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Tax Relief Available for Business Owners Affected by Fires in Riverside County

Sacramento – Business owners and feepayers impacted by the wildfire in Riverside County, as discussed in the [Proclamation of a State of Emergency](#), may request an extension to file their returns, relief of penalties and/or interest from some taxes and fees, or to replace copies of records lost to damage, announced the California State Board of Equalization.

“We are grateful for the hard work and dedication of our firefighters, and understand how difficult it is for those who have lost homes and property,” said Board of Equalization Vice Chair Michelle Steel. “Taxes are the last thing people should worry about at a time like this and we are here to help.”

Requesting Relief

Tax and feepayers can go [online](#) to request relief from penalty and/or interest, and an extension of time to file a tax/fee return. Any tax or fee payer can use the online system to make their request for the tax and fee programs listed below.



Those without Internet access may call the BOE customer service center at 1-800-400-7115 (TTY: 711), Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Pacific Time).

Sales and Use Taxes	Oil Spill Prevention Fee and Oil Spill Response Fee
Fire Prevention Fee	Lumber Assessment Fee
Alcoholic Beverage Tax	Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Fee
Cigarettes and Tobacco Products Excise Taxes	Integrated Waste Management Fee
Energy Resources Surcharge	Occupational Lead Poisoning Prevention Fee
Emergency Telephone Users Surcharge	Electronic Waste Recycling (eWaste) Fee
Natural Gas Surcharge	Marine Invasive Species Fee (Ballast Water Management Fee)

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Timber Yield Tax	California Tire Fee (Tire recycling fee)
Fuel Taxes (Diesel Fuel Tax, Interstate User Tax, Use Fuel Tax, Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax, Aircraft Jet Fuel)	Hazardous Substances Fees (Environmental Fee, Activity Fee, Generator Fee, Disposal Fee, Facility Fee)
Underground Storage Tank Maintenance Fee	Water Rights Fee

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Elected to the Board of Equalization in 2006 and re-elected in 2010, Michelle Steel serves as *Southern California's elected taxpayer advocate*. In December 2007, Steel discovered the Board of Equalization had delayed the return of millions of dollars in security deposits owed to California businesses. Procedures were changed due to Steel's decisive leadership. Following her investigation, the tax agency refunded tax security deposits to over 5,500 small businesses. To date, over \$100 million in security deposits have been returned to taxpayers.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board of Equalization collects more than \$53.7 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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