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ASSEMBLY BILL No. 50

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(Coauthors: Senators ~~Dutton, Maldonado,~~ *Maldonado* and Runner)

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An act to amend ~~Sections 8686~~ *Section* and 65302.6 of the Government Code, and to amend Sections 218, 17207, and 24347.5 of, and to add Sections *170.5,* 195.146, 195.147, 195.148, 195.155, 195.156, and 195.157 to, the Revenue and Taxation Code, relating to disaster relief, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 50, as amended, Nava. Disaster relief.

~~(1) Under existing law, the California Disaster Assistance Act, the state share for eligible project costs is no more than 75% of total state eligible costs, and for specific incidents, the state share is up to 100% of total eligible state costs.~~

~~This bill would include, as eligible for 100% state share, the wildfires that occurred in southern California commencing on or about October 20, 2007, as specified in agreements between this state and the United States for federal financial assistance. This bill would also declare the intent of the Legislature that this eligibility is subject to specified requirements under existing law.~~

~~(2)~~

(1) Under the California Disaster Assistance Act the state share may be up to 100% for costs connected with certain events only if the local agency has adopted a local hazard mitigation plan in accordance with specified federal law.

Existing law, the Planning and Zoning Law, requires that a city, county, or city and county general plan contain a safety element for the protection of the community from specified safety risks, and authorizes a city, county, or a city and county to adopt with its safety element a federally specified local hazard mitigation plan that includes specified elements.

This bill would eliminate the requirement that adoption of the federally specified local hazard mitigation plan include required specified elements.

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(2) Existing law authorizes a county board of supervisors to provide by ordinance for the reassessment of property that is damaged or destroyed, without fault on the part of the assessee, by a major misfortune or calamity, upon the application of the assessee or upon the action of the county assessor with the board's approval. With respect to certain counties that have adopted reassessment ordinances and have been declared by the Governor to be in a state of emergency as a result of certain events, existing law provides for state allocations of the estimated amounts of the reductions in property tax revenues resulting in certain fiscal years from reassessments under those ordinances. Existing law also continuously appropriates, without regard to fiscal years, moneys in the Special Fund for Economic Uncertainties for purposes of funding these state allocations.

This bill would provide for similar state allocations with respect to property tax revenue reductions resulting from a reassessment for damages incurred within the County of Santa Barbara, which was declared by the Governor to be in a state of emergency due to the wildfires that commenced in November 2008 or May 2009.

By requiring moneys continuously appropriated from the Special Fund for Economic Uncertainties to be allocated for the new purpose of reimbursing the County of Santa Barbara for these property tax revenue reductions, this bill would make an appropriation.

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(3) Existing property tax law provides, pursuant to a specified provision of the California Constitution, for a homeowners' property tax exemption in the amount of $7,000 of the full value of a "dwelling," as defined.

This bill would also provide that any dwelling that qualified for the exemption prior to the commencement dates of the wildfires listed in the Governor's disaster proclamations of November 14, 2008, and May 7, 2009, that was damaged or destroyed by the wildfires in the County of Santa Barbara, as declared by the Governor in November 2008 or May 2009, and that has not changed ownership since the commencement dates of these disasters as listed in the proclamations, may not be denied the exemption solely on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner, or was temporarily uninhabited as a result of restricted access to the property due to wildfires.

The California Constitution requires the Legislature, in each fiscal year, to reimburse local governments for the revenue losses incurred by those governments in that fiscal year as a result of the homeowners' property tax exemption.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to make this required reimbursement in the annual Budget Act. By requiring local tax officials to implement new exemption criteria, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

~~(5)~~

(4) The Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law provide for the carryover to specified taxable years of specified losses sustained as a result of certain disasters occurring in California in an area determined by the President of the United States to warrant

specified federal assistance, or proclaimed by the Governor to be in a state of emergency.

This bill would extend these provisions to losses sustained in the County of Santa Barbara as a result of the wildfires that commenced in November 2008 or May 2009. This bill would authorize a taxpayer to make an election to claim a deduction for those losses on the tax return for the preceding year.

