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## **BOE LOOKS FOR PUBLIC INPUT ON “TAX GAP” PLAN**

The Board of Equalization recently directed staff to hold meetings with interested parties in Northern and Southern California to discuss ideas on a plan to address the “Tax Gap,” or the amount of unpaid taxes owed to the state each year.

BOE estimates that about four percent of the business taxes owed go unreported each year, including \$2 billion in sales and use tax. Some of that money goes unpaid because of tax evasion, but much is never reported because taxpayers are simply unaware of their liabilities.

Next week, BOE staff will hold two meetings (see times and locations below) to receive public comment about proposals contained in a draft plan presented earlier this year.

### **Culver City**

July 30, 2007, 1 to 4:00 p.m

Board of Equalization, 5901 Green Valley Circle, Suite 200, Room 207

### **Sacramento**

July 31, 2007, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m

Board of Equalization; 450 N Street, Room 121

For more information or a copy of the draft plan, visit the Board’s [“Tax Gap”](#) page online.

The five-member Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board collects nearly \$53 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 plays a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes.

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