

9100 Tax Relief

California homeowners are provided assistance through a \$7,000 exemption from property tax. Tax relief is also provided to individuals who agreed to hold their land as open space under the Williamson Act of 1965.

3-YR EXPENDITURES AND PERSONNEL YEARS

	Personnel Years			Expenditures		
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2009-10*	2010-11*	2011-12*
50 Homeowners' Property Tax Relief	-	-	-	\$438,724	\$442,184	\$442,184
60 Subventions for Open Space	-	-	-	-	1	1
TOTALS, POSITIONS AND EXPENDITURES (All Programs)	-	-	-	\$438,724	\$442,185	\$442,185
FUNDING				2009-10*	2010-11*	2011-12*
0001 General Fund				\$438,724	\$442,185	\$442,185
TOTALS, EXPENDITURES, ALL FUNDS				\$438,724	\$442,185	\$442,185

LEGAL CITATIONS AND AUTHORITY

PROGRAM AUTHORITY

50-Homeowners' Property Tax Relief:

California Constitution, Article XIII, Sections 3 and 25; Government Code Sections 16100-16101.5 and 16120-16122.

60-Subventions for Open Space:

California Constitution, Article XIII, Section 8; Government Code Sections 51244, 51244.3, 16100-16101.5 and 16140-16154; Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 421-430.5.

MAJOR PROGRAM CHANGES

- Senate Bill 863 (Chapter 722, Statutes of 2010) appropriated \$10 million General Fund in 2010-11 for the Subventions for Open Space Program. The 2011-12 Governor's Budget proposes to revert that appropriation to the General Fund, and to provide ongoing funding of \$1,000, which is in-lieu of the statutory appropriation contained in Government Code sections 16100 and 16140.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

50 - HOMEOWNERS' PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

In order to reduce California taxpayers' property tax burden, the California Constitution exempts homeowners from paying property taxes on the first \$7,000 of the assessed value of their principal place of residence. The Constitution requires the state to reimburse local governments for revenues lost due to the homeowners' exemption.

60 - SUBVENTIONS FOR OPEN SPACE

The Williamson Act permits cities and counties to enter into contracts with landowners to limit the use of land to agricultural, scenic and open-space purposes. Article XIII, Section 8, of the California Constitution permits land under such restrictions to be assessed at other than market value based on its limited use. The state provides reimbursements to cities and counties to partially defray the loss of property tax revenues. The Department of Conservation administers this program.

DETAIL OF APPROPRIATIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS

2 LOCAL ASSISTANCE	2009-10*	2010-11*	2011-12*
0001 General Fund			
APPROPRIATIONS			
101 Budget Act appropriation as amended by Chapter 1, Statutes of 2009, Fourth Extraordinary Session	\$444,579	-	-
Revised expenditure authority per Provision 2	-5,854	-	-
101 Budget Act appropriation	-	\$442,185	\$442,185
Chapter 722, Statutes of 2010	-	10,000	-

* Dollars in thousands, except in Salary Range.

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2 LOCAL ASSISTANCE	2009-10*	2010-11*	2011-12*
Pending Legislation	-	-10,000	-
Totals Available	\$438,725	\$442,185	\$442,185
Unexpended balance, estimated savings	-1	-	-
TOTALS, EXPENDITURES	\$438,724	\$442,185	\$442,185
TOTALS, EXPENDITURES, ALL FUNDS (Local Assistance)	\$438,724	\$442,185	\$442,185

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