STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING
Teleconference
October 20-21, 2020
NOTICE AND AGENDA
Meeting Agenda (as of 10/19/2020, 5:30 PM)

Tuesday, October 20, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

The BOE is actively monitoring the continuing developments surrounding the threat of the COVID-19 virus. We are guided by the following goals: (1) to protect the health of the public and our employees; (2) to help slow the spread of the virus in California and the nation; (3) to ensure the continuity of the work of the agency; and (4) to ensure all measures taken are in line with guidelines from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the California Department of Public Health, and the Governor’s Emergency Declarations.

In line with guidelines issued by the Department of Public Health, the Board is taking proactive measures to enable Board Members and the public to safely continue the work of the agency at public meetings while minimizing face-to-face interactions. During this time, BOE will be utilizing teleconference interaction tools for its meetings, consistent with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (issued March 17, 2020; see Full Text Here).

In accordance with this guidance, this Board Meeting will occur remotely, with no physical Board Meeting location. Board Members will attend remotely. The public will be able to call in to hear the meeting telephonically or view the live webcast.

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The BOE strongly encourages virtual participation from any interested party. Additional information and updates related to this meeting will be provided on www.boe.ca.gov/meetings/info-102020.htm as they become available.
10:00 a.m.  Pledge of Allegiance
Board Meeting Convenes*

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There are no items for the following:
A.  Special Taxes Appeals Hearings
B.  Property Tax Appeals Hearings

C.  Public Hearings
1.  Proposed Amendments to Property Tax Rule 202 +........................... Mr. Lin

Public hearing regarding proposed amendments to Property Tax Rule 202, Allocation of Aircraft of Certificated Air Carriers and Scheduled Air Taxi Operators, to certify emergency Rule 202, which establishes a new allocation formula and the “lead county” system, and requires an audit and the issue of “California Standard Flight Times.”

D.  Tax Program Nonappearance Matters – Consent
(Contribution Disclosure forms not required pursuant to Gov. Code, § 15626.)

1.  Special Taxes Matters
There are no items for this matter.

2.  Property Tax Matters ................................................................. Mr. McCool
   ➢ Petitions for Penalty Abatement on Unitary Value
     a.  Trans Bay Cable LLC (0119), 1064085 ‘CF’
     b.  Horizon West Transmission, LLC (0161), 1064091 ‘CF’
     c.  China Unicom (Americas) Operations, Ltd. (2807), 1064119 ‘CF’
     d.  GoDaddy.com, LLC (8113), 1064084 ‘CF’
     e.  LCB Communications, LLC (8214), 1064086 ‘CF’

3.  Legal Appeals Property Tax Matters
There are no items for this matter.
E. **Tax Program Nonappearance Matters – Adjudicatory**  
(Contribution Disclosure forms required pursuant to Gov. Code, § 15626.)

There are no items for this matter.

1. Special Tax Matters
2. Property Tax Matters

3. Legal Appeals Property Tax Matters
   - Petitions for Reassessment and Penalty Abatement on Audit Escaped Assessments
     - U.S. TelePacific dba TPx Communications (7757), 1064083, 1064104, 1064105, 1064106 ‘CF’

F. Other Tax Program Nonappearance Matters
   There are no items for this matter.

**Chief Counsel Matters**

There are no items for the following:

G. Rulemaking
H. Property and Special Taxes

I. **Other Chief Counsel Matters**
   This matter is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21, 2020.

**Administrative Session**

Items that appear under these matters provide information to the Members and may require Board action or direction.

J. **Administrative Consent Agenda**  
(Contribution Disclosure forms not required pursuant to Gov. Code, § 15626.)

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes
   - August 18-19, 2020 +

K. **Other Administrative Matters**

1. Executive Director’s Report
   - Ms. Fleming
     a. Organizational Update
        Report on the status of pending and upcoming organizational issues.
     b. Operational Priorities & Projects
        - Ms. Renati
        Report on the status of operational priorities and agency projects.
2. Chief Counsel Report................................................................. Mr. Nanjo
   a. 2020 Property Tax Appeals Report
      Brief report on the general status of the 2020 State Assessed Property Tax Division appeals.

3. Property Tax Deputy Director’s Report ................................. Mr. Yeung
   a. Operational Updates
      Report on the status of pending and upcoming projects, activities and departmental issues.

4. Legislative, Research & Statistics Division Chief’s Report....... Mr. Durham
   a. Update on Legislative Issues
      Update on legislative bills impacting the BOE, both administrative and program related.

5. Taxpayers’ Rights Advocate Office’s Report......................... Ms. Thompson
   a. Taxpayers’ Rights Advocate Office Update
      Update on activities of the Taxpayers’ Rights Advocate Office.

6. Other Administrative Matters
   There are no items for this matter.

There are no items for the following:
L. Board Member Requested Matters
M. Public Policy Hearings

N. **Public Comment on Matters Not on the Agenda**
   Persons who wish to address the Board of Equalization regarding items not on the agenda may do so under this item on the agenda. Please note that the Board cannot take action on items not on the agenda. However, the Board can schedule issues raised by the public for consideration at future meetings.

O. Closed Session
   There are no items for these matters.
AA. Annual Board Meeting with County Assessors

1. Greetings and Introductory Remarks by each Board Member

2. County Assessors Address Conferees— Recap of 2020 and Priorities for 2021

   Speakers: Hon. Don Gaekle, President, California Assessor’s Association (CAA); and Stanislaus County Assessor Hon. Ernest J. Dronenburg, Jr., President-Elect, CAA; and San Diego County Assessor-Recorder-Clerk

Recess - The meeting will reconvene on Wednesday, October 21, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.

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BB.  COVID-19 County Boards of Equalization / Assessment Appeals Boards Collaborative Workgroup: Consensus Guidance/Letters to Assessor

1.  AAB Remote Hearings: Consensus Guidance +.......................... Mr. Vazquez / Ms. Cohen

Update on the Impact of COVID-19 on Property Tax Administration: County Boards of Equalization / Assessment Appeals Boards Remote Hearings, and presentation of the Workgroup’s findings and recommendations for discussion and possible Board action on consensus guidance on procedural and due process issues in remote hearings, the submission of evidence, technical steps to ensure audio/visual continuity and equal access, the protection of the rights of all parties, and the potential issuance of a Letter to Assessor.

CC.  Workforce Planning Workgroup Stakeholder Meeting

1.  Workgroup’s Findings and Recommendations +......................... Mr. Vazquez

Presentation of the Workforce Planning Workgroup’s findings and recommendations for discussion and possible action.
Chief Counsel Matters
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I. Other Chief Counsel Matters

1. Board Governance, Part 2 + .............................................................. Mr. Nanjo

    Proposed amendments of the Board Members’ Governance Policy, Mission Statement, and commitment to strong governance, based on last month’s annual review.

Adjourn

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10/12/20 | BB1 | AAB Remote Hearings: Consensus Guidance | Material Added
10/13/20 | J1 | Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: August 18-19, 2020 | Material Added
10/16/20 | I1 | Board Governance, Part 2 | Material Added
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