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BOE Chairman Jerome E. Horton Announces Key Executive Team Appointments

Board Appoints Executive Director, Chief Information Officer, Chief Technology Officer, and CROS Project Director

Jerome E. Horton, Chairman of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), today announced that the Board met in closed session at its most recent Sacramento meeting and made several key executive team appointments.

The Board appointed Ms. Kristine Cazadd as Executive Director, beginning October 1, 2011. The Board is seeking to recruit a permanent Executive Director. The Board also appointed Ms. Brenda J. Fleming as Chief Information Officer, Ms. Amy Tong as Chief Technology Officer, and Mr. Eric Steen as Centralized Revenue Opportunity System (CROS) Project Director.

Kristine Cazadd, of Sutter Creek, has served in state government for over 20 years, and was the BOE's Chief Counsel from 2005 through 2010. She was previously appointed to serve as Interim Executive Director beginning October 1, 2010, and her appointment to Executive Director is effective October 1, 2011. As Executive Director, Cazadd will direct the activities of approximately 4,000 agency employees.

Brenda Fleming, of Sacramento, was Deputy Director of the Legislative Data Center since August 2003, where she developed strategic, technology, and program policies supporting the Members and leadership of the California State Senate and Assembly. Previously, Ms. Fleming was Director of the California State Assembly's Computer Services Division. Ms. Fleming assumes her new role effective September 26, 2011.

Amy Tong, of Elk Grove, was Assistant Division Chief of Technology Services and Support Division for the Public Employee Retirement System (CalPERS) since April 2009. Previously, Ms. Tong was Acting Chief Information Officer at California's Water Resources Control Board. Ms. Tong will begin serving as BOE's Chief Technology Officer October 14, 2011.

Eric Steen, of Sacramento, has worked for Trinity Technology Group since February of 2001, where he led the development of applications for the California Department of Water Resources and CalPERS. Previously, Mr. Steen had worked in application and systems development for Deloitte Consulting. Mr. Steen will begin his new position November 1, 2011.

The BOE is recruiting for a permanent Executive Director. A bulletin containing specifics about the position and the recruitment process will be posted on the BOE website at www.boe.ca.gov in the coming weeks.

Elected in 2010, Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the Fourth District Member of the California State Board of Equalization, representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the Board of Equalization Legislative Committee chairman. He is the first to serve on the Board of Equalization with over 21 years

of experience at the BOE. Horton previously served as an Assembly Member of the California State Assembly from 2000-2006.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board of Equalization collects more than \$50 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.

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