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# News Release

**Vice Chairperson Jerome E. Horton**

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## **BOE to Enhance Tax Compliance Through New Resources**

Jerome Horton, Vice Chair of the Board of Equalization today announced that the BOE will begin addressing growth in the number of audit leads and enhancing collection efforts through new resources provided in the 2010-11 budget. This effort is expected to bring an additional \$13.6 million to the State General Fund, with the addition of 98 staff. Accelerated and new General Fund revenues are expected to be \$62.2 million in 2011-12 and \$81.2 million in 2012-13.

Specifically, the new effort will improve tax compliance through:

- Increasing the sales and use tax collection staff to address the increase in the number of accounts receivable cases
- Providing resources to contract with out of state attorneys to collect liabilities from out of state debtors
- Increasing the special taxes and fees auditing staff to address increased workload and concentrate on return schedule matching from alcoholic beverage taxpayers
- Participating in the High Intensity Financial Crimes Area (HIFCA) task force and enhancing the BOE enforcement program
- Establishing a Southern California Appeals and Settlement Unit to address significant, sustained increases in appeals and settlement cases filed by taxpayers in order to accelerate the associated revenues to the General Fund and to further educate taxpayers and the public as to reporting and compliance requirements for California businesses

“These new resources will help us better enforce the tax laws on the books and go after those who purposely evade the law,” said Horton.

The BOE will immediately begin the process of hiring the appropriate staff to accomplish these tasks. More information regarding careers at BOE can be found at [www.boe.ca.gov](http://www.boe.ca.gov).

Vice Chairperson Jerome E. Horton is the 4<sup>th</sup> District Member of the BOE, representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the BOE Legislative Committee chairperson. Horton is the first African American to serve on the BOE since its inception in 1879, and the third African American constitutional officer in California’s history. Horton was appointed by the Governor and confirmed by both the Assembly and the Senate in 2009. Horton previously served as an Assembly member from 2000-2006.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization 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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