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#### \*\*\*PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT\*\*\*

# Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk Steve J. Bestolarides Publishes Disaster Relief Information & Claim Form Online

Fire, Earthquake or Flood Damage

STOCKTON, CA, April 12, 2017 – In an effort to assist property owners affected by recent storms, San Joaquin County Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk Steve J. Bestolarides published a <u>Disaster Relief informational page</u> on the Assessor's <u>website</u> outlining eligibility requirements for property tax relief and providing a printable Disaster Relief Application form. To qualify for property tax relief, damage to the property must be at least \$10,000 of current market value and a disaster relief form must be filed with the Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk's office within 12 months from the date of damage or destruction.

"Our employees remain committed to providing timely and equitable tax relief to victims affected by the recent storms," said Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk Steve J. Bestolarides. The Office of the Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk also worked with the San Joaquin County Office of Emergency Services to obtain a list of properties that were affected in the February 2017 storms and will mail Disaster Relief Application forms to these property owners.

For additional information about property tax disaster relief, please visit the <u>California State</u> Board of Equalization's Disaster Relief - Frequently Asked Questions page.

www.sjgov.org/department/assr\_rec



## OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR – COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

# APPLICATION FOR REASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY DAMAGED BY MISFORTUNE OR CALAMITY WITH DAMAGE IN EXCESS OF \$10,000

This application must be filed within 12 months after date of loss.

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Situs: Scope:		Return copy to:	Steve J. Bestolarides San Joaquin County Assessor 44 N. San Joaquin Street Suite 230 Stockton, CA 95202-3273 (209) 468-2658 • FAX (209) 468-8383 APN/AAN:
			Account No
Date of Damage or Dest	ruction		
Date repairbegan (if started)	Date com (if finishe	npleteded)	(or estimated date of completion)
VALUES	OWNER'S ESTIMATE OF LOSS*	OWNER'S EST. OF VALUE AFTER LOSS	NATURE OF DAMAGE/ DESTRUCTION
Real Property Land		-	
Improvement Structures			
Improvement Fixtures			
Sub-Total			
Personal Property Business Equipment		-	
Boat or Aircraft			
Totals			
Attach documentation, suc	h as an estimate or statement from li	icensed contractor.	
Documentat	ion attached	Document	tation to be submitted later
I hereby apply for reas	sessment of the property descri	bed above. The property was	damaged or destroyed without my fault.
I declare that I was the for the taxes on it.	owner of the property, or had i	it in my possession and control	l at the time of loss, and that I am responsible
This application, if exec	cuted outside of the State of Ca	lifornia, must be verified by a <u>f</u>	fidavit.
			ia that the foregoing and all information hereon, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
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	(Signature of Applicant)		(Phone 8:00 am to 5:00 pm) (Date)

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Section 170 of the Revenue and Taxation Code of the State of California contains provisions for reassessment of property damaged or destroyed by misfortune or calamity. A brief summary of eligibility requirements is as follows:

- 1. The application must be made by the person who, on the lien date (January 1), was the owner of or had in his possession or under his control, the taxable property which suffered damage, or by a person who acquired the property after the lien date and is liable for the taxes for the next fiscal year commencing July 1.
- 2. The damage must have occurred by misfortune or calamity, without fault of the owner.
- 3. The application must be delivered to the assessor within 12 months of the date of calamity or misfortune.
- 4. The damage must be shown to be in excess of ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars.