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# Property Tax Relief Available to Property Owners Impacted by Earthquakes



**SAN BERNARDINO, CA (July 10, 2019)** - With the recent earthquakes experienced in the Trona region of San Bernardino County, there is tax relief available to property owners impacted by natural disasters.

“State law provides that if a calamity such as an earthquake damages or destroys your property, you may be eligible for property tax relief through a reassessment by your county assessor,” said **San Bernardino County Assessor-Recorder-Clerk Bob Dutton**. “As county assessor, my office will reassess damaged property according to its damaged state and property taxes will be adjusted accordingly. It’s important we do all we can to help those impacted by natural disasters.”

To qualify for property tax relief, property owners must file a claim with the county assessor within 12 months from the date of damage or destruction. The loss estimate must be at least \$10,000 of current market value to qualify the property for this relief.

This property tax relief is available to owners of real property, business equipment and fixtures, orchards or other agricultural groves, and to owners of aircraft, boats, and certain manufactured homes – it is not available to property that is not assessable. In addition, when damaged property is rebuilt in a like or similar manner, the property will retain its prior value (Proposition 13) for tax purposes.

For San Bernardino County property owners who have questions regarding a Damaged Property Reassessment in the Trona region, please contact the Assessor's Hesperia District office:

15900 Smoke Tree Street, Suite 120  
Hesperia, CA 92345  
Phone: (760) 995-8030  
Fax: (760) 995-8055  
Hours: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

To download the Damaged Property Reassessment Application form, click [here](#).

For other needs, including reporting damage, please contact the San Bernardino County Emergency Operations Center at 909-356-3998 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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