

# Memorandum

To: Mr. Ramon J. Hirsig  
Executive Director

Date: September 19, 2008

From: David J. Gau, Deputy Director  
Property and Special Taxes Department



Subject: **2009 Emergency Telephone Users Surcharge Rate**  
(October 2008 Administrative Consent Agenda)

In Accordance with sections 41030, 41031, and 41032 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the Department of General Services (DGS) annually determines and notifies the Board of the surcharge rate estimated to produce sufficient revenue to fund the current year's statewide 911 program costs. Once the rate is fixed by the Board and published in its minutes, registered service suppliers are notified that the rate applies to charges for intrastate telephone communication services made on or after November 1.

Attached is the September 3, 2008 notification from DGS. It has determined that based on revenue projections and anticipated expenditures for the 2008-09 fiscal year, the current surcharge rate of 0.50 percent should be continued. I recommend the Board's concurrence with the continuation of the 0.50 percent surcharge rate for calendar year 2009.

With your approval, this item will be placed the Board's October 2008 Administrative Consent Calendar.

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Attachment

cc: Ms. Diane Olson  
Ms. Lynn Bartolo

Approved:

  
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Ramon J. Hirsig, Executive Director

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by EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE  
STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

**SURCHARGE RATE – STATE EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER ACCOUNT**

Dear Mr. Hirsig:

As stipulated by Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 41030 and 41031, the Department of General Services shall determine, no later than October 1 of each year, 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, existing reserves, and anticipated expenditures for the 2008/09 fiscal year, the Telecommunications Division is recommending the surcharge rate remain at the current level of 0.50 percent, the minimum allowed by statute.

If you require additional information, please contact Daphne Rhoe, Chief, California 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Office, at (916) 657-9911.

Sincerely,

GARY R. GROOTVELD  
Acting Deputy Director for Telecommunications

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cc: Lynn Bartolo, Chief, Excise Taxes and Fees Division, Board of Equalization  
Erika Sperbeck, Chief, Office of Fiscal Services, Department of General Services  
Daphne Rhoe, Chief, California 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Office