(5) Existing law requires the auditor of a county which was the subject of the Governor's proclamation of a state of emergency to certify to the Director of Finance an estimate of the total reduction in property tax revenues resulting from the reassessment by the county assessor of those properties that are eligible as a result of disasters, and requires the director to verify the county auditor's estimate and certify that amount to the Controller for allocation to the county.

This bill would prohibit, for any fire disaster occurring after January 1, 2010, the Department of Finance to certify a county auditor's estimate of the total reduction in property tax resulting from the reassessment by the county assessor of eligible properties as a result of those disasters unless the county demonstrates compliance with specified requirements at the time the fire disaster occurred.

(6) This bill would become operative only if both Assembly Bill 666 and Senate Bill 505 of the 2009–10 Regular Session of the Legislature are enacted in 2009, and the operative date would depend on the enactment date of those bills.

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(7) This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: 2/3. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

~~SECTION 1. Section 8686 of the Government Code is amended to read:~~

~~8686. (a) For any eligible project, the state share shall amount to no more than 75 percent of total state eligible costs.~~

~~(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the state share shall be up to 100 percent of total state eligible costs connected with the following events:~~

~~(1) The October 17, 1989, Loma Prieta earthquake.~~

~~(2) The October 20, 1991, East Bay fire.~~

~~(3) The fires that occurred in southern California from October 1, 1993, to November 30, 1993, inclusive.~~

~~(4) The January 17, 1994, Northridge earthquake.~~

~~(5) Storms that occurred in California during the periods commencing January 3, 1995, and February 13, 1995, as specified in agreements between this state and the United States for federal financial assistance.~~

~~(6) The storms that occurred in California in December of 1996 and early January of 1997, as specified in agreements between this state and the United States for federal financial assistance.~~

~~(7) The winter storms and flooding that occurred from February 1, 1998, to April 30, 1998, inclusive, as specified in agreements between this state and the United States for federal financial assistance.~~

~~(8) The wildfires that occurred in southern California commencing October 21, 2003, as specified in agreements between this state and the United States for federal financial assistance.~~

~~(9) The December 22, 2003, San Simeon earthquake, as specified in agreements between this state and the United States for federal financial assistance.~~

~~(10) The severe storms, flooding, debris flows, and mudslides that occurred during December 27, 2004, to January 11, 2005, inclusive, in southern California, as specified in agreements between this state and the United States for federal financial assistance.~~

~~(11) The severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mud and debris flows that occurred in southern California during the period from February 16 to February 23, 2005, inclusive, as specified in agreements between this state and the United States for federal financial assistance.~~

~~(12) The severe storms, flooding, mudslides, and landslides that occurred in northern California during the period from December 17, 2005, to January 3, 2006, inclusive, as specified in agreements between this state and the United States for federal financial assistance.~~

~~(13) The severe storms and flooding that occurred in northern and central California during the period from March 29, 2006, to April 16, 2006, inclusive, as specified in agreements between this state and the United States for federal financial assistance.~~

~~(14) The wildfires that occurred in southern California commencing on or about October 20, 2007, as specified in agreements between this state and the United States for federal financial assistance.~~

~~(c) For any federally declared disaster subsequent to January 1, 1995, that the Legislature has designated in subdivision (b), the state shall assume the increased share specified in subdivision (b) in those cases where the Federal Emergency Management Agency or another applicable federal agency has approved the federal share of costs.~~

~~(d) The state shall make no allocation for any project application resulting in a state share of less than two thousand five hundred dollars ($2,500) under this section.~~

~~SEC. 2.~~

SECTION 1. Section 65302.6 of the Government Code is amended to read:

65302.6. (a) A city, county, or a city and county may adopt, with its safety element pursuant to subdivision (g) of Section 65302, a local hazard mitigation plan (HMP) specified in the federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390; 42 U.S.C. Sec. 5121 et seq.).

