

Memorandum

To: Honorable Antonio Vazquez, Chairman
Honorable Mike Schaefer, Vice Chair
Honorable Ted Gaines, First District
Honorable Malia M. Cohen, Second District
Honorable Betty T. Yee, State Controller

Date: November 30, 2021

From: David Yeung
Deputy Director
Property Tax Department

Subject: *Board Meeting, December 2021 – Item J – Administrative Session*
Assessors' Handbook Section 534, Rural Building Costs

I am requesting that [Assessors' Handbook Section 534, Rural Building Costs](#) (AH 534), be approved for publication. Revenue and Taxation Code section 401.5 requires that the Board issue to County Assessors information that will promote uniformity in assessed values throughout the state. Pursuant to that mandate, staff developed the January 2022 version of AH 534, which contains current cost data for rural buildings and equipment.

The costs in this 2022 revision are based on recently sampled market data, Producer Price Index data, and cost information from knowledgeable sources in the rural cost field. Sampled market data supports a cost increase for the *Basic Farm Buildings* chapter, and for some subcategories in the *Dairy Barns*, *Irrigation Systems*, *Pumps*, and *Wind Machines* chapters. However, market data did not support an increase in costs to any other chapters and/or categories.

Pursuant to the Board's authority under Revenue and Taxation Code section 401.5, I request that this item be placed on the Board's December 2021 Administrative Session Agenda for approval.

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Attachment

cc: Ms. Catherine Taylor

Approved:

/s/ B. Fleming
Brenda Fleming
Executive Director

Board Approved:

Catherine Taylor, Chief
Board Proceedings Division

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