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Board of Equalization Congratulates Retiring Executive Director, Deputy Director

Betty T. Yee, Chairwoman of the Board of Equalization, at a Sacramento board hearing today, congratulated retiring BOE Executive Director Ramon J. Hirsig (Ray) and Sales and Use Tax Department Deputy Director Randie L. Henry, thanking them for their service to the State of California and the Board of Equalization.

Hirsig, 64, has enjoyed a 33-year career with the Board of Equalization, beginning in 1977 as an auditor in the Van Nuys District and going on to serve in various positions at the BOE's Headquarters, including Chief of Valuation in the Property Taxes Department, Chief of Field Operations and then Deputy Director of the Sales and Use Tax Department. Mr. Hirsig was appointed by the Members of the Board in April 2004 as the BOE's 13th Executive Director.

"Ray has served the taxpayers of California honorably for 33 years and has been a responsible steward of BOE's tax programs in the 6 years he has served as our Executive Director," Chairwoman Yee said. "Ray, through his leadership, has overseen the implementation of major BOE programs to expand eservices and efilings, create better interagency partnerships, make the BOE environmentally friendlier, and develop new initiatives to more efficiently and effectively collect taxes."

Randie Henry began her 35-year state career in 1974 as a Clerk Typist at the State Compensation Insurance Fund. After transferring to the BOE in 1976, Ms. Henry advanced through the organization at BOE, holding various positions including Business Taxes Compliance Supervisor and Principal Compliance Supervisor. In 1998, Ms. Henry was appointed to the position of Business Tax Administrator III at the BOE's Oakland office, where she served until her appointment as Deputy Director of the BOE's Sales and Use Tax Department in 2004.

Chairwoman Betty T. Yee was elected to her post in November 2006. Her district includes many of California's coastal counties, from Del Norte to Santa Barbara, and includes the entire San Francisco Bay 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.

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