Puro Nundi, Inc.
  - 10. Jesus Saldana
  - 11. Dick Wolfgan Saller
  - 12. Ransford Maurice Samuda
  - 13. San Diego Sports Flyers
  - 14a. Krishna P. Vemuri
  - 14b. K & N, Inc.
  - 15. Phuong Bich Vu
- Local Tax Reallocation Matters
   There are no items for this matter.

#### **Chief Counsel Matters**

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## J. Rulemaking

#### **Section 100 Changes**

Staff request for authorization to complete Section 100 changes to update and clarify cross references in Regulation 5600, and make Regulations 5601 and 5603 consistent with Revenue and Taxation Code section 21013.

There are no items for the following matters:

- K. Business Taxes
- L. Property Taxes
- M. Other Chief Counsel Matters

#### **Administrative Session**

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- - N1. Retirement Resolution +
    - Linda S. Knox
  - N2. Adoption of Board Resolution
    - William M. Connell +
  - N3. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes
    - January 26, 2016 +
  - N4. Proposed revisions to Audit Manual Chapter 1, General Information; Compliance Policy and Procedures Manual Chapter 1, General and Chapter 7, Collections +
  - N5. Proposed revisions to Audit Manual Chapter 4, General Audit Procedures and Chapter 5, Penalties; Compliance Policy and Procedures Manual Chapter 7, Collections +
- O. Adoption of Board Committee Reports and Approval of Committee Actions
  - O1. Legislative Committee
  - O2. Customer Service and Administrative Efficiency Committee
- P. Other Administrative Matters
  - - Update on Resolution of State Controller's Office (SCO) Board of Equalization Review
       Update on actions to resolve the findings in the SCO Review Report of the Board of Equalization's Internal Accounting and Administrative Controls.

There are no items for the following matters:

- P2. Chief Counsel Report
- P3. Sales and Use Tax and Special Taxes and Fees Deputy Director's Report
- P4. Property Tax Deputy Director's Report

There are no items for the following matters:

- P6. Technology Deputy Director's Report
- P7. External Affairs Deputy Director's Report

Announcement of Closed Session ...... Ms. Richmond

#### Q. Closed Session

- Q1. Discussion and approval of staff recommendations regarding settlement cases (Rev. & Tax. Code, §§ 6901, 7093.5, 30459.1, 50156.11).
- Q2. Pending Litigation: Verizon California, Inc. v. State Bd. of Equalization, Sacramento County Superior Court (Case No. 34-2011-00116029-CU-MC-GDS, consolidated with 34-2013-00138191; 34-2014-00171512; 34-2015-00175631; 34-2015-00175609; 34-2015-00175621; 34-2015-00175627) (Gov. Code, § 11126(e)).
- Q3. Pending Litigation: Lucent Technologies, Inc., and AT&T Corp. v. State Bd. of Equalization, Superior Court of Los Angeles (Case No. BC402036) (Lucent I), consolidated with Lucent Technologies, Inc., v. State Bd. of Equalization, Superior Court of Los Angeles (Superior Court Case No. BC448715) (Lucent II), Second District Court of Appeal Case No. B257808 (Gov. Code, § 11126(e)).
- Q4. Discussion and action on personnel matters (Gov. Code, § 11126(a)).

Announcement of Open Session...... Ms. Richmond

Recess - The meeting will reconvene on Wednesday, February 24, 2016, at 9:30 a.m.

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### C. Sales and Use Tax Appeals Hearings

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C2. Jantex Inks & Beyond, Inc., 712415, 797612, 816214 (AP) +

For Petitioner/Claimant: Janet Springer, Taxpayer

Opal Mata, Taxpayer

Jesse W. McClellan, Attorney

For Department: Monica Silva, Tax Counsel

C3. Hector Ramirez Navarro, 578948 (AP) +

For Petitioner: Hector Ramirez Navarro, Taxpayer

Gerardo Huerta, Witness
Steven P. Chang, Attorney

For Department: Scott Lambert, Hearing Representative

C4. Brian Scott Gerstein, 606328 (EA) +

For Petitioner: Brian Scott Gerstein, Taxpayer

James M. Garbo, Representative

For Department: Scot Claremon, Tax Counsel

C5. PCS Wireless, Inc., 572015 (EA) +

For Petitioner: Andrew B. Mai, Taxpayer

Hai V. Dang, Representative

For Department: Scott Lambert, Hearing Representative

C6. Paedick Gharapanianse, 568598 (AC) +

For Petitioner: Paedick Gharapanianse, Taxpayer
George H. Lazarian, Representative
For Department: Scott Lambert, Hearing Representative

C7. Allied Modular Building Systems, Inc., 506774 (EA) +

For Petitioner: Kevin Peithman, Taxpayer

Fred Ketcho, Taxpayer

Frances Sullivan Lewis, Taxpayer

Jim Fier, Representative

For Department: Andrew Kwee, Tax Counsel

C8. Yeshitila Wuhib, 728749 (AS) +

For Department:

For Petitioner: Yeshitila Wuhib, Taxpayer

Arnold J. Blanshard, Representative
Scott Lambert, Hearing Representative

C9a. Phillip Andres Anacker, Maura Stanley Harrington, and Jake Anthony Whiteley, 611321 (JH) +

C9b. Phillip Andres Anacker, Maura Stanley Harrington, and Jake Anthony

Whiteley, 611322 (JH) +

For Petitioners: Graham Hoad, Representative

For Department: Scott Lambert, Hearing Representative

C10. Robert Ramos, 612720 (EA) +

For Petitioner: Robert Ramos, Taxpayer

Joseph Swift, Jr., Representative

For Department: Scott Lambert, Hearing Representative

C11. Elton Justin Hoiles, 794727 (AS) +

For Petitioner: Michael W. Hoiles, Taxpayer

For Department: Scott Lambert, Hearing Representative

#### D. Special Taxes Appeals Hearing

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#### **Petition for Release of Seized Property Hearing**

D1. Kerolos H. Guirguis, 873783 (STF) +

For Petitioner: Kerolos Guirguis, Taxpayer

Elizabeth Elgergawe, Representative

For Department: Pamela Mash, Tax Counsel

### **Organization of the Board**

- 1. The Board will vote to elect a Chair, effective at the March Board Meeting.
- 2. The Board will vote to elect a Vice Chair.
- 3. The Board may take possible action in the following order regarding:
  - a. Rotating the office of Chair between the various Members +
  - b. Board committee chair assignments, and
  - c. Procedures for a Member to have items placed on a Board meeting agenda for consideration by all Members.

# Adjourn

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