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TO COUNTY ASSESSORS, COUNTY COUNSELS,
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PROPERTY TAX RULES 460-471

Attached are varityped copies of Property Tax Rules
460-471, including the amendments approved by the
Board on November 13, 1979.

If you have any questions regarding the rules, please
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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
PROPERTY TAX DEPARTMENT

PROPERTY TAX RULES AND REGULATIONS

Chapter 1. State Board of Equalization – Property Tax
Subchapter 4. Equalization by State Board
Article 3. Taxable Property of a County, City or Municipal Corporation

Rule No. 460. (Cal. Adm. Code) GENERAL APPLICATION

Reference: Article XIII A, Sections 1 and 2, California Constitution.

(a) Sections 1 and 2 of Article XIII A of the Constitution provide for a limitation on property taxes and a procedure for establishing the current taxable value of locally assessed real property by reference to a base year full cash value which is then modified annually to reflect the inflation rate not to exceed two percent per year.

(b) The following definitions govern the construction of the terms in the rules pertaining to Sections 1 and 2 of Article XIII A.

(1) **BASE YEAR.** The assessment year 1975-76 serves as the original base year. Thereafter, any assessment year in which real property, or a portion thereof, is purchased, is newly constructed, or changes ownership shall become the base year used in determining the full value for such real property, or a portion thereof.

(2) **FULL CASH VALUE.**

(A) The full cash value of real property means:

1. The "full cash value" as defined in Section 110.1 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, as of the lien date 1975 for properties with a 1975-76 base year, or

2. The "full cash value" as defined in Section 110 of the Revenue and Taxation Code as of the date such real property is purchased, is newly constructed, or changes ownership after the 1975 lien date, the full cash value of which shall be enrolled on the lien date next succeeding the date when such real property, or portion thereof, is purchased, is newly constructed, or changes ownership.

(B) If real property has not been appraised to its appropriate base year full cash value, then the assessor shall reappraise such property to its full cash value for the appropriate base year lien date. Such reappraisals may be at any time, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 405.6 of the Revenue and Taxation Code but 1975-76 base year values must be determined prior to July 1, 1980.

(3) **RESTRICTED VALUE.** Restricted value means a value standard other than full cash value prescribed by the Constitution or by statute authorized by the Constitution.

(4) **FULL VALUE.** Full value (appraised value) means either the full cash value or the restricted value.

(5) **INFLATION RATE.** For each lien date after the lien date in which the base year full value is determined, the full value of real property shall be modified to reflect the percentage change in cost of living, as defined in Section 2212 of the Revenue and Taxation Code; provided that such value shall not reflect an increase in excess of 2 percent of the taxable value of the preceding lien date.

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(6) **TAXABLE VALUE.** Taxable value means the base year full value adjusted for any given lien date as required by law or the full cash value for the same lien date, whichever is less.

(7) **PROPERTY TAX RATE.** The property tax rate is the rate calculated in accordance with the ad valorem tax limitations prescribed by Section 1 of Article XIII A of the Constitution.

History: Adopted June 29, 1978, effective July 3, 1978.

Amended September 26, 1978, effective October 2, 1978.

Amended January 25, 1979, effective March 1, 1979. Applicable to assessments for 1979 and years thereafter.

Amended August 16, 1979, effective August 22, 1979. Amended (b) (2) (A) 1 and 2. and (B), (b) (6), repealed (b) (7) and renumbered (b) (8) as (b) (7).

Rule No. 460.1. (Cal. Adm. Code) 1975 BASE YEAR VALUES.

Reference: Section 110.1, Revenue and Taxation Code as amended by Chapter 49, Statutes 1979

(a) For the 1978-79 fiscal year and years thereafter, the assessor shall determine base year value for property or portion thereof with a 1975 base year at the value appearing on the 1975-76 assessment roll when that value resulted from a "periodic appraisal" made for the 1975 lien date, whether or not the 1975-76 roll value differed from the 1974-75 assessment roll value.

(b) The value of a parcel of property shall be presumed to have been determined pursuant to a "periodic appraisal" for the 1975-76 fiscal year if the assessor's determination of the value for that year differed from the 1974-75 assessment roll value, but the assessor may rebut the presumption by evidence that notwithstanding such differences in value, the property was not "periodically appraised" for the 1975-76 fiscal year.

Value differences between the 1974-75 and 1975-76 assessment rolls resulting from such things as zoning changes, new construction, or interim adjustments not designed to equal 1975 general revaluation levels will not be considered as resulting from "periodic appraisals."

(c) For the 1978-79 fiscal year and years thereafter, any property or portion thereof whose 1975-76 value was determined as a result of an appeal filed in 1975 with a county board shall have that value as its 1975-76 base year value.

