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Runner Says First Fire Tax Bills Mail August 13

SACRAMENTO – George Runner today warned that the State of California will begin mailing the first of more than 825,000 “Fire Prevention Fee” bills on Monday, August 13.

“It’s not fair; it’s not constitutional, but thanks to Governor Jerry Brown and the Legislature, fire tax bills are coming all the same,” said Runner.

The tax, approved as a fee by a simple majority vote of the Legislature last year, charges residential property owners in rural areas \$150 for each habitable structure located on their land. Property owners who pay for local fire protection will receive a \$35 reduction.

To help inform California taxpayers, Runner has established a website, calfirefee.com, providing information about the new fire tax. Californians can visit this site to find out if they might soon receive a fire tax bill. They can also learn details regarding the process, timeline and grounds for filing an appeal.

The bills will go out in alphabetical order by county between August and early December. The state has released the following partial mailing schedule:

ALAMEDA	August 13 th through 14 th
ALPINE	August 14 th
AMADOR	August 14 th through 17 th
BUTTE	August 17 th through 24 th
CALAVERAS	August 24 th through 29 th
COLUSA	August 29 th
CONTRA COSTA	August 29 th
DEL NORTE	August 29 th through 30 th
EL DORADO	August 30 th through September 7 th
FRESNO	September 7 th through 10 th

GLENN	September 10 th
HUMBOLDT	September 10 th through 12 th
IMPERIAL	September 12 th
INYO	September 12 th

Elected in November 2010, George Runner represents more than nine million Californians as a member of the State Board of Equalization. For more information, visit www.boe.ca.gov/Runner.

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