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**ASSESSMENT PRACTICES SURVEY REPORT  
RELEASED FOR EL DORADO COUNTY**

The State Board of Equalization (BOE) today released an assessment practices survey report on El Dorado County. As the agency responsible for promoting statewide uniformity and consistency in property tax assessment, the BOE reviews each county's property assessment practices and procedures once every five years.

The report provides an overview of how well the assessor's duties are performed and identifies where improvements should be made. Every assessor is required to identify and assess all properties located within the county - unless specifically exempt - and maintain a database or "roll" of the properties and their assessed values. If the assessor's roll meets state requirements, the county is allowed to recapture some administrative costs.

The BOE's report focused on the quality of the 2003-2004 El Dorado County assessment roll, which contained 123,609 assessments totaling \$17.5 billion in value. The report found most properties in El Dorado County are assessed properly, and the overall quality of the assessment roll meets state standards.

The report contains several recommendations for the assessor, including sending taxpayers appropriate notice of assessments made after the county roll's completion. The report also recommends assessing all taxable vines and nonliving improvements on California Land Conservation Act properties.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board, and is comprised of Betty T. Yee of San Francisco, Acting Member, First District; Bill Leonard of Sacramento/Ontario, Second District; Claude Parrish of Long Beach, Third District; Chair John Chiang of Los Angeles, Fourth District; and State Controller Steve Westly.

The Board collects more than \$44 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 plays a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes.

*Note: A copy of the El Dorado County Assessment Practices Survey Report is available upon request or can be found on the BOE's website at [www.boe.ca.gov](http://www.boe.ca.gov).*

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