

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 1st 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