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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FILE YOUR 2009 BUSINESS PROPERTY STATEMENT ON-LINE WITH E-SDR!

Over 25,000 2009 Business Property Statements (Form 571-L) are being mailed by the Sacramento County Assessor's Office to business taxpayers during the first week of February. They are due back to the Assessor's Office by April 1, 2009. Business personal property includes all supplies, equipment and any fixtures used in the operation of a business and is appraised annually at its current market value as of the January 1 property tax lien date.

The Business Property Statement Form 571-L can now be filed electronically!

A program known as "E-SDR" (for "electronic standard data record") was developed by a consortium of California Assessors to allow those who have a small number of business locations in California to file their annual Business Property Statement Form 571-L electronically over the Internet. Using E-SDR to e-file the 571-L rather than mailing back a hard copy increases efficiency for both taxpayers and the Assessor.

In the first year, E-SDR filers will save mailing costs, though it will take about the same amount of time to fill out the form. In subsequent years, E-SDR filers will only need to input changes to their list of business personal property, thereby saving both time and mailing costs. It has been estimated that using E-SDR takes only about half the preparation and filing time after the first year. In addition to the savings for business taxpayers, E-SDR helps the Assessor's Office process the e-filed BPS statements more efficiently than hard-copy statements, saving both time and money.

Business taxpayers who are interested in filing their Business Property Statement Form 571-L electronically using E-SDR should go to the web site www.calbpsfile.org and look for the red E-SDR button. In order to file using E-SDR, the filer must have the 18-digit personal property account number and the E-SDR "BIN" (Business Identification Number) number from the 2009 Business Property Statement Form 571-L they received from the Assessor's Office.

Business taxpayers who did not receive a 2009 Business Property Statement Form 571-L for a new location in Sacramento County should contact the Sacramento County Assessor's Office, Business Property Division at (916) 875-0730.

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There is a companion program known as "SDR" that was developed specifically for large-scale taxpayers who annually file business property statements for numerous locations throughout the state. For detailed information regarding SDR, the filing requirements for Sacramento County, and what such taxpayers need to do to register for the SDR program, use the SDR portion of the www.calbpsfile.org web site.

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