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Board of Equalization Announces Key Staff Appointments

Jerome E. Horton, Chairman of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), today announced that the Board met in closed session at its March 21 Sacramento meeting and made several key staff appointments.

The Board appointed Mr. Randy Ferris as the BOE's Chief Counsel, Ms. Joann Richmond, Chief of the Board Proceedings Division, and Ms. Edna Murphy, Chief of the Financial Management Division.

Mr. Ferris, of Davis, has been with the BOE's Legal Department since 1996, and has been acting Chief Counsel since October 2010. Mr. Ferris is a graduate of the University of California Davis School of law, and holds an undergraduate degree from UC Davis and a Masters degree from the University of Southern California. His appointment to Chief Counsel is effective immediately.

Ms. Richmond, of Sacramento, has served the State of California since 1977, when she worked for the Department of Justice. Ms. Richmond joined the Board of Equalization in 1980, and has worked for the BOE's Board Proceedings Division for the past 20 years. As Chief of the Board Proceedings Division, Ms. Richmond will manage a multidisciplinary staff to administer the Board's public hearings in Sacramento and Culver City. Ms. Richmond will assume her duties as Board Proceedings Division Chief March 26.

Ms. Murphy, of Sacramento, has served the State of California since 1995, working for various departments, most recently the Department of Developmental Services, where she coordinated the development, preparation, and presentation of major program budget projects. As Chief of the Financial Management Division, Ms. Murphy will serve as the BOE's chief fiscal officer, overseeing budget development and preparation, and all of the BOE's accounting functions. Ms. Murphy holds a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from California State University, Sacramento, and a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. Her appointment to Financial Management Division Chief is effective April 1.

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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 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.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board of Equalization collects more than \$50 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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