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**ASSESSMENT PRACTICES SURVEY REPORT RELEASED  
FOR ALAMEDA COUNTY**

Carole Migden, Chairwoman, State Board of Equalization (BOE), today released a Supplemental Assessment Practices Survey Report on Alameda County.

Once every five years, the BOE conducts a review of each county's property tax assessment functions to determine whether properties are being assessed properly and to identify areas where improvements should be made. Issued as an *Assessment Practices Survey*, the report provides an overview of how well the duties of the assessor are performed and includes recommendations to correct assessment deficiencies and improve compliance with state law. Supplemental assessment practices surveys are performed to review the extent of progress made by the assessor with regard to the recommendations contained in the most recent survey report.

The BOE's County Property Tax Division performed the fieldwork for this supplemental report in June 2002 and follow-up fieldwork in April 2003. The most recent assessment practices survey report for Alameda County, dated April 2001, contained 23 recommendations. The assessor has fully implemented 17 of those recommendations, partially implemented one, not implemented four, and one is no longer applicable.

Some of the most significant highlights of the Supplemental Assessment Practices Survey Report are listed below:

- The assessor significantly improved his ability to account for and track all building permits issued.
- The assessor undertook a major project to identify, inventory, and appraise every vineyard property.
- The assessor completed all mandatory audits required by section 469 and had waivers of the statute of limitations in place for the 11 mandatory audits for 2001-02 that were not completed.

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*Note: A copy of the Alameda County Supplemental Assessment Practices Survey Report is available upon request or can be found on the BOE's Web site at [www.boe.ca.gov](http://www.boe.ca.gov).*