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## **Betty T. Yee Releases the Sonoma County Assessment Practices Survey Report**

Betty T. Yee, Chairwoman of the Board of Equalization (BOE), today released the Sonoma County 2010 Assessment Practices Survey Report on the quality of the 2009-10 Sonoma County assessment roll, consisting of 215,979 assessments representing approximately \$68.3 billion in value.

The Sonoma County Assessment Practices Survey Report states that most properties in Sonoma County are assessed properly, and that the overall quality of the assessment roll meets state standards. The report notes three recommendations for improvement to the Sonoma County Assessor's current policies and procedures and includes a response from the Sonoma County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor that agrees with all of the BOE's recommendations. The 2010 [Sonoma County Assessment Practices Survey Report](http://www.boe.ca.gov/proptaxes/pdf/49apsr1010.pdf) is available online at: [www.boe.ca.gov/proptaxes/pdf/49apsr1010.pdf](http://www.boe.ca.gov/proptaxes/pdf/49apsr1010.pdf).

The BOE is the agency responsible for promoting statewide uniformity and consistency in property tax assessment, reviewing each county's property assessment practices and procedures once every five years and publishing an assessment practices survey report. 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. More information on the BOE assessment practices survey program can be found online at: [www.boe.ca.gov/proptaxes/apscont.htm](http://www.boe.ca.gov/proptaxes/apscont.htm).

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 (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$48 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. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit [www.taxes.ca.gov](http://www.taxes.ca.gov).

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