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BOE Announces Emergency Tax Relief Available for Business Owners Affected by Severe Winter Storms

Sacramento – Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. issued an emergency [proclamation](#) extending relief to Marin, Mendocino, San Mateo, and Ventura counties due to the effects of recent severe winter storms that damaged homes and businesses, and caused the closure of some roads and highways.

Relief is being offered by the Board of Equalization. Business owners and fee payers impacted by the storms may request an extension to file their returns, relief from penalties and/or interest for some taxes and fees, or to replace copies of records lost or damaged, announced California State Board of Equalization (BOE).

Requesting Relief

“Tax and fee payers can go [online](#) to request relief from penalties or interest, and an extension of time to file a tax or fee return,” said BOE Chairman Jerome E. Horton. “Any tax or fee payer can use the online system to make their request for the tax and fee programs listed below.”

BOE customers may also call the 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.

“Our sympathy goes out to those who have lost homes and property,” said Board of Equalization Member George Runner. “We want to help taxpayers who have been impacted by these recent storms.”

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

The Franchise Tax Board (FTB) is also ready to assist taxpayers in any hardship situation. For detailed information on installment arrangements or their *Disaster Loss – How to Claim a State Tax Deduction* publication, taxpayers can go to www.ftb.ca.gov or call the FTB Assistance Line at 1-800-852-5711 (TTY: 800-822-6268), Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Pacific Time), except holidays.

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.

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