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Assessment Practices Survey Report Released for Kern County

Barbara Alby, Acting Member of the State Board of Equalization (BOE), today released the Kern County Assessment Practices Survey Report. The report focuses on the quality of the 2008-09 Kern County assessment roll, consisting of 418,311 assessments representing approximately \$83 billion in value.

The Report states that most properties in Kern County are assessed properly, and that the overall quality of the assessment roll meets state standards. The survey report notes seven recommendations for improvement to the Kern County Assessor's programs and includes the Kern County Assessor's response to the BOE's recommendations. The [2010 Kern County Assessment Practices Survey Report](#) can be viewed on the BOE website, www.boe.ca.gov.

The BOE is the oversight agency for 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.

Barbara Alby, of Sacramento, 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 \$53 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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