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### **George Runner Announces Emergency Relief in Plumas, Shasta and Tehama Counties Taxpayers Affected by Recent Wildfires May Qualify for One-Month Tax Extensions**

**Sacramento** – Homeowners, business owners and taxpayers impacted by the wildfires in Plumas, Shasta and Tehama counties may request relief for filing, audits, billing notices, assessments and penalties announced George Runner, Second District Member of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE).

“We want to do everything we can to help the victims of these fires,” said Runner. “If you’re a taxpayer who has been impacted by these fires, please don’t hesitate to call us for help.”

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. issued an emergency proclamation on August 22, 2012 for Plumas, Shasta and Tehama Counties following recent wildfires that have destroyed homes, threatened thousands of other structures and caused evacuations and road closures.

Emergency assistance for tax and fee payers may include extensions for filing returns and making payments, relief from interest and penalties, and expediting copies of BOE tax records. Tax or fee payers who cannot meet tax filing and payment deadlines as a result of the wildfires may apply for a one-month extension to file and/or pay taxes or fees in the following programs:

Sales and Use Taxes	Oil Spill Prevention Fee and Oil Spill Response Fee
Alcoholic Beverage Tax	Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Fee
Cigarettes and Tobacco Products Excise Taxes	Integrated Waste Management Fee
Energy Resources Surcharge	Occupational Lead Poisoning Prevention Fee
Emergency Telephone Users Surcharge	Electronic Waste Recycling (eWaste) Fee (CEDs)
Natural Gas Surcharge	Marine Invasive Species Fee (Ballast Water Management Fee)
Timber Yield Tax	California Tire Fee (Tire recycling fee)
Fuel Taxes (Diesel Fuel Tax, Interstate User Tax, Use Fuel Tax, Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax, Aircraft Jet Fuel )	Hazardous Substances Fees (Environmental Fee, Activity Fee, Generator Fee, Disposal Fee, Facility Fee)
Underground Storage Tank Maintenance Fee	Water Rights Fee

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Taxpayers and fee payers requesting extensions for filing, audits, billing notices, assessments and relief from subsequent penalties must fill out forms: [BOE 468, Request for Extension](#) and/or [BOE 27, Penalty and Interest Relief for Disaster Victims](#).

They must also include, with their returns, a signed statement stating the cause for the late filing, including specific information about how the wildfires impacted their ability to report the taxes in a timely manner.

Please note the relief program for Interstate User Tax under the International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) applies to California tax payments only. To waive interest and penalties for another jurisdiction, the BOE must receive written approval from that jurisdiction.

Individuals and/or businesses with taxable property damaged or destroyed by the emergency may be eligible for property tax relief. Any claim for property tax relief, including applications for reduced assessment, are available from, and must be filed with, the county assessor's office. For more information on property tax relief, please contact your local county assessor. A list of county assessors and their contact information is here: [www.boe.ca.gov/proptaxes/assessors.htm](http://www.boe.ca.gov/proptaxes/assessors.htm).

Business owners and fee payers who need to obtain copies of their BOE tax records will be able to receive replacements free of charge. They can call the Taxpayer Information Call Center at 800-400-7115 to request copies and to obtain additional information. It is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. They can also visit the BOE website at [www.boe.ca.gov](http://www.boe.ca.gov).

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Elected in November 2010, George Runner represents the State Board of Equalization's Second District. He is a leading advocate for California taxpayers. Runner has worked to improve California's tax policies and practices and to create and retain more private sector jobs in our state. Prior to his election to the Board, Runner served twelve years in the State Legislature, authoring the well-known California Amber Alert and California's Blue Alert. As a thoughtful conservative, his legislative priorities included improving the economy, business growth, education excellence, and public safety for all Californians. As a member of the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee, Runner consistently led the fight against tax increases and supported tax relief for families and businesses.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$50 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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