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Board of Equalization Appoints Chief Deputy Director and Deputy Director of Administration

Sacramento – The California State Board of Equalization (BOE) announced that the Board appointed David Gau as Chief Deputy Director and Edna Murphy as the Deputy Director of the Administration Department at its May 22, 2014 meeting.

“Mr. Gau and Ms. Murphy have distinguished themselves throughout their careers, and their wealth of knowledge and experience are exactly what we need to help our customers and small businesses succeed in California,” said BOE Chairman Jerome E. Horton. “We congratulate Mr. Gau and Ms. Murphy on their appointments, and applaud them for their continued outstanding service to the state of California.”

David Gau has served as Deputy Director of the BOE’s Property and Special Taxes Department since he was appointed in 2001. Prior to serving as Deputy Director, he served as a Principal Property Appraiser and then Chief in the BOE County-Assessed Properties Division since 1999. Mr. Gau also served as an analyst and manager in the Legislative Division from 1988-1998, and as an auditor with the BOE Sales and Use Tax Department from 1981-1987. Mr. Gau is a licensed Certified Public Accountant, a Certified Property Tax Appraiser and has a bachelor’s degree in accounting from San Diego State University. As the Chief Deputy Director, Mr. Gau reports to Executive Director Cynthia Bridges. His appointment is effective immediately.

Edna Murphy has served as BOE’s Chief Fiscal Officer since 2012, where she’s been responsible for managing BOE’s \$562-million budget and revenue collections of \$56 billion. Ms. Murphy has 20 years of state service managing fiscal accountability. She earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration with a focus on accounting from California State University, Sacramento and a master’s in business administration from the University of Phoenix. Ms. Murphy will report to Chief Deputy Director David Gau. Her appointment is effective immediately. Ms. Murphy replaces Liz Houser, who is retiring.

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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.

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