Property Tax Guidelines California

Important Dates

Valuation Date	January 1st of each year per annual reassessment cycle
Tax Bills Due	First half installment due December 10th Second half installment due April 10th
Assessment Cycle	Typically in early October
Valuation Notice	Assessment notices are issued from June through August depending on jurisdiction
Appeal Deadline	Annual Assessment September 15th – Alameda, Alpine, Inyo, Kings, Placer, San Francisco, San Luis Obispo, Santa Clara, Sierra, and Ventura countries
	November 30th – all other counties
	Supplemental Assessment 60 days from the mail date stated on the assessment notice



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How is the assessed value determined?

Per Proposition 13, annual increases of assessed value of real property are not to exceed 2% per year except in cases of a change in ownership, completion of new construction and/or in the case of a value restoration due to a prior year decline in value (Prop. 8) assessment. These rules apply equally to all real estate – both residential and commercial.

Which properties are the best candidates for appeal?

Properties that have recently changed ownership or have recently been completed are the best candidates for property tax appeal.

What are the levels of appeal?

County Assessment Appeals Board State Board of Equalization Superior Court California Court of Appeals California Supreme Court



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