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### **THREAT OF EXPOSURE NETS \$300,000 IN PAST DUE SALES TAX**

After notifying taxpayers that the names of the largest tax debtors would soon be made public, the Board of Equalization announced today that at least one taxpayer has already come forward to pay.

A list of the largest sales and use tax unpaid delinquencies will be posted on the BOE website in late April. Nearly 300 taxpayers who collectively owe \$269 million were notified earlier this month and given 30 days to pay or make payment arrangements.

One Southern California taxpayer has already contacted the BOE and paid approximately \$300,000 in sales tax to keep from being listed as one of the largest sales tax debtors in the state.

The other taxpayers who have been notified they could be included in the list owe between \$285,000 and \$17 million each.

This activity is done under a new law, AB1418, which requires the BOE to post the 250 largest delinquencies over \$100,000. The list will be updated quarterly.

The law requires the BOE to remove names of taxpayers whose debts are being appealed, litigated, involved in bankruptcy proceedings, have otherwise been paid or an installment payment agreement has been reached.

The five-member Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board collects nearly \$53 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 plays a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes.

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