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## **Local Assistance Centers Help Residents Recover from Napa Earthquake**

**Sacramento** – The California State Board of Equalization (BOE) will be providing assistance at Local Assistance Centers for residents and business owners affected by the earthquake in the counties of Napa and Solano, announced BOE Member Betty T. Yee. BOE staff will be available to answer questions about BOE tax and fee programs and assist taxpayers who want to request relief from penalties and/or interest or an extension of time to file a tax/fee return.

“Residents and businesses face a challenging recovery from this devastating earthquake,” said Ms. Yee. “We are pleased to assist with disaster recovery efforts for these communities.”

**Event:** Local Assistance Centers for Napa and Solano County Residents

**Date:** Friday, October 31, 2014 – Friday, November 7, 2014

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Place:** Napa Local Assistance Center  
301 First Street  
Napa, CA 94559

Solano-Vallejo Disaster Recovery Center  
1155 Capital Street  
Vallejo, CA 94590

Spanish language assistance is available.

BOE is one of several state agencies that will staff the Local Assistance Center to help those who may have lost important tax and other documents or who may need assistance with rebuilding their homes or business properties. The response to the earthquake has been a local, state and federal effort. On August 24, 2014, Governor Brown issued an [emergency proclamation](#) for the state of California due to the effects of a 6.1 magnitude earthquake in Napa Valley and continued aftershocks that have damaged critical infrastructure, homes and other structures and caused fires and the closure of roads and highways. On September 11, 2014, President Obama signed a California [disaster declaration](#) and ordered federal aid to supplement state, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by the earthquake during the period of August 24 to September 7, 2014.

Those unable to visit the Local Assistance Center can go [online](#) to request relief from penalties and/or interest or an extension of time to file a tax/fee return. Any tax or feepayer can use the online system to make their request for the tax and fee programs listed below. Tax and feepayers may also call the BOE Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-800-400-7115 (TTY: 711), Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Pacific time), for assistance.

Taxes and Fees Administered by the Board of Equalization	
Sales and Use Taxes	Oil Spill Prevention and Administration Fee; Oil Spill Response Fee
Fire Prevention Fee	Lumber Assessment
Alcoholic Beverage Taxes	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)
Timber Yield Tax	California Tire 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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Board Member Betty T. Yee was elected to her post in November 2006. Her district includes many of California's coastal counties, from Del Norte to Santa Barbara, and includes the entire San Francisco Bay Area. Ms. Yee previously served as Chief Deputy Director for Budget at the California Department of Finance, covering a wide array of state and local finance policy matters.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects \$56 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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