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Tax Relief Available for Business Owners Affected by Fires in Los Angeles County

Sacramento – Business owners and feepayers impacted by the wildfire in Los Angeles County, as discussed in the [Governor’s State of Emergency Proclamation](#), may request an extension to file their returns, relief of penalties and/or interest from some taxes and fees, or to replace copies of records lost to damage, announced the California State Board of Equalization.

“The Board of Equalization is committed to working with tax and feepayers during this difficult time to allow them adequate time to meet their obligations,” said BOE Chairman Jerome E. Horton. “Our hearts go out to all of those affected by this devastating fire, and we encourage our customers to contact the BOE to see how we can work with you.”

“We’re extremely grateful for our many brave firefighters, and our sympathy goes out to those who have lost homes and property,” said Board of Equalization Member George Runner. “Taxes are the last thing people should have to worry about at a time like this. That’s why we want them to know we are here to help.”

Requesting Relief

Tax and feepayers can go [online](#) to request relief from penalty and/or interest, and an extension of time to file a tax/fee return. Any tax or fee payer can use the online system to make their request for the tax and fee programs listed below.



Those without Internet access may call the BOE customer service center at 1-800-400-7115 (TTY: 711), Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Pacific Time).

Sales and Use Taxes	Oil Spill Prevention Fee and Oil Spill Response Fee
Fire Prevention Fee	Lumber Assessment Fee
Alcoholic Beverage Tax	Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Fee
Cigarettes and Tobacco Products Excise Taxes	Integrated Waste Management Fee
Energy Resources Surcharge	Occupational Lead Poisoning Prevention Fee
Emergency Telephone Users Surcharge	Electronic Waste Recycling (eWaste) Fee
Natural Gas Surcharge	Marine Invasive Species Fee (Ballast Water Management Fee)

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Timber Yield Tax	California Tire Fee (Tire recycling fee)
Fuel Taxes (Diesel Fuel Tax, Interstate User Tax, Use Fuel Tax, Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax, Aircraft Jet Fuel)	Hazardous Substances Fees (Environmental Fee, Activity Fee, Generator Fee, Disposal Fee, Facility Fee)
Underground Storage Tank Maintenance Fee	Water Rights Fee

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Elected in 2010, Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the Fourth District Member of the California State Board of Equalization, representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the Board of Equalization’s Legislative Committee Chairman. He is the first to serve on the Board of Equalization with over 21 years of experience at the BOE. Horton previously served as an Assembly Member of the California State Assembly from 2000-2006.

Elected in November 2010, George Runner represents the State Board of Equalization's Second District. He is a leading advocate for California taxpayers. Runner has worked to improve California’s tax policies and practices and to create and retain more private sector jobs in our state. Prior to his election to the Board, Runner served twelve years in the State Legislature, authoring the well-known California Amber Alert and California's Blue Alert. As a thoughtful conservative, his legislative priorities included improving the economy, business growth, education excellence, and public safety for all Californians. As a member of the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee, Runner consistently led the fight against tax increases and supported tax relief for families and businesses.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board of Equalization collects more than \$53.7 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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