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**Board of Equalization to Assist Taxpayers Impacted by Ponderosa Fire**  
**See Whether You Qualify for Tax Relief or Extensions**

**Sacramento** – The [Board of Equalization](#) (BOE) is reaching out to taxpayers affected by the devastating Ponderosa Fire in Tehama County. BOE staff from our [Redding office](#) will be available to assist taxpayers impacted by the recent wildfires on Thursday, September 6 at the Tehama County Local Assistance Center (LAC).

“BOE staff will do all it can if you lost your home, property, or tax records in these crippling wildfires,” said George Runner, Second District Member of BOE. “If you’re in need of extensions, copies of your records, or relief from interest and penalties, please visit BOE staff at the LAC or if you are unable to attend, give us a call.”

Taxpayers in Tehama, Plumas, and Shasta Counties may be eligible for extensions on tax filings, audits, billing notices, and assessments, and relief from penalties and interest because of the [Governor’s State of Emergency Proclamation](#) on August 22. BOE staff will have the necessary forms and answer taxpayers’ questions about completing and submitting them.

BOE is one of several state agencies that will staff the LAC to help those who may have lost important tax and other documents, or who may need assistance with rebuilding their homes, businesses, or properties.

**Event: Tehama County Local Assistance Center (LAC)**

**Date: Thursday, September 6, 2012**

**Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**Place: Manton Volunteer Fire Station**  
**31200 Manton Road**  
**Manton, CA 96059**

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Those unable to visit the LAC will find the [BOE 468, Request for Extension of Time to File a Tax Return](#) or [BOE 735, Request for Relief from Penalty, Collection Cost Recovery Fee, and/or Interest](#) on BOE's website. To request mailed copies of these forms, call our Taxpayer Information Section at 800-400-7115, weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, except state holidays.

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Elected in November 2010, George Runner represents the State Board of Equalization's Second District. He is a leading advocate for California taxpayers. Runner has worked to improve California's tax policies and practices and to create and retain more private sector jobs in our state. Prior to his election to the Board, Runner served twelve years in the State Legislature, authoring the well-known California Amber Alert and California's Blue Alert. As a thoughtful conservative, his legislative priorities included improving the economy, business growth, education excellence, and public safety for all Californians. As a member of the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee, Runner consistently led the fight against tax increases and supported tax relief for families and businesses.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE 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](http://www.taxes.ca.gov).

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