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**KAREN JOHNSON APPOINTED DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
OF BOE'S ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT**

Ramon J. Hirsig, Executive Director of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE) today announced the Board Members' recent appointment of Karen Johnson to Deputy Director of BOE's Administration Department.

Ms. Johnson will manage and direct the functions of BOE's Administration Department, which includes Administrative Support, Financial Management, Personnel Management, Policy, Planning and Evaluation, and Technology Services. As a member of the Executive Team, she will advise the Executive Director and elected Board Members, work with State agencies on administrative policy, and testify before the Legislature on budget issues.

"With 19 years of public and private sector service, Ms. Johnson brings a wealth of valuable experience to her position at BOE," said Hirsig.

Prior to this appointment, Ms. Johnson served as the Director of Administrative Services for the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) and was responsible for all administration activities including management of a \$300 million budget. She was previously appointed as Executive Director of the State Board of Food and Agriculture, and as the Special Assistant to the CDFA Cabinet Secretary. Ms. Johnson has also served at the Department of Rehabilitation, the U.S. Defense Department's Contract Audit Agency, and in the private sector.

Ms. Johnson is a graduate of Saint Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri, where she majored in Business Administration and Accounting. She is also a licensed Certified Public Accountant (CPA).

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 more than \$44 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It also acts as the appellate body for business tax appeals, franchise and personal income tax appeals, and plays a significant role in the assessment and administration of property tax.

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