(b) Local jurisdictions that have not adopted a local hazard mitigation plan shall be given preference by the Office of Emergency Services in recommending actions to be funded from the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program, the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, and the Flood Mitigation Assistance Program to assist the local jurisdiction in developing and adopting a local hazard mitigation plan, subject to available funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

SEC. 2. Section 170.5 is added to the Revenue and Taxation Code, to read:

170.5. For any fire disaster occurring after January 1, 2010, the Department of Finance shall not certify a county auditor's estimate of the total amount of the reduction in property tax revenues resulting from the reassessment by the county assessor pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 170 of those properties that are eligible properties as a result of those disasters, unless the county demonstrates compliance with all of the following requirements at the time the fire disaster occurred:

(a) The county had at least one of the following for each state responsibility area within its jurisdiction:

(1) Its own structural fire protection services.

(2) A contract providing structural fire protection services by the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection that requires all state costs to provide structural fire protection be included in the contract, including, but not limited to, salaries and wages, benefits, retirement, distributed administrative costs, workers' compensation, equipment, and costs associated with entering into the contract.

(3) Structural fire protection services from another county, city, special district, or political subdivision of the state, or another entity organized solely to provide fire protection services that is monitored and funded by a county or other public entity.

(b) The county was in compliance with Chapter 6.8 (commencing with Section 51175) of Part 1 of Division 1 of Title 5 of the Government Code.

(c) If a county had land designated as a very high fire hazard severity zone of state responsibility area within its jurisdiction, the county had a fire risk reduction public education program that included, but was not limited to, recommendations for ignition-resistant landscaping, creating and maintaining defensible space around homes and other structures, and ignition-resistant construction principles.

SEC. 3. Section 195.146 is added to the Revenue and Taxation Code, to read:

195.146. (a) By October 30, 2009, the auditor of the County of Santa Barbara, which was the subject of the Governor's proclamation of a state of emergency for wildfires that commenced on November 13, 2008, shall, certify to the Director of Finance an estimate of the total amount of the reduction in property tax revenues on both the regular secured roll and the supplemental roll for the 2008–09 fiscal year resulting from the reassessment by the county assessor pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 170 of those properties that are eligible properties as a result of those disasters, except that the amount certified shall not include any estimated property tax revenue reductions to school districts, other than basic state aid school districts, and county offices of education.

(b) For purposes of this section, “basic state aid school district” means any school district that does not receive a state apportionment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 42238 of the Education Code, but receives from the state only a basic apportionment pursuant to Section 6 of Article IX of the California Constitution.

SEC. 4. Section 195.147 is added to the Revenue and Taxation Code, to read:

195.147. After the county auditor of the eligible county, as described in Section 195.146, has made the applicable certification to the Director of Finance pursuant to that section, the director shall within 30 days after verification of the county auditor’s estimate, certify this amount to the Controller for allocation to the county. Upon receipt of certification from the Director of Finance, the Controller shall make the appropriate allocation to the county within 10 working days.

SEC. 5. Section 195.148 is added to the Revenue and Taxation Code, to read:

195.148. (a) On or before June 30, 2010, an eligible county, as described in Section 195.146, shall compute and remit to the Controller for deposit in the General Fund an amount equal to the amount allocated to it by the Controller pursuant to Section 195.147, less the actual amount of its property tax revenue lost on the regular secured and supplemental rolls with respect to those eligible properties described in Section 195.146 as a result of the reassessment of those properties pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 170, excluding any property tax revenue lost by school districts, other than basic state aid school districts, and county offices of education. If the actual amount of property tax revenue lost by an eligible county in the immediately preceding fiscal year, as described and limited in the preceding sentence, exceeds the amount allocated by the Controller to that county pursuant to Section 195.147, the Controller shall allocate the amount of that excess to that eligible county.

(b) For purposes of this section, “basic state aid school district” means any school district that does not receive a state apportionment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 42238 of the Education Code, but receives from the state only a basic apportionment pursuant to Section 6 of Article IX of the California Constitution.