(d) The base year value of any property not appraised for the 1975 lien date or not determined as a result of an assessment appeal filed in 1975 shall be valued by the assessor using only those factors and indicia of fair market value actually utilized in "periodic appraisals" made for the 1975 lien date. Such values shall be consistent with the values established for comparable properties that were reappraised for the 1975 lien date.

(e) Determinations of value made pursuant to (d) of this section shall be made at any time until June 30, 1980, and if made prior to June 30 of any year may be added to either the roll for the fiscal year in which the value determination is made or included with the assessments for the succeeding fiscal year.

No escape assessments may be made because of value increases to the 1975 base year that result from redetermination of values pursuant to this section, but decreases in such values shall be certified to the auditor by the assessor as corrections to the roll prepared for the 1978-79 fiscal year and fiscal years thereafter, as is appropriate.

History: Adopted May 23, 1979, effective May 25, 1979.

Rule No. 46T. (Cal. Adm. Code) REAL PROPERTY VALUE CHANGES.

Reference: Article XIII A, Sections 1 and 2, California Constitution.

(a) Section 2 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution provides that real property shall be reappraised if purchased, newly constructed (Section 463) or a change in ownership occurs (Section 462) after the original base year. A purchase is any transfer of title or right to the use, occupancy, possession or profit a prendre of real property, or portion thereof, for a consideration.

(b) Unless otherwise provided for in this chapter or by statute, real property which was not subject to valuation in a prior base year as required by law shall be appraised at full value for each year it should have been so valued and an escape assessment shall be added to the roll for the current fiscal year or to the roll being prepared at the time of discovery in accordance with the provisions of Section 531.2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

(c) The prior year taxable value of real property, or portion thereof, physically removed from the site shall be deducted from the property's prior year taxable value, provided that such net value shall not be less than zero. The net value shall be appropriately adjusted to reflect the percentage change in the cost of living and then compared to the current lien date full value to determine taxable value which shall be the lesser of the two values.

(d) For the tax year 1979-80 and tax years thereafter the assessor shall prepare an assessment roll containing the base year value appropriately indexed or the current lien date full value, whichever is less. Increases and decreases in full cash value since the previous lien date shall be reflected on the roll except that taxable value shall never exceed base year value appropriately indexed. Property restored following damage caused by a misfortune or calamity is to be valued pursuant to subsection (e) and not this subsection. In preparing such rolls the assessor is not required to make an annual reappraisal of all assessable property.

Declines in value will be determined by comparing the current lien date full value of the appraisal unit to the indexed base year full value of the same unit for the current lien date. Land and improvements constitute an appraisal unit except when measuring declines in value caused by disaster, in which case land shall constitute a separate unit. For purposes of this subsection fixtures and other machinery and equipment classified as improvements constitute a separate appraisal unit.

When the current full value of property is less than its base year full value indexed to the current lien date, the full value shall be enrolled as the current taxable value.

(e) The taxable value of real property damaged or destroyed by a misfortune or calamity is to be adjusted in accordance with the Revenue and Taxation Code. If the property is restored, the assessor shall on the lien date following restoration enroll it at its former value plus the appropriate inflation adjustment, unless:

1. The full value of the restored property as of the lien date is less than the indexed base year full value in which case the lower value shall be enrolled as the new base year value, or

2. It is determined that new construction has occurred in which case the property's value shall be enrolled as provided in Section 463.

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Amended August 16, 1979, effective August 22, 1979. Amended (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) (1).

Amended November 13, 1979, effective December 6, 1979. Amended (b).

Rule No. 462. (Cal. Adm. Code) CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP.

Reference: Article XIII A, Sections 1 and 2, California Constitution.

There shall be a reappraisal of real property as of the date of the change in ownership of that property. The reappraisal will establish a new base year full value and will be enrolled on the lien date following the change in ownership.

A "change in ownership" in real property occurs when there is a transfer of a present interest in the property, including the right to beneficial use thereof, the value of which is substantially equal to the value of the fee interest. Every transfer of property qualified as a "change in ownership" shall be so regarded whether the transfer is voluntary, involuntary or by operation of law, by grant, devise, inheritance, trust contract of sale, addition or deletion of an owner or any other means. A change in the name of an owner of property not involving a change in ownership is excluded from the term "transfer" as used in this section.

(a) A transfer of the full fee title to land and/or improvements or a portion thereof by any means is a change in ownership requiring reappraisal of the property or portion thereof transferred. This includes transfers of units in planned developments as defined in Sections 11003 and 11003.1 of the Business and Professions Code, units in cooperative housing developments controlled by cooperative housing corporations as defined in Section 17265 of the Revenue and Taxation Code and condominiums as defined in Section 783 of the Civil Code or other community ownership projects wherein a transfer of an individual ownership interest in the project results in a transfer of a specific unit, apartment or portion thereof within the project.

A change in ownership does not occur upon the transfer of stock or membership certificates in a housing cooperative which was financed under one mortgage provided such mortgage was insured under Section 213, 221 (d) (3), 221 (d) (4), or 236 of the National Housing Act, as amended, or such housing cooperative was financed or assisted pursuant to Section 514, 515, or 516 of the Housing Act of 1949 or Section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959, or the housing cooperative was financed by a direct loan from the California Housing Finance Agency, and provided that the regulatory and occupancy agreements were approved by the governmental lender or insurer, and provided that the transfer is to the housing cooperative or to a person or family qualifying for purchase by reason of limited income. Any subsequent transfer from the housing cooperative to a person or family not eligible for state or federal assistance in reduction of monthly carrying charges or interest reduction assistance by reason of the income level of such person or family shall constitute a change of ownership.

If a unit or lot within a cooperative housing corporation, community apartment project, condominium, planned development, shopping center, industrial park, or other residential, commercial, or industrial land subdivision complex with common areas or facilities is purchased or otherwise changes ownership as defined in this section, only the unit or lot transferred and the share in the common area reserved as an appurtenance of such unit or lots shall be reappraised.

(b) The transfer of an undivided interest in property does not constitute a change of ownership if:

(1) The transfer is between or among co-owners and results in a change in the method of holding title but does not result in a change to the proportional interests held by the co-owners prior to the transfer, such as a partition of a tenancy in common, or

(2) The transfer creates or transfers any joint tenancy interest and after such creation or transfer the transferor is one of the joint tenants.

(3) The transfer creates or transfers a co-owner's interest between spouses.

(4) The transfer terminates a joint tenancy, tenancy in common or a community property interest but is to a spouse or former spouse in connection with a property settlement agreement or decree of dissolution of a marriage or legal separation.

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(5) The transfer terminates an original transferor's interest in a joint tenancy described in (b) (2) above and the interest vests by operation of law in whole or in part in the remaining original transferor(s). It shall be rebuttably presumed by the assessor that each joint tenant holding an interest in property as of March 1, 1975, originally placed in joint tenancy the interest received on termination. This presumption is not applicable to joint tenancies created after March 1, 1975.

(6) The transfer terminates a joint tenancy interest, other than an original transferor's interest described in (b) (2) above, and the interest is transferred to an original transferor(s) or to all the remaining joint tenants.

For purposes of (5) and (6) above spouses of original transferors shall also be considered original transferors. Note: The statutory change in ownership treatment afforded joint tenancies for tax purposes contemplates that a joint tenancy consists of separate estates of the joint tenants rather than a single estate.

(7) The transfer is of an undivided interest of less than five percent provided that transfers of such interest during any assessment year to affiliated transferees shall be accumulated for the purpose of determining the percentage transferred.

For purposes of this subdivision affiliated transferees shall include, but not be limited to family members, related by blood or marriage, other than the transferor's spouse, business associates, partners, joint ventures, corporations under common ownership or control or any combination of the foregoing.

When the accumulated interests transferred during any assessment year total five percent or more, exclusive of any interest transferred to a spouse, only that portion of the property represented by the accumulated interests shall be reappraised.

(c) A transfer of equitable title is a change in ownership.

(d) The creation, renewal, sublease, or assignment of a taxable possessory interest in tax exempt real property for any term is a change in ownership except when the interest, whether an estate for years or an estate for life, is created by a reservation in an instrument deeding the property to a tax exempt governmental entity.

(e) The creation, sublease, assignment or termination of the right to beneficial use and possession of taxable real property and the transfer of the lessor's interest in any leased property constitutes a change in ownership or not as follows:

(1) The creation of a leasehold interest in real property for a term of 35 years or more or the transfer of a leasehold interest with a remaining term of 35 years or more or the termination of a leasehold interest which had an original term of 35 years or more is a change in ownership.

The calculation of the term of a lease for purposes of this section shall include written renewal options.

(2) The sublease or assignment of a leasehold interest in taxable property with a remaining term of less than 35 years, including renewal options, is not a change of ownership regardless of the original term of the lease.

(3) The transfer of a lessor's interest in taxable real property subject to a lease with a remaining term, including renewal options, of less than 35 years is a change in ownership.

The transfer of a lessor's interest in taxable real property subject to multiple leases, one or more of which is for a period of less than 35 years and one or more of which is for a period of 35 years or more, is a change of ownership only to the extent of the property subject to a lease(s) of less than 35 years.

The calculation of the term of a lease for purposes of this section shall include written renewal options.

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It shall be conclusively presumed that all homes eligible for the homeowners' exemption which are on leased land have renewal options on the land of at least 35 years whether or not in fact such renewal options exist in any contract or agreement.

(f) Foreclosure.

