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**KRISTINE CAZADD APPOINTED  
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION CHIEF COUNSEL**

Ramon J. Hirsig, Executive Director of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), today announced the Board Members' recent appointment of Kristine Cazadd to Chief Counsel of the agency.

As a member of the Executive Team, Ms. Cazadd will plan, organize and direct the agency's legal program. Ms. Cazadd's responsibilities will include reviewing the work of the Board's legal staff and acting as legal advisor to the elected Board Members and agency management on legislation, regulations, litigation, administrative tax appeals, settlements, offers in compromise, criminal tax evasion and fraud matters, and other matters.

"Ms. Cazadd brings valuable experience to her new position, with over 12 years of service with BOE, a long history of public service, and a broad range of experience," said Hirsig.

Prior to her appointment to Chief Counsel, Ms. Cazadd served as assistant chief counsel for BOE's Property Taxes, Legal Department. Additional Board-related positions include Supervising Tax Counsel III, Property Tax Section, Senior Tax Counsel III, Property Tax Specialist, and Staff Tax Counsel II, Property Taxes Section.

Ms. Cazadd received her J.D. at the University of Santa Clara School of Law.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board, and is comprised of Betty T. Yee of San Francisco, Acting Member, First District; Bill Leonard of Sacramento/Ontario, Second District; Claude Parrish of Long Beach, Third District; Chair John Chiang of Los Angeles, Fourth District; and State Controller Steve Westly.

The Board collects nearly \$42 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and also plays a significant role in the assessment and administration of property tax.

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