SEC. 6. Section 195.155 is added to the Revenue and Taxation Code, to read:

195.155. (a) By October 30, 2010, the auditor of the County of Santa Barbara, which was the subject of the Governor's proclamation of a state of emergency for wildfires that commenced on May 5, 2009, shall certify to the Director of Finance an estimate of the total amount of the reduction in property tax revenues on both the regular secured roll and the supplemental roll for the 2009–10 fiscal year resulting from the reassessment by the county assessor pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 170 of those properties that are eligible properties as a result of those disasters, except that the amount certified shall not include any estimated property tax revenue reductions to school districts, other than basic state aid school districts, and county offices of education.

(b) For purposes of this section, "basic state aid school district" means any school district that does not receive a state apportionment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 42238 of the Education Code, but receives from the state only a basic apportionment pursuant to Section 6 of Article IX of the California Constitution.

SEC. 7. Section 195.156 is added to the Revenue and Taxation Code, to read:

195.156. After the county auditor of the eligible county, as described in Section 195.155, has made the applicable certification to the Director of Finance pursuant to that section, the director shall within 30 days after verification of the county auditor's estimate, certify this amount to the Controller for allocation to the county. Upon receipt of certification from the Director of Finance, the Controller shall make the appropriate allocation to the county within 10 working days.

SEC. 8. Section 195.157 is added to the Revenue and Taxation Code, to read:

195.157. (a) On or before June 30, 2011, an eligible county, as described in Section 195.155, shall compute and remit to the Controller for deposit in the General Fund an amount equal to the amount allocated to it by the Controller pursuant to Section 195.156, less the actual amount of its property tax revenue lost on the regular secured and supplemental rolls with respect to those eligible properties described in Section 195.155 as a result of the reassessment of those properties pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 170, excluding any property tax revenue lost by school districts, other than basic state aid school districts, and county offices of education. If the actual amount of property tax revenue lost by an eligible county in the immediately preceding fiscal year, as described and limited in the preceding sentence, exceeds the amount allocated by the Controller to that county pursuant to Section 195.156, the Controller shall allocate the amount of that excess to that eligible county.

(b) For purposes of this section, “basic state aid school district” means any school district that does not receive a state apportionment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 42238 of the Education Code, but receives from the state only a basic apportionment pursuant to Section 6 of Article IX of the California Constitution.

SEC. 9. Section 218 of the Revenue and Taxation Code is amended to read:

218. (a) The homeowners’ property tax exemption is in the amount of the assessed value of the dwelling specified in this section, as authorized by subdivision (k) of Section 3 of Article XIII of the California Constitution. That exemption shall be in the amount of seven thousand dollars ($7,000) of the full value of the dwelling.

(b) The exemption does not extend to property that is rented, vacant, under construction on the lien date, or that is a vacation or secondary home of the owner or owners, nor does it apply to property on which an owner receives the veteran’s exemption.

(c) For purposes of this section, all of the following apply:

(1) “Owner” includes a person purchasing the dwelling under a contract of sale or who holds shares or membership in a cooperative housing corporation, which holding is a requisite to the exclusive right of occupancy of a dwelling.

(2) (A) “Dwelling” means a building, structure, or other shelter constituting a place of abode, whether real property or personal property, and any land on which it may be situated. A two-dwelling unit shall be considered as two separate single-family dwellings.

(B) “Dwelling” includes the following:

(i) A single-family dwelling occupied by an owner thereof as his or her principal place of residence on the lien date.

(ii) A multiple-dwelling unit occupied by an owner thereof on the lien date as his or her principal place of residence.

(iii) A condominium occupied by an owner thereof as his or her principal place of residence on the lien date.

