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## **Barbara Alby Releases Butte County Assessment Practices Survey Report**

Barbara Alby, Acting Member of the Board of Equalization, today released the Butte County Assessment Practices Survey Report, which focuses on the quality of the 2008-09 Butte County assessment roll, consisting of 109,901 assessments representing approximately \$18.7 billion in value.

The Butte County Assessment Practices Survey Report finds that most properties in Butte County are assessed properly, and that the overall quality of the assessment roll meets state standards. In addition, the report notes seven recommendations for improvement to the Butte County Assessor's programs and includes the Butte County Assessor's response to the BOE's recommendations.

The 2010 Butte County Assessment Practices Survey Report can be viewed here:  
[www.boe.ca.gov/proptaxes/pdf/04apsr.pdf](http://www.boe.ca.gov/proptaxes/pdf/04apsr.pdf)

The BOE is the agency responsible for promoting statewide uniformity and consistency in property tax assessment, reviewing each county's property assessment practices and procedures once every five years and publishing an assessment practices survey report. The report provides an overview of how well the assessor's duties are performed and identifies where improvements should be made. Every assessor is required to identify and assess all properties located within the county – unless specifically exempt – and maintain a database or "roll" of the properties and their assessed values. If the assessor's roll meets state requirements, the county is allowed to recapture some administrative costs.

For more information on the BOE assessment practices survey program, visit:  
[www.boe.ca.gov/proptaxes/apscont.htm](http://www.boe.ca.gov/proptaxes/apscont.htm).

Barbara Alby, of Folsom, is the author of California's Megan's Law, alerting communities when sexual predators move into their neighborhood. She became Acting Board Member for the Second Equalization District in March, 2010. Prior to becoming Acting Member, she served as the Chief Deputy to Second District Board Member Bill Leonard. She also served in the State Assembly from 1993 to 1998, representing the Sacramento area.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$48 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](http://www.taxes.ca.gov).

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