



COUNTY OF MADERA

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Gary Svanda, Madera County Assessor

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To: Public Service Announcement Recipients

From: Gary Svanda, Assessor

Re: Calamity / Disaster Claim Notice

Property Owners who were affected by the recent fires in Madera County and have suffered a disaster or calamity as defined in Revenue and Taxation Code Section 170 (such as fire, earthquake, flood or accident). Due to such loss, you may be eligible for property tax relief.

To qualify for property tax relief, you must file a claim with the county assessor within 12 months from the date of damage or destruction. **The loss estimate must be at least \$10,000 of current market value** to qualify the property for this relief.

In such cases, the county assessor will immediately reappraise the property to reflect its damaged condition. In addition, when it is rebuilt in a like or similar manner, the property will retain its prior value (Proposition 13) for tax purposes.

This property tax relief is available to owners of real property, business equipment and fixtures, orchards or other agricultural groves, and to owners of aircraft, boats, and certain mobile homes - it is not available to property that is not assessable, such as state licensed mobile homes or household furnishings.

Property owners can obtain a printed Disaster Relief Application by calling (559) 675-7710, or by visiting the Assessor's Office or sending a written request to:

Madera County Assessor's Office, 200 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Madera, CA 93637.

Or by email [Assessor@co.madera.ca.gov](mailto:Assessor@co.madera.ca.gov)