(iv) Premises occupied by the owner of shares or a membership interest in a cooperative housing corporation, as defined in subdivision (i) of Section 61, as his or her principal place of residence on the lien date. Each exemption allowed pursuant to this subdivision shall be deducted from the total assessed valuation of the cooperative housing corporation. The exemption shall be taken into account in apportioning property taxes among owners of share or membership interests in the cooperative housing corporations so as to benefit those owners who qualify for the exemption.

(d) Any dwelling that qualified for an exemption under this section prior to October 20, 1991, that was damaged or destroyed by fire in a disaster, as declared by the Governor, occurring on or after October 20, 1991, and before November 1, 1991, and that has not changed ownership since October 20, 1991, shall not be disqualified as a “dwelling” or be denied an exemption under this section solely on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner.

(e) Any dwelling that qualified for an exemption under this section prior to October 15, 2003, that was damaged or destroyed by fire or earthquake in a disaster, as declared by the Governor, during October, November, or December 2003, and that has not changed ownership since October 15, 2003, shall not be disqualified as a “dwelling” or be denied an exemption under this section solely on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner.

(f) Any dwelling that qualified for an exemption under this section prior to June 3, 2004, that was damaged or destroyed by flood in a disaster, as declared by the Governor, during June 2004, and that has not changed ownership since June 3, 2004, shall not be disqualified as a “dwelling” or be denied an exemption under this section solely on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner.

(g) Any dwelling that qualified for an exemption under this section prior to August 11, 2004, that was damaged or destroyed by the wildfires and any other related casualty that occurred in

Shasta County in a disaster, as declared by the Governor, during August 2004, and that has not changed ownership since August 11, 2004, shall not be disqualified as a "dwelling" or be denied an exemption under this section solely on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner.

(h) Any dwelling that qualified for an exemption under this section prior to December 28, 2004, that was damaged or destroyed by severe rainstorms, floods, mudslides, or the accumulation of debris in a disaster, as declared by the Governor, during December 2004, January 2005, February 2005, March 2005, or June 2005, and that has not changed ownership since December 28, 2004, shall not be disqualified as a "dwelling" or be denied an exemption under this section solely on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner, or was temporarily uninhabited as a result of restricted access to the property due to floods, mudslides, the accumulation of debris, or washed-out or damaged roads.

(i) Any dwelling that qualified for an exemption under this section prior to December 19, 2005, that was damaged or destroyed by severe rainstorms, floods, mudslides, or the accumulation of debris in a disaster, as declared by the Governor in January 2006, April 2006, May 2006, or June 2006, and that has not changed ownership since December 19, 2005, shall not be disqualified as a "dwelling" or be denied an exemption under this section solely on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner, or was temporarily uninhabited as a result of restricted access to the property due to floods, mudslides, the accumulation of debris, or washed-out or damaged roads.

(j) Any dwelling that qualified for an exemption under this section prior to July 9, 2006, that was damaged or destroyed by the wildfires and any other related casualty that occurred in the County of San Bernardino, as declared by the Governor in July 2006, and that has not changed ownership since July 9, 2006, shall not be disqualified as a "dwelling" or be denied an exemption under this section solely on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner, or was temporarily uninhabited as a result of restricted access to the property due to the wildfires.

(k) Any dwelling that qualified for an exemption under this section prior to the commencement dates of the wildfires listed in the Governor's proclamations of 2006 that was damaged or destroyed by the wildfires and any other related casualty that occurred in the Counties of Riverside and Ventura, and that has not changed ownership since the commencement dates of these disasters as listed in the Governor's proclamations of 2006 shall not be disqualified as a "dwelling" or be denied an exemption under this section solely on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner, or was temporarily uninhabited as a result of restricted access to the property due to the wildfires.

(*l*) Any dwelling that qualified for an exemption under this section prior to January 11, 2007, that was damaged or destroyed by severe freezing conditions, commencing January 11, 2007, and any other related casualty that occurred in the Counties of El Dorado, Fresno, Imperial, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Monterey, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Stanislaus, Tulare, Ventura, and Yuba as a result of a disaster as declared by the Governor, and that has not changed ownership since January 11, 2007, shall not be disqualified as a "dwelling" or be denied an exemption under this section solely on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner, or was temporarily uninhabited as a result of restricted access to the property due to severe freezing conditions.

