



State Board of Equalization

News Release

Vice Chairwoman Betty T. Yee

1st District – San Francisco

Ramon J. Hirsig
Executive Director
www.boe.ca.gov

For Immediate Release
May 7, 2008

Contact: NR 27-08-Y
Anita Gore
916-327-8988

Betty T. Yee Releases Assessment Practices Survey for Monterey County

Betty T. Yee, Vice Chairwoman of the Board of Equalization (BOE), today released the Monterey County 2008 Assessment Practices Survey Report. As the agency responsible for promoting statewide uniformity and consistency in property tax assessment, the BOE reviews each county's property assessment practices and procedures once every five years.

The report provides an overview of how well the assessor's duties are performed and identifies where improvements should be made. Every assessor is required to identify and assess all properties located within the county - unless specifically exempt - and maintain a database or "roll" of the properties and their assessed values. If the assessor's roll meets state requirements, the county is allowed to recapture some administrative costs.

The BOE's Monterey County Assessment Practices Survey Report focused on the quality of the 2006-07 Monterey County assessment roll, which contained about 146,200 assessments totaling about \$46.43 billion in value. The report found that most of the properties in Monterey County are assessed properly, and that the overall quality of the assessment roll meets state standards. The report also found that the Monterey County Assessor has improved overall effectiveness and operation with a major commitment to technology. The Assessor has established shared databases with various other county agencies to improve transmittal of data and implemented an imaging program to improve access to data and reduce storage cost.

The Monterey County Assessment Practices Survey Report contains recommendations that include the timely completion of audits of business property accounts that are mandatory every four years which, with the addition of another auditor appraiser on staff, should be at current status by the end of the 2008-09 auditing season.

Vice Chairwoman Betty T. Yee was elected to her post in November 2006. Her district includes many of California's coastal counties, from Del Norte to Santa Barbara, and includes the entire San Francisco Bay Area.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$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 serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes.

Click [here](#) to view the 2008 Monterey County Assessment Practices Survey Report

###