

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROPERTY AND SPECIAL TAXES DEPARTMENT 450 N STREET, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA PO BOX 942879, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 94279-0064 916 445-4982 • FAX 916 323-8765 www.boe.ca.gov



BETTY T. YEE Acting Member First District, San Francisco

BILL LEONARD Second District, Sacramento/Ontario

> CLAUDE PARRISH Third District, Long Beach

JOHN CHIANG Fourth District, Los Angeles

STEVE WESTLY State Controller, Sacramento

> RAMON J. HIRSIG Executive Director

No. 2005/056

September 22, 2005

TO COUNTY ASSESSORS:

EXTENSION OF SOLAR ENERGY NEW CONSTRUCTION EXCLUSION

Section 73 of the Revenue and Taxation Code (all statutory references are to the Revenue and Taxation Code unless otherwise indicated) provides that the term "newly constructed" does not include the construction or addition of any active solar energy system for property tax purposes. Subdivision (d) of Section 73 provides that this section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2006, and as of that date is repealed, unless this date is deleted or extended.

Effective September 6, 2005, Assembly Bill 1099 (Chapter 193, Statutes of 2005) extends the solar energy new construction exclusion through the 2008-09 fiscal year. This exclusion will sunset on January 1, 2010, unless legislation is passed that deletes or extends this date.

If you have any questions regarding the solar energy new construction exclusion, please contact our Real Property Technical Services Unit at 916-445-4982.

Sincerely,

/s/ David J. Gau

David J. Gau Deputy Director Property and Special Taxes Department

DJG:grs