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TO COUNTY ASSESSORS:

AMADOR COUNTY
ASSESSMENT PRACTICES SURVEY

A copy of the Amador County Assessment Practices Survey Report is enclosed for your information. The Board of Equalization (BOE) completed this survey in fulfillment of the provisions of sections 15640-15646 of the Government Code. These code sections provide that the BOE shall make surveys in each county and city and county to determine that the practices and procedures used by the county assessor in the valuation of properties are in conformity with all provisions of law.

The Honorable Raymond Olivarría, Amador County Assessor, was provided a draft of this report and given an opportunity to file a written response to the findings and recommendations therein. The report, and the county assessor's response, constitute the final survey report which, pursuant to Government Code section 15646, is distributed to the Governor, the Attorney General, the State Legislature, and the Amador County Board of Supervisors, Grand Jury, and Assessment Appeals Board.

The BOE's County Property Tax Division performed the fieldwork for this survey of the Amador County Assessor's Office during November and December 1999. This report does not reflect changes implemented by the assessor after the fieldwork was completed.

The survey process inherently requires the interruption of normal office work routines. We thank Mr. Olivarría and his staff for their cooperation and patience during this assessment practices survey. These survey reports give the government officials in California charged with property tax administration the opportunity to exchange ideas for the mutual benefit of all participants and stakeholders. We encourage you to share your questions, comments, and/or suggestions for improvement with us.

Sincerely,

/s/ Richard C. Johnson

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Enclosure