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Board of Equalization Appoints New Chiefs for Legislative and Investigations Divisions

Sacramento - Jerome E. Horton, Chairman of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), announced that the Board appointed Michele Pielsticker as Legislative and Research Division Chief and Randy Silva as Investigations and Special Operations Division Chief.

“Both Michele Pielsticker and Randy Silva have distinguished themselves throughout their careers as legal and tax experts,” said Chairman Horton. “I congratulate them on their appointments and welcome their expertise and wise counsel to Board Members and the BOE staff.”

Michele Pielsticker was an attorney with Sutherland Asbill and Brennan’s State and Local Tax Practice Group. Prior to joining Sutherland, Ms. Pielsticker served as the Vice President and General Counsel for the California Taxpayers’ Association (CalTax), and senior tax consultant to the vice chair of the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee. She earned a law degree and a Bachelor of Arts with honors in International Relations from the University of California, Davis. Ms. Pielsticker, whose appointment takes effect December 1, 2012, replaces Margaret Shedd who retired this year as the Legislative and Research Division Chief.

Silva has more than 30 years of public service with the State of California and more than 17 years of tax compliance and administrative experience, with an emphasis on tax enforcement. He began his career with the Board of Equalization in 1995 as an Investigator and in 2004, was promoted to the position of Northern Area Administrator of Investigations. Since 2009 he has served as Assistant Chief of Investigations and his current appointment is effective immediately.

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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 \$53.7 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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