

## Memorandum

**To** : Honorable Jerome E. Horton, Chairman  
Senator George Runner, First District  
Honorable Fiona Ma, CPA, Second District  
Honorable Diane L. Harkey, Fourth District  
Honorable Betty T. Yee, State Controller

**Date** : October 13, 2015



**From** : Lynn Bartolo, Acting Deputy Director  
Special Taxes and Fees Department

**Subject** : **2016 Emergency Telephone Users Surcharge Rate**  
**October 27, 2015 Board Meeting**  
**Item P3 - Special Taxes and Fees Deputy Director's Report**

In accordance with sections 41030, 41031, and 41032 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) annually determines and notifies the Board of Equalization (BOE) of the Emergency Telephone User Surcharge (ETUS) rate. Once the rate is fixed by the Board and published in its meeting minutes, registered service suppliers will be notified.

OES is required by law to set the surcharge rate by October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. OES is required to determine a rate that will produce sufficient revenue to cover anticipated expenditures to support the 9-1-1 emergency telephone program. The BOE received notification (copy attached) from the OES that the ETUS rate will remain unchanged at 0.75 percent for 2016. The rate will apply to charges for intrastate telephone communication services provided on or after January 1, 2016.

Please place this item on the Board's meeting agenda as an informational item.

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### Attachment

cc: Ms. Shellie Hughes  
Ms. Kari Hammond  
Mr. Sean Wallentine  
Mr. Jim Kuhl  
Mr. Russell Lowery  
Ms. Yvette Stowers  
Ms. Joann Richmond  
Mr. Richard Parrott

Approved:



Cynthia Bridges, Executive Director

BOARD APPROVED  
at the \_\_\_\_\_ Board Meeting  
**BOARD ACTION NOT REQUIRED**  
Joann Richmond, Chief  
Board Proceedings Division



September 18, 2015

Ms. Lisa Sherrod, Administrator  
Board of Equalization  
Special Taxes and Fees Division, MIC: 31  
450 N Street  
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Emergency Telephone Users Surcharge Rate for Fiscal Year 2015-16

Dear Ms. Sherrod:

As stipulated by Revenue and Taxation Code sections 41030 and 41031, the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) shall determine no later than October 1st of each year, a surcharge rate that will produce sufficient revenues to fund the expenditures authorized in support of California's 9-1-1 program.

Based on revenue projections for Fiscal Year 2015-16 as defined in the Governor's Budget and the State Emergency Telephone Number Account (SETNA) fund condition statement, Ca IOES, recommends the SETNA surcharge remain at the current level of three-quarters of 1 percent (.0075), the maximum allowed by statute.

If you require additional information, please contact William Anderson, (Interim) Branch Manager, of the California 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Branch at (916) 657-9911.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark S. Ghilarducci". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

MARK S. GHILARDUCCI  
Director

cc: Karen Wong, Assistant Director, Public Safety Communications  
William Anderson, (Interim) Branch Manager, California 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Branch