

Assessment Appeals Process Interested Parties Meeting September 26, 2019

Summary

Staff of the State Board of Equalization (BOE) met with interested parties to continue discussions related to local assessment appeals. Specifically, the parties discussed (1) a form for assessors to use in making requests for taxpayer information, and (2) a document providing BOE guidance about postponements and continuances, to be incorporated into the Assessment Appeals Manual.

Prior Meetings

Both the form for requests for information and the guidance regarding postponements and continuances have been the subject of several working meetings of the parties. Prior to this meeting, the parties provided comments and their suggested revisions about the latest staff versions of both documents.

Discussion

The parties were able to reach agreement on a number of changes to both documents. In both cases, these changes resolved all of the remaining substantive disagreements as to content and style.

Conclusion

Board staff advised the revised versions of both documents would be distributed to interested parties, with the agreed upon changes incorporated, for final review and comments. If there are any outstanding issues, an interested parties meeting will be scheduled.

To close out one last outstanding matter, the parties agreed they would not, at this time, pursue resolution of issues around the confidentiality of taxpayer information at assessment appeals hearings.