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Betty T. Yee Releases Assessment Practices Survey Report for San Mateo County

Betty T. Yee, First District Member of the Board of Equalization (BOE), today released the San Mateo County Assessment Practices Survey Report. The report focuses on the quality of the 2008-09 San Mateo County assessment roll, consisting of 238,972 assessments representing approximately \$143 billion in value.

The San Mateo County Assessment Practices Survey Report states that most properties in San Mateo County are assessed properly, and that the overall quality of the assessment roll meets state standards. The Report notes ten recommendations for improvement to the San Mateo County Assessor's programs and includes the San Mateo County Assessor's response to the BOE's recommendations. To view the 2011 San Mateo County Assessment Practices Survey Report, visit: <http://www.boe.ca.gov/proptaxes/pdf/41apsr0211.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.

For more information on the BOE assessment practices survey program, visit:
www.boe.ca.gov/proptaxes/apscont.htm.

Board Member Betty T. Yee was elected to her post in November 2006. She is the Immediate Past Chairwoman representing the First Equalization District. 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.

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