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**SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF A SECOND SYMPOSIUM TO DISCUSS
PROPOSED REGULATIONS 19041 AND 19044 RELATING TO
PROTESTS AND PROTEST HEARINGS TO BE HELD ON MAY 8, 2000**

The staff of the Franchise Tax Board, at the direction of the Board, will hold a second symposium to discuss proposed regulations relating to protests and protest hearings on May 8, 2000 at 1:00 p.m. The symposium will be held in Room 1040 in the Phase 2 building at the Franchise Tax Board's central office located at 9645 Butterfield Way, Sacramento. The central offices of the Franchise Tax Board are located near the Butterfield station of the Sacramento Light Rail System.

The two regulations are currently in the formal rule-making process. A symposium on the proposed regulations was held on March 3, 2000 and a Franchise Tax Board meeting was held on March 27, 2000. Comments were received at both meetings. Staff of the Franchise Tax Board has reviewed the comments and has prepared revisions to the proposed regulations based upon those comments. Copies of the staff generated revisions to the proposed regulations are attached or can be accessed at the Franchise Tax Board's website at www.ftb.ca.gov. For further information regarding this notice, contact Colleen Berwick at the Franchise Tax Board Legal Branch, P.O. Box 1720, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-1720; Tel.: (916) 845-3306; Fax: (916) 845-3648; E-Mail: colleen_berwick@ftb.ca.gov.

The second symposium will provide another opportunity for interested parties to discuss with staff the proposed regulations and explore alternative procedures and language. The Franchise Tax Board has directed that any suggestions for change be accompanied by proposed language. It would be helpful to the interested parties and participants if any proposals were available at the time of the symposium. Materials submitted to staff prior to the symposium will be duplicated so that they will be available to other participants. (Please contact Ms. Berwick to submit materials.) Proposals may be developed as a result of discussions at the symposium and will not necessarily be available during the course of the symposium. Drafts of alternatives should be submitted to staff as soon as possible after the symposium so that they may be distributed to interested parties.

Proposed alternatives that have been submitted by commentators and staff will be considered by the Franchise Tax Board at its first meeting scheduled after the symposium so that the proposed regulations can proceed to a second hearing. Materials for consideration by the Franchise Tax Board at a meeting are normally forwarded to the members along with the agenda for the meeting so that the Board members have an

opportunity to review and consider alternatives prior to the meeting. Preparation of this distribution occurs approximately two weeks prior to the meeting.

A hearing on the proposed regulations will be scheduled as soon as possible, consistent with the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, after the report of the second symposium has been considered by the Board and the Board has provided direction to staff as to how it should proceed.