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BOE Chairman Jerome E. Horton Comments on Governor Brown's State of the State Address

Sacramento -- Board of Equalization (BOE) Chairman Jerome E. Horton issued the following statement on Governor Brown's State of the State address.

"California is finally emerging from its economic drought. The governor is right. Our attention must now be given to our thirsty state, and ways to manage and fairly distribute water to all parts of California.

"Improvements in transportation should also be a priority, as well as paying down our debt.

"It is gratifying to hear Governor Brown say he will be moving the state forward with regard to education, directing needed funds to the students who need it most -- our children in the poorest neighborhoods."

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Elected in 2010, Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the Fourth District Member of the California State Board of Equalization, representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the Board of Equalization's Legislative Committee Chairman. He is the first to serve on the Board of Equalization with over 21 years of experience at the BOE. Horton previously served as an Assembly Member of the California State Assembly from 2000-2006.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board of Equalization collects more than \$56 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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