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9100 Tax Relief

California homeowners are provided assistance through a \$7,000 exemption from property tax. Tax relief also is provided to individuals who agreed to hold their land as open space under the Williamson Act of 1965. This budget provides payments to cities and counties to help defray revenues lost as a result of these two tax relief programs. This budget also receives repayments from persons who participated in the Senior Citizens' Property Tax Postponement Program, which was suspended in 2009-10.

3-YR EXPENDITURES AND PERSONNEL YEARS

		Personnel Years			Expenditures			
		2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2010-11*	2011-12*	2012-13*	
50	Homeowners' Property Tax Relief	-	-	-	\$438,082	\$434,506	\$438,851	
60	Subventions for Open Space	-	-	-	1	1	1	
70	Senior Citizens' Property Tax Postponement Loan	-	=	-	-	-6,900	-5,700	
	Repayments							
TOTALS, POSITIONS AND EXPENDITURES (All Programs)		-	-	-	\$438,083	\$427,607	\$433,152	
FUNI	DING				2010-11*	2011-12*	2012-13*	
0001	General Fund				\$438,083	\$427,607	\$433,152	
TOTALS, EXPENDITURES, ALL FUNDS					\$438,083	\$427,607	\$433,152	

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.

70-Senior Citizens' Property Tax Postponement Loan Repayments:

Revenue and Taxation Code Section 20501.

DETAILED BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS						
	2011-12*			2012-13*		
	General Fund	Other Funds	Personnel Years	General Fund	Other Funds	Personnel Years
Workload Budget Adjustments						
Other Workload Budget Adjustments						
Property Tax Postponement Loan Repayments	\$623	\$-	-	\$1,823	\$-	-
Homeowners' Property Tax Relief	-7,678	-	=	-3,333	=	<u>-</u>
Totals, Other Workload Budget Adjustments	-\$7,055	\$-	-	-\$1,510	\$-	
Totals, Workload Budget Adjustments	-\$7,055	\$-	-	-\$1,510	\$-	
Totals, Budget Adjustments	-\$7,055	\$-	-	-\$1,510	\$-	-

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

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be assessed at other than market value based on its limited uses. The state provides reimbursements to cities and counties to partially defray the loss of property tax revenues. The Department of Conservation administers this program.

70 - SENIOR CITIZENS' PROPERTY TAX POSTPONEMENT LOAN REPAYMENTS

The Senior Citizens' Property Tax Postponement Program allowed eligible homeowners to defer payment of residential property tax. The state paid the deferred taxes to local governments on behalf of the participants, and placed a lien on their property to assure repayment when the property is sold or transferred. The Senior Citizens' Property Tax Postponement Loan Repayments Program captures repayments from persons who participated in the Senior Citizens' Property Tax Postponement Program, which was suspended in 2009-10.

DETAIL OF APPROPRIATIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS

2 LOCAL ASSISTANCE	2010-11*	2011-12*	2012-13*
0001 General Fund			
APPROPRIATIONS			
101 Budget Act appropriation	\$442,185	\$442,185	\$438,852
Chapter 722, Statutes of 2010	10,000	-	-
Chapter 11, Statutes of 2011	-10,000		
Totals Available	\$442,185	\$442,185	\$438,852
Unexpended balance, estimated savings	-4,102	-7,678	
TOTALS, EXPENDITURES	\$438,083	\$434,507	\$438,852
Loan Repayment per Revenue and Taxation Code Section 20501		-6,900	-5,700
NET TOTALS, EXPENDITURES	\$438,083	\$427,607	\$433,152
TOTALS, EXPENDITURES, ALL FUNDS (Local Assistance)	\$438,083	\$427,607	\$433,152

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