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Board of Equalization Announces the Appointments of Tax Policy Chief and Chief of Administrative Support Division

Jerome E. Horton, Chairman of the California State Board of Equalization, today announced that the Board appointed Ms. Susanne Buehler as Chief of the Tax Policy Division and Ms. Christine Demes as Chief of the Administrative Support Division. The Board made the appointments at yesterday's Sacramento meeting.

Ms. Buehler is a resident of Roseville and has been with the BOE for 19 years. She started with the BOE in 1989 through 1990 and returned to the BOE in 1993. She was previously a Business Taxes Administrator III in the Compliance and Technology Section of the Tax Policy Division. As a Business Taxes Administrator, Ms. Buehler has worked on a number of major projects including the implementation of eServices, the reorganization of the Tax Policy Division, and information technology governance. Ms. Buehler replaces former Chief Jeff McGuire, who is now the Sales and Use Tax Deputy Director.

Ms. Demes is a resident of Auburn and has been with the BOE since 2008. She has over 30 years of public service and was previously the Chief for the Examination, Workforce Planning and Transaction Branch in the Human Resources Division at the BOE. While in the Human Resources Division, Ms. Demes was responsible for the creation of the Workforce Planning Section and launched the BOE's Career Center. While working in the Administrative Support Division she has managed the headquarter building restoration project and continues to develop an organizational structure designed to achieve efficiencies and enhance customer service.

Elected in 2010, Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the Fourth District Member of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the BOE Legislative Committee chairman. Horton is the first African American to serve on the BOE since its inception in 1879, and the third African American constitutional officer in California's history. Horton previously served as an assemblymember from 2000-2006.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization 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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