(m) Any dwelling that qualified for an exemption under this section prior to June 24, 2007, that was damaged or destroyed by the wildfires and any other related casualty that occurred as a result of this disaster in the County of El Dorado, as declared by the Governor in June 2007, and that has not changed ownership since June 24, 2007, shall not be disqualified as a "dwelling" or be denied an exemption under this section solely on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner, or was temporarily uninhabited as a result of restricted access to the property due to the wildfires.

(n) Any dwelling that qualified for an exemption under this section prior to July 4, 2007, that was damaged or destroyed by the Zaca Fire and any other related casualty that occurred as a result of this disaster in the Counties of Santa Barbara and Ventura, as declared by the Governor in August 2007, and that has not changed ownership since July 4, 2007, may not be denied an exemption solely on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner, or was temporarily uninhabited as a result of restricted access to the property due to the Zaca Fire.

(o) Any dwelling that qualified for an exemption under this section prior to July 6, 2007, that was damaged or destroyed by the wildfires and any other related casualty that occurred as a result of this disaster in the County of Inyo, as declared by the Governor in July 2007, and that has not changed ownership since July 6, 2007, may not be denied an exemption solely on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner, or was temporarily uninhabited as a result of restricted access to the property due to the wildfires.

(p) Any dwelling that qualified for an exemption under this section prior to the commencement dates of the wildfires listed in the Governor's disaster proclamations of September 15, 2007, and October 21, 2007, that was damaged or destroyed by the wildfires and any other related casualty that occurred in the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Ventura, and that has not changed ownership since the commencement dates of these disasters as listed in the proclamations shall not be disqualified as a "dwelling" or be denied an exemption under this section solely on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner, or was temporarily uninhabited as a result of restricted access to the property due to the wildfires.

(q) Any dwelling that qualified for an exemption under this section prior to October 20, 2007, that was damaged or destroyed by the extremely strong and damaging winds and any other related casualty that occurred as a result of this disaster in the County of Riverside, as declared by the Governor in November 2007, and that has not changed ownership since October 20, 2007, shall not be disqualified as a "dwelling" or be denied an exemption under this section solely on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner, or was temporarily uninhabited as a result of restricted access to the property due to the extremely strong and damaging winds.

(r) Any dwelling that qualified for an exemption under this section prior to the commencement dates of the wildfires listed in the Governor's disaster proclamations of May, June, or July 2008, that was damaged or destroyed by the wildfires and any other related casualty that occurred in the Counties of Butte, Kern, Mariposa, Mendocino, Monterey, Plumas, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, and Trinity and that has not changed ownership since the commencement dates of these disasters as listed in the proclamations shall not be disqualified as a "dwelling" or be denied an exemption under this section solely on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner, or was temporarily uninhabited as a result of restricted access to the property due to the wildfires.

(s) Any dwelling that qualified for an exemption under this section prior to July 1, 2008, that was damaged or destroyed by the wildfires and any other related casualty that occurred as a result of this disaster in the County of Santa Barbara, as declared by the Governor in July 2008, and that has not changed ownership since July 1, 2008, may not be denied an exemption solely on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner, or was temporarily uninhabited as a result of restricted access to the property due to the wildfires.

(t) Any dwelling that qualified for an exemption under this section prior to July 12, 2008, that was damaged or destroyed by severe rainstorms, floods, landslides, or the accumulation of debris in a disaster, as declared by the Governor, in July 2008, and that has not changed ownership since July 12, 2008, shall not be disqualified as a "dwelling" or be denied an exemption under this section solely on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner, or was temporarily uninhabited as a result of restricted access to the property due to floods, landslides, the accumulation of debris, or washed-out or damaged roads.

(u) Any dwelling that qualified for an exