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More than 800 to Join Runner's Fire Fee Tele-Townhall Tonight

SACRAMENTO – More than 800 Californians have registered to participate in a 6 p.m. telephone townhall tonight regarding the confusing and controversial California Fire Prevention Fee.

“With the second round of fire fee bills going out this week, many rural Californians feel like no one in Sacramento is listening to them,” said George Runner, who is sponsoring the telephone townhall. “As their elected taxpayer advocate, I want to hear their concerns and answer their questions.”

During the call, Runner and other participating elected officials, including State Senator Jim Nielsen and Assemblyman Brian Dahle, will discuss the latest fire “fee” news, including the pending lawsuit, and answer questions from callers.

Taxpayers in Butte, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Siskiyou, Shasta and Tehama counties are invited to join the call, but others are welcome as well.

Tonight's telephone townhall is co-sponsored by State Senators Ted Gaines and Jim Nielsen and Assemblymembers Brian Dahle and Dan Logue. It is part of a series of regional townhalls Senator Runner is holding for taxpayers throughout his district.

A second event is scheduled for Tuesday July 23 at 6 p.m., for residents of Placer, Sierra, Nevada and Yuba counties.

Members of the public who would like to participate should follow the instructions below:

July 15th Event

Butte, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Siskiyou, Shasta and Tehama counties.

Obtain the call-in number by calling (916) 445-3032.

July 23rd Event

Placer, Sierra, Nevada, and Yuba counties.

Register online at boe.ca.gov/townhall or by calling (916) 324-4970.

Taxpayers who pre-register will receive a telephone call at the start of the event inviting them to connect to the townhall.

Nearly 800,000 California property owners—about half of whom Runner represents—must pay the annual Fire Prevention Fee. The “fee” was enacted by the Legislature and signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown in 2011.

Elected in November 2010, George Runner represents more than nine million Californians as a member of the State Board of Equalization. Runner keeps taxpayers informed of the latest fire tax news and information at calfirefee.com.

Editor’s Note: A 30-second Public Service Announcement (PSA) by George Runner is available as an [MP3 audio file](#).

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