(1) Mortgage or deed of trust foreclosed by judicial action is a sufficient change in ownership only:

- (A) After the period of redemption has passed and property has not been redeemed, or
- (B) Upon redemption when title vests in the original debtor's successor in interest.

(2) Deed of trust foreclosed by trustee's sale shall cause a reappraisal as of the date the right of possession vests in the purchaser.

(3) A transfer by a trustor in lieu of a trustee's foreclosure sale constitutes a change in ownership.

(g) Transfers resulting from tax delinquency.

Transfers by the sale to or deed to the state and redemption by the former assessee shall not be considered as changes in ownership. However, a sale by the state whether to the original owner or to a new owner is a change in ownership requiring reappraisal as of the date of the sale.

(h) Trusts – creation and termination.

(1) The transfer of real property to a trust is a change in ownership at the time of transfer unless:

- (A) The transferor or the transferor's spouse is the present beneficiary of the trust, or
- (B) The trust is revocable, or
- (C) The transferor retains the reversion and the beneficial interest(s) created does not exceed 12 years in duration.
- (D) The exemption afforded interspousal transfers applies.
- (E) The transfer is from one trust to another and meets the requirements of (A), (B), (C) or (D).

(2) The termination of a trust or portion thereof constitutes a change in ownership unless:

- (A) The trust was for less than 12 years duration and on termination the property reverts to the trustor or the trustor's spouse or
- (B) The exemption afforded interspousal transfers applies or
- (C) Termination results from the transferor's exercise of the power of revocation or
- (D) Termination results from distribution of trust property in accordance with the terms of the trust to a person or entity who received a present interest subject to reappraisal at the time the trust was created.

(3) A change in ownership of trust property also occurs when:

- (A) A revocable trust becomes irrevocable unless the transferor or the transferor's spouse remains or becomes the present beneficiary of the trust, or
- (B) Neither the transferor nor the transferor's spouse is a present beneficiary of an irrevocable trust.

(i) Partnership.

Real property which is contributed to a partnership or which is acquired, by purchase or otherwise, by the partnership is a change in ownership of such real property, regardless of whether the title to the property is held in the name of the partnership or in the name of one or more individual partners, with or without reference to the partnership. The transfer of any interest in real property

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by a partnership to a partner or any other person or entity constitutes a change in ownership. The purchase or transfer of an ownership interest(s) in a partnership(s), e.g., the addition or deletion of partners, is not a change in ownership in partnership property.

(j) Corporations.

(1) The purchase or transfer of corporate stock(s) is not a change in ownership in corporate property unless:

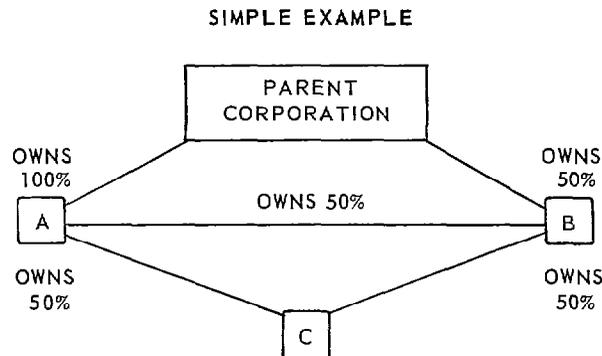
(A) The stock is in a cooperative housing corporation, as defined in Section 17265 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, and the transfer conveys the exclusive right to occupancy to corporate property or a portion thereof, or

(B) One corporation, partnership, other legal entity or any other person as the result of one or multiple transfers obtains control of more than 50% of the voting stock, exclusive of any shares owned by directors, of another corporation.

(2) The transfer of any interest in real property by a corporation to a stockholder or any other person or entity constitutes a change in ownership but transfers of real property between or among affiliated corporations, including those made to achieve a corporate reorganization by merger or consolidation shall not be a change of ownership if:

(A) The voting stock of the corporation making the transfer and the voting stock of the transferee corporation are each owned 100 percent by a corporation related by voting stock ownership to a common parent; and

(B) The common parent corporation owns directly 100 percent of the voting stock of at least one corporation in the chain or chains of related corporations.



A transfer of real property by P, A, B, or C to any of the other three corporations would not be a change in ownership, e.g., a transfer by C which is wholly owned by A and B to B which is wholly owned by A and P would not be a change in ownership because of those relationships and the fact P owns 100 percent of A.

(3) The purchase or transfer of stock or membership certificates in a housing cooperative is not a change in ownership provided the cooperative was financed under one mortgage, was insured under Sections 202, 213, 221 (d) (3), 221 (d) (4), or 236 of the National Housing Act, as amended, or was financed by a direct loan from the California Housing Finance Agency and the Regulatory and Occupancy Agreements were approved by the respective insuring or lending agency.

(k) Interspousal transfers.

Notwithstanding any other provision of Sections 460 through 471 of this code, a change in ownership shall not include any interspousal transfer, including, but not limited to:

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(1) Transfers to a trustee for the beneficial use of a spouse, or the surviving spouse of a deceased transferor, or by a trustee of such a trust to the spouse of the trustor,

(2) Transfers which take effect upon the death of a spouse,

(3) Transfers to a spouse or former spouse in connection with a property settlement agreement or decree of dissolution of a marriage or legal separation, or

(4) The creation, transfer, or termination, solely between spouses, of any co-owner's interest.

(l) The following transfers do not constitute a change of ownership:

(1) The transfer of bare legal title, e.g.,

(A) Any transfer to an existing assessee for the purpose of perfecting title to the property.

(B) Any transfer resulting in the creation, assignment, or reconveyance of a security interest not coupled with the right to immediate use, occupancy, possession or profits.

(2) Any transfer caused by the substitution of a trustee pursuant to the terms of a security or trust instrument.

(3) Any transfer by an instrument whose terms reserve to transferor, the transferor's spouse or both of them an estate for years or an estate for life. When such reserved estates both terminate and if the provisions of this section relating to trusts and interspousal transfers do not provide otherwise, a change in ownership shall be deemed to have occurred.

(4) Any purchase, redemption or other transfer of the shares or units of participation of a group trust, pooled fund, common trust fund, or other collective investment fund established by a financial institution.

(5) Any contribution of real property to an employee benefit plan or the creation, vesting, transfer, distribution or termination of a participant's or beneficiary's interest in such a plan. The terms used herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

(m) Date of change in ownership.

For purposes of reappraising real property as of the date of change in ownership of real property, the following dates shall be used

(1) Sales.

(A) Where the transfer is evidenced by recordation of a deed or other document, the date of recordation shall be rebuttably presumed to be the date of ownership change.

This presumption may be rebutted by evidence proving a different date to be the date all parties' instructions have met in escrow or the essential elements of a contract of sale have been met.

(B) Where the transfer is accomplished by an unrecorded document, the date the transferee obtained the right to possession and/or beneficial use shall be rebuttably presumed to be the date of ownership change. This presumption may be rebutted by evidence proving a different date.

(2) Leases. The date the lessee has the right to possession.

(3) Inheritance (by will or intestate succession). The date of death of the decedent.

(4) Trusts.

(A) Revocable. The date the trust becomes irrevocable.

(B) Irrevocable. The date property is placed in trust.

NOTE: Refer to subsection (h) for trust transfer exemptions.

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Amended September 26, 1978, effective October 2, 1978.

Repealed Old Rule and Adopted New Rule August 16, 1979, effective August 22, 1979.

Amended November 13, 1979, effective December 6, 1979. Amended (a), (b) (5), (e) (3), (f) (2), (h) (2) (C),

(i) (1) (B), and (j) (2); renumbered (b) (6) to (b) (7), and adopted (b) (6), and (h) (2) (D).

Rule No. 463. (Cal. Adm. Code) NEWLY CONSTRUCTED PROPERTY

Reference Article XIII A, Sections 1 and 2, California Constitution.

(a) When real property, or a portion thereof, is newly constructed after the 1975 lien date, the assessor shall ascertain the full value of such "newly constructed property" as of the date of completion. This will establish a new base year full value for only that portion of the property which is newly constructed, whether it is an addition or alteration. The taxable value on the total property shall be determined by adding the full value of new construction to the taxable value of preexisting property reduced to account for the taxable value of property removed during construction. The full value of new construction is only that value resulting from the new construction and does not include value increases not associated with the new construction.

(b) "Newly constructed" or "new construction" means and includes:

(1) Any substantial addition to land or improvements, including fixtures, such as adding land fill, retaining walls, curbs, gutters or sewers to land or constructing a new building or swimming pool or changing an existing improvement so as to add horizontally or vertically to its square footage or to incorporate an additional fixture, as that term is defined in this section.

(2) Any substantial physical alteration of land which constitutes a major rehabilitation of the land or results in a change in the way the property is used.

Examples of alterations to land to be considered new construction are:

Site development of rural land for the purpose of establishing a residential subdivision.

Altering rolling, dry grazing land to level irrigated crop land.

Preparing a vacant lot for use as a parking facility.

In any instance in which an alteration is substantial enough to require reappraisal, only the value of the alteration shall be added to the base year value of the pre-existing land or improvements. Increases in land value caused by appreciation or a zoning change rather than new construction shall not be enrolled, for example:

1. Land value 1975	=	\$10,000	
2. Land value 1978	=	\$20,000	
3. Value of alteration 1978	=	\$ 5,000	
4. Value of structure added 1978	=	\$75,000	
1979 roll value (1+3+4)	=	\$90,000	(must be adjusted to reflect appropriate indexing)

Alterations to land which do not constitute a major rehabilitation or which do not result in a change in the way the property is used shall not result in reappraisal.

(3) Any physical alteration of any improvement which converts the improvement or any portion thereof to the substantial equivalent of a new structure or portion thereof or changes the way in which the portion of the structure that had been altered is used, e.g., physical alterations to an old structure to make it the substantial equivalent of a new building without any change in the way it is used or alterations to a warehouse that makes it usable as a retail store or a restaurant. Only, the value, not necessarily the cost, of the alteration shall be added to the appropriately indexed base year value of the pre-existing structure.

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(4) Excluded from alterations that qualify as "newly constructed" is construction or reconstruction performed for the purpose of normal maintenance and repair, e.g., routine annual preparation of agricultural land or interior or exterior painting, replacement of roof coverings or the addition of aluminum siding to improvements or the replacement of worn machine parts.

(5) Any substantial physical rehabilitation, renovation or modernization of any fixture which converts it to the substantial equivalent of a new fixture or any substitution of a new fixture. Substantial equivalency shall be ascertained by comparing the productive capacity, normally expressed in units per hour, of the rehabilitated fixture to its original productive capacity.

(c) For purposes of this section, "fixture" is defined as an improvement whose use or purpose directly applies to or augments the process or function of a trade, industry, or profession.

(d) New construction in progress on the lien date shall be appraised at its full value on such date and each lien date thereafter until the date of completion, at which time the entire portion of property which is newly constructed shall be reappraised at its full value.

(e) For purposes of this section, the date of completion is the date the property or portion thereof is available for use. In determining whether the real property or a portion thereof is available for use, consideration shall be given to the date of the final inspection by the appropriate governmental official, or, in the absence of such inspection, the date the prime contractor fulfilled all of his contract obligations, or in the case of fixtures, the date of the completion of testing of machinery and equipment.

(f) Newly constructed property does not include real property which is timely reconstructed after a disaster where the full value of such real property, as reconstructed, is substantially equivalent to its full value prior to the disaster. If the values are not substantially equivalent, the assessor shall on lien date following restoration:

(1) Enroll the restored property at its former taxable value plus or minus the appropriate inflation adjustment, or

(2) Enroll the current market value of the restored property if the current market value is less than the value found in Item 1 above, or

(3) Enroll the value found in Item 1 above plus the market value of any newly constructed property if it is determined that new construction has occurred.

For purposes of this subsection only, newly constructed property does not include any land, improvement or fixture that is restored, reconstructed or repaired in a timely manner following a disaster and which is substantially equivalent in size, use and quality to that which existed prior to the disaster.

(g) For property under reconstruction or restoration as a result of disaster which changes ownership prior to the completion of reconstruction or restoration, the value of the land and existing improvements shall be determined as of the date of the change in ownership but the value of any reconstruction or restoration which occurs following the transfer shall be determined as of the date of completion in accordance with the provisions applicable to new construction but without regard to the "substantially equivalent" test normally applicable to property reconstructed following a disaster.

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Rule No. 464. (Cal. Adm. Code) EXEMPTIONS.

Reference: Sections 110, 110.1, 110.5, 110.6, Revenue and Taxation Code

Article XIII A does not repeal any property tax exemptions granted or authorized by the Constitution on or before July 1, 1978. The property tax rate shall apply to the current taxable value less any exemptions applicable to a specific property. Examples of the application of partial exemptions are as follows:

- (a) Homeowners' exemption. The property tax rate applies to the current taxable value of property qualifying for the homeowners' exemption less the value of the exemption.
- (b) Veterans' exemption. The sum of 25 percent of the taxable value of taxable assets and 100 percent of the current full cash value as defined in Revenue and Taxation Code Section 110 for non-taxable assets will determine the limitation for the veterans' property tax exemption. Article XIII A contains no provision for reconsidering the granting of the exemption prior to 1978. The property tax rate applies to the current taxable value of property qualifying for the veterans' exemption less the value of the exemption.
- (c) Disabled veterans' exemption. The property tax rate applies to current taxable value of property qualifying for the disabled veterans' property tax exemption less the value of the exemption.

History: Adopted June 29, 1978, effective July 3, 1978.

Rule No. 465. (Cal. Adm. Code) NONPROFIT GOLF COURSES.

Reference: Article XIII A, Sections 1 and 2, California Constitution.

When appraising real property used exclusively for nonprofit golf course purposes in accordance with the provisions of Section 10 of Article XIII of the California Constitution, the assessor shall for the 1979 lien date and thereafter ascertain the value of such property on the basis of such use, plus the full value attributable to any mineral rights without regard to any of the provisions of Section 2 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution or its implementing legislation.

History: Adopted June 29, 1978, effective July 3, 1978.

Repealed Old Rule and Adopted New Rule August 16, 1979, effective August 22, 1979.

Rule No. 466. (Cal. Adm. Code) VALUATION AND ENROLLMENT OF TREES AND VINES

Reference: Article XIII A, Sections 1 and 2, California Constitution.

All fruit and nut trees and vines when planted respectively in orchard or vineyard form shall be exempt as provided by law. Upon becoming subject to tax, previously exempt trees and vines shall be valued for the 1979 date and thereafter as follows:

(a) Those planted in land enforceably restricted shall be annually valued pursuant to the provisions of Section 470 herein without regard to the provisions of Section 2 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution.

(b) Those planted in land not enforceably restricted shall be enrolled at their base year value appropriately adjusted to reflect annual increases in the consumer price index not to exceed two percent or at their full value for the current lien date, whichever is less.

(1) The base year for trees and vines planted in land not enforceably restricted shall be the year they became subject to taxation unless that year was prior to 1975 in which case the base year is 1975.

**Rule No. 466. (Cal. Adm. Code) VALUATION AND ENROLLMENT OF TREES
AND VINES (Continued)**

(c) Perennials, other than trees and vines, planted for their commercial production on enforceably restricted land shall be valued annually as provided in Section 470. If they are planted on land not enforceably restricted, they shall be valued and have the same base year as the land unless planted after lien date 1975 in which case their value as of the date of planting shall be their original base year value.

History. Adopted June 29, 1978, effective July 3, 1978.
Amended September 26, 1978, effective October 2, 1978.
Repealed Old Rule and Adopted New Rule August 16, 1979, effective August 22, 1979.

Rule No. 467. (Cal. Adm. Code) TAXABLE POSSESSORY INTEREST.

Reference: Article XIII A, Sections 1 and 2, California Constitution.

For the 1979 lien date and thereafter the assessor shall ascertain the value of all taxable possessory interests as defined in Section 21 of this code and created prior to March 1, 1975, as of that date. Possessory interests newly created subsequent to March 1, 1975, shall be appraised at their full value as of the date of creation.

Possessory interests renewed, extended, subleased or assigned for any term shall be appraised at their full value as of the date of the renewal, extension, or as of the date the sub-lessee or assignee obtains the right to occupancy or use of the property.

New improvements erected for the purpose of exercising the rights granted by the possessory interest held in land shall be valued as of the date of the completion of construction. When improvements owned by the holder of the possessory interests are in the course of construction for a period that covers more than one lien date, they shall be appraised in accordance with Section 463.

If the current full value of any possessory interest changes for any reason to a value that is less than its base year value appropriately indexed to the lien date for which the roll is being prepared that lower value shall be enrolled.

History: Adopted June 29, 1978, effective July 3, 1978.
Amended September 26, 1978, effective October 2, 1978.
Amended January 25, 1979, effective March 1, 1979. Applicable to assessments for 1979 and years thereafter.
Repealed Old Rule and Adopted New Rule August 16, 1979, effective August 22, 1979.

Rule No. 468. (Cal. Adm. Code) OIL AND GAS PRODUCING PROPERTIES.

Reference: Article XIII A, Sections 1 and 2, California Constitution.

(a) The right to remove petroleum and natural gas from the earth is a taxable real property interest. Increases in recoverable amounts of such minerals caused by changed physical or economic conditions constitute additions to such a property interest. Reduction in recoverable amounts of minerals caused by production or changes in the expectation of future production capabilities constitute a reduction in the interest. Whether or not physical changes to the system employed in recovering such minerals qualify as new construction shall be determined by reference to Section 463(a).

Rule No. 468. (Cal. Adm. Code) OIL AND GAS PRODUCING PROPERTIES. (Continued 1)

(b) The market value of an oil and gas mineral property interest is determined by estimating the value of the volumes of proved reserves. Proved reserves are those reserves which geological and engineering information indicate with reasonable certainty to be recoverable in the future, taking into account reasonably projected physical and economic operating conditions. Present and projected economic conditions shall be determined by reference to all economic factors considered by knowledgeable and informed persons engaged in the operation and buying or selling of such properties, e.g., capitalization rates, product prices and operation expenses.

(c) The unique nature of oil and gas property interests requires the application of specialized appraisal techniques designed to satisfy the requirements of Article XIII, Section 1, and Article XIII A, Section 2, of the California Constitution. To this end, the valuation of such properties and other real property associated therewith shall be pursuant to the following principles and procedures:

(1) A base year value (market value) of the property shall be estimated as of lien date 1975 in accordance with Section 460.1 or as of the date a change in ownership occurs subsequent to lien date 1975. Newly constructed improvements and additions in reserves shall be valued as of the lien date of the year for which the roll is being prepared. Improvements removed from the site shall be deducted from taxable value. Base year values shall be determined using factual market data such as prices and expenses ordinarily considered by knowledgeable and informed persons engaged in the operation, buying and selling of oil, gas and other mineral-producing properties and the production therefrom. Once determined, a base year value may be increased no more than two percent per year.

(2) Base year reserve values must be adjusted annually for the value of depleted reserves caused by production or changes in the expectation of future production.

(3) Additions to reserves established in a given year by discovery, construction of improvements, or changes in economic conditions shall be quantified and appraised at market value.

(4) The current year's lien date taxable value of mineral reserves shall be calculated as follows:

(A) The total unit market value and the volume of reserves using current market data shall be estimated.

(B) The current value of taxable reserves is determined by segregating the value of wells, casings, and parts thereof, land (other than mineral rights) and improvements from the property unit value by an allocation based on the value of such properties.

(C) The volume of new reserves shall be determined by subtracting the prior year's reserves, less depletions, from the estimated current total reserves.

(D) The value of removed reserves shall be calculated by multiplying the volume of the reserves removed in the prior year by the weighted average value, for reserves only, per unit of minerals for all prior base years. The prior year's taxable value of the reserves remaining from prior years shall be found by subtracting the value of removed reserves from the prior year's taxable value.

(E) The new reserves are valued by multiplying the new volume by the current market value per unit of the total reserves.

(F) The current taxable value for reserves only is the sum of the value of the prior year's reserves, net of depletions as calculated in (D) above, factored by the appropriate percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) added to the value of the new reserves, as calculated in (E) above.

(5) Valuation of land (other than mineral reserves) and improvements.

(A) A base year value (market value) of land (including wells, casings and parts thereof) and improvements shall be estimated as of lien date 1975 in accordance with Section 460.1, the date of new construction after 1975, or the date a change of ownership occurs subsequent to lien date 1975.

Rule No. 468. (Cal. Adm. Code) OIL AND GAS PRODUCING PROPERTIES. (Continued 2)

(B) The value of land (wells, casings and parts thereof) and improvements shall remain at their factored base year value except as provided in (6) below.

(6) Value declines shall be recognized when the market value of the appraisal unit, i.e., land, improvements and reserves, is less than the current taxable value of the same unit.

History Adopted June 29, 1978, effective July 3, 1978.
Amended June 28, 1979, effective July 2, 1979.

Rule No. 469. (Cal. Adm. Code) MINES AND QUARRIES.

Reference Sections 110, 110.1, 110.5, 110.6, Revenue and Taxation Code.

Organic and inorganic minerals and rocks are natural substances of the earth, and are classified as land. The volume of minerals or rocks of acceptable quality that may be removed from the land under existing economic and operating conditions are classified as reserves. The creation of reserves by exploration or by development constitutes an addition to real property and the production of the minerals or rocks from a reserve constitutes a removal of real property.

(a) The full value of a mine or quarry is its base year full value adjusted for the depletion of reserves. The value of the depleted reserves shall be determined annually employing the economic data that applied to the establishment of the reserves in the base year.

(b) The base year of new reserves shall be the year in which either development or mining occurs.

History: Adopted June 29, 1978, effective July 3, 1978.
Amended September 26, 1978, effective October 2, 1978.

Rule No. 470. (Cal. Adm. Code) ENFORCEABLY RESTRICTED PROPERTY

Reference: Article XIII A, Sections 1 and 2, California Constitution.

Commencing with the 1979 lien date, all property enforceably restricted pursuant to Section 8 of Article XIII of the California Constitution shall be valued for property tax purposes pursuant to Article 1.5, Open Space Land (commencing with Section 421) and Article 1.9, Historical Property (commencing with Section 439) of Chapter 3 of Part 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

When enforceable restrictions are cancelled or terminated by nonrenewal as provided by the Government Code or the Revenue and Taxation Code, the full cash value referred to therein shall be the base year value as modified annually by the inflation rate.

History: Adopted June 29, 1978, effective July 3, 1978.
Amended September 26, 1978, effective October 2, 1978
Repealed Old Rule and Adopted New Rule August 16, 1979, effective August 22, 1979
Amended November 13, 1979, effective December 6, 1979

Rule No. 471. (Cal. Adm. Code) TIMBERLAND.

Reference: Article XIII A, Sections 1 and 2, California Constitution.

Consistent with the intent of the provisions of Section 3 (1) of Article XIII of the California Constitution and the legislative interpretation thereof, the value for land which has been zoned as timberland pursuant to Section 51110 or 51113 of the Government Code shall be ascertained for the 1979 lien date from the schedule contained in Section 434.5 of the Revenue and Taxation Code and thereafter from the most recent board-adopted timberland site class value schedule.

History: Adopted June 29, 1978, effective July 3, 1978
Amended September 26, 1978, effective October 2, 1978.
Repealed Old Rule and Adopted New Rule August 16, 1979, effective August 22, 1979.