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Board of Equalization Appoints Research and Statistics Manager

Sacramento – The California State Board of Equalization (BOE) announced that the Board appointed Joe Fitz as Research and Statistics Manager at its May 22, 2013 meeting. Mr. Fitz’s appointment is effective immediately.

“Joe Fitz has distinguished himself throughout his career at BOE, and we depend on his expertise as our chief economist,” said BOE Chairman Jerome E. Horton. “We congratulate Joe on his appointment, and look forward to his leadership in his new position.”

Mr. Fitz has served as Chief Economist for the BOE for 19 years. He previously served as an economist for the California Research Bureau, the California Commission on State Finance, and the Department of Water Resources. Mr. Fitz received both his Master’s and Bachelor’s degrees in agricultural economics from the University of California, Davis.

As the Research and Statistics Manager at BOE, Mr. Fitz reports directly to Legislative and Research Division Chief Michele Pielsticker.

The Research and Statistics section provides economic and revenue forecasting, and researches complex tax questions for legislative proposals and analyses, in addition to ensuring accurate projections and public accountability.

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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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