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Assessor Bill Postmus Announces Property Tax Relief For Fire Victims

SAN BERNARDINO – San Bernardino County Assessor Bill Postmus today announced that property tax relief will be available for victims of this week's devastating wildfires that have ravaged San Bernardino County. According to news reports, several structures have either been destroyed and suffered extensive damage as a result of the multiple wildfires burning in San Bernardino County.

"This is a very trying and difficult day for San Bernardino County," stated a somber County Assessor Bill Postmus. "I commend the tremendous work our firefighting professionals are doing to save lives and protect property. However, for those property owners who are facing damaged structures, please know that my office stands ready to assist you immediately.

"Under California State Revenue and Taxation Code 170/Misfortune and Calamity, a property owner is entitled to reassessment of property where damage has exceeded \$10,000. This important exemption should be filed as quickly as possible.

"I stand in solidarity with those who are victims of this terrible disaster," concluded Assessor Postmus. "My staff and I will ensure that those who have suffered property damages or losses will be afforded any and all available tax relief in an efficient and prompt manner."

Postmus further announced his official internet site will have a special link and webpage dedicated to assisting victims of the disaster with necessary forms to claim an exemption under the tax code's appropriate provisions.

For more information, Postmus encouraged fire victims to visit his website, www.sbassessor.org or call his office toll-free at 1-877-885-7654.

Assessor Bill Postmus was sworn in as the county assessor in January 2007 after serving 6 years as county supervisor, representing the First Supervisorial District. From 2005-06, Assessor Postmus served as chair of the county's Board of Supervisors. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business and Management from the University of Redlands. Postmus is designated by the state of California as a Certified Property Tax Appraiser. As assessor, Bill Postmus is credited with reducing property tax assessments by millions of dollars.

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