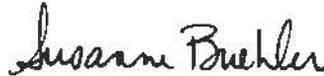


M e m o r a n d u m

To : Honorable Fiona Ma, CPA, Chairwoman
Honorable Diane L. Harkey, Vice Chair
Honorable George Runner, First District
Honorable Jerome E. Horton, Third District
Honorable Betty T. Yee, State Controller

Date : October 11, 2016

From : Susanne Buehler, Deputy Director
Business Tax and Fee Department



Subject : **2017 Emergency Telephone Users Surcharge Rate**
Board Meeting - October 25-27, 2016
Item P3 - Business Tax and Fee Deputy Director's Report

In accordance with sections 41030, 41031, and 41032 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) annually determines and notifies the Board of Equalization (BOE) of the Emergency Telephone User Surcharge (ETUS) rate. Once the rate is fixed by the Board and published in its meeting minutes, registered service suppliers will be notified.

OES is required by law to set the surcharge rate by October 1st of each year. OES is required to determine a rate that will produce sufficient revenue to cover anticipated expenditures to support the 9-1-1 emergency telephone program. The BOE received notification (copy attached) from the OES that the ETUS rate will remain unchanged at 0.75 percent for 2017. The rate will apply to charges for intrastate telephone communication and Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) services provided on or after January 1, 2017.

Please place this item on the Board's meeting agenda as an informational item.

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Attachment

cc: Ms. Genevieve Jopanda
Mr. Russell Lowery
Mr. Sean Wallentine
Ms. Kari Hammond
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Ms. Joann Richmond
Mr. Richard Parrott

Approved:



David J. Gau, Executive Director



September 15, 2016

Ms. Lisa Sherrod, Administrator
Board of Equalization
Special Taxes and Fees Division, MIC: 31
450 N Street
Sacramento, California 95814

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY TELEPHONE USERS SURCHARGE RATE FOR YEAR 2017

Dear Ms. Sherrod:

As stipulated by Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 41030 and 41031, the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) shall determine no later than October 1st annually, a surcharge rate that will produce sufficient revenues to fund the expenditures authorized in support of California's 9-1-1 program.

Based on revenue projections as defined in the Governor's budget and the State Emergency Telephone Number Account (SETNA) fund condition statement for Fiscal Year 2016-17, Cal OES recommends the SETNA surcharge remain at the current level of three-quarters of 1 percent (.0075), the maximum allowed by statute.

Should you require any additional information, please contact Mr. William D. Anderson, Acting Assistant Director, Public Safety Communications at William.Anderson@CalOES.ca.gov or 916-651-9482.

Sincerely,

MARK S. GHILARDUCCI
Director

cc: William D. Anderson, Acting Assistant Director, Public Safety Communications
Sofia Long Chief, California 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Branch

