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Property Tax relief for victims of the LNU Lightning Complex fire

SOLANO COUNTY – The Solano County Assessor/Recorder and Treasurer-Tax Collector-County Clerk's Office are working together to assist property owners who may be eligible for property tax relief for the portion of their property that was damaged or destroyed in the LNU Lightning Complex fire.

PROPERTY THAT QUALIFIES FOR TAX RELIEF

Property tax relief is available to owners of real property, business equipment and fixtures, orchards or other agricultural groves, aircraft, boats and certain manufactured homes. Please note, household furnishings, unfortunately, do not qualify for tax relief.

REDUCING PROPERTY TAXES ON DAMAGED PROPERTY

For qualifying properties, the County Assessor will survey the extent of the damage and reduce the assessment as of the date the damage occurred. A property owner's current property taxes will be reduced for the portion of the property damaged or destroyed by the fire, with the reduction remaining in effect until the property is rebuilt.

APPLYING FOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

To qualify for property tax relief, property owners must file a written application with the county assessor within 12 months immediately following the disaster. This application, "Reassessment of Property Damaged or Destroyed by Misfortune or Calamity," can be found at the Assessor/Recorder website at www.SolanoCounty.com/Depts/AR. The damage or destruction of the property must be \$10,000 or more of the current market value (sale value before the damage occurred) to qualify the property for this relief.

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS FOR PROPERTY OWNERS

Property owners may be eligible for a reinstatement of the home's previous base year value. To be eligible, property owners must file an application with the County Assessor to reduce their taxes and rebuild the property in a like or similar manner. Alternatively, property owners may choose to buy another comparable property and transfer your base year value to the new property. Please note, property owners will not be able to do both. For more information regarding disaster relief, visit the California Board of Equalization website.

ACCESSING APPLICATION FORMS / CONTACT INFORMATION / QUESTIONS

To obtain a copy of the "Reassessment of Property Damaged or Destroyed by Misfortune or Calamity," visit the Assessor/Recorders website at www.solanocounty.com/depts/AR, calling (707) 784-6210, emailing Assessor@SolanoCounty.com or in person, 675 Texas Street, Suite 2700, in Fairfield, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Mon. – Fri.

Property owners with questions about paying their property tax installment can contact the Solano County Tax Collector by calling (707) 784-7485, emailing TTCCC@solanocounty.com or in person at 675 Texas Street, Suite 1900, in Fairfield, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Mon. – Fri.

SOLANO COUNTY RECOVERS WEBSITE

Solano County has launched an official website for wildfire response and recovery, <u>SolanoCountyRecovers.Org</u>. Visit the website for news and alerts, active incidents, local assistance centers and property recovery information.

REGISTER FOR ALERT SOLANO / SOCIAL MEDIA

If you haven't done so already, consider signing up for Alert Solano, Solano County's Emergency Notification System at www.AlertSolano.com to receive information quickly in a variety of situations, including severe weather, evacuations and natural disasters. Consider following the Solano County Sheriff's Office on Facebook oscilano.com to receive information quickly in a variety of situations, including severe weather, evacuations and natural disasters. Consider following the Solano County Sheriff's Office on Facebook oscilano.com to receive information quickly in a variety of situations, including severe weather, evacuations and natural disasters.

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Reassessment of Property Damaged or Destroyed by Misfortune or Calamity

This application must be filed with the Assessor within 12 months immediately following the misfortune of calamity. Owner's Name Assessor's Parcel No. DBA Account No. (Business only) _____ (Business only) e-mail Address Mailing Address Property Address Date of Damage Date repair began Date completed __ (if started) _____ or Destruction (if finished) OWNER'S ESTIMATE OWNER'S EST. OF NATURE OF DAMAGE VALUES OF LOSS VALUE AFTER LOSS DESTRUCTION Land Improvement(s) Sub-total Personal Property Business Equip. Boat or Aircraft Totals * Attached documentation, such as estimate or statement from licensed contractor. Documentation attached [] Documentation to be submitted later: [] I hereby apply for reassessment of the property described above. The property was damaged or destroyed without my fault. I declare that I was the owner of the property, or had it in my possession and control at the time of the loss, and that I am responsible for taxes on it. This application, if executed outside of the State of California, must be verified by affidavit. I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing and all information hereon, including any accompanying statements or documents, is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. (SIGNATURE) (DATE)

(PRINT NAME)

This application constitutes a claim for refund if applicable.

(Phone 8:00 AM TO 5:00 PM)