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BETTY T. YEE ANNOUNCES TAX ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO WILDFIRE VICTIMS

Betty T. Yee, Chairwoman of the State Board of Equalization (BOE), announced a new webpage on the BOE website with frequently asked questions (FAQ) to help taxpayers, fee payers, and businesses find easily accessible tax relief information. The new webpage offers valuable information to those who have suffered damage or significant economic loss as a result of the southern California wildfires in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties.

“If business records were lost in the wildfires, we can help recreate them. If taxes are due at the end of this month, but taxpayers are unable to file due to the disaster, we can help them to file an extension,” said Chairwoman Yee. “We will do everything we can to help answer questions for taxpayers with fire related difficulties.”

The FAQ contains information such as how to file an extension and who to contact with questions, as well as resources for those individuals and businesses that need assistance as a result of the Southern California wildfires. The FAQ is available on the BOE website:

Disaster Relief - Southern California Fires, October 2007: http://www.boe.ca.gov/info/disaster_relief_faq.htm

Chairwoman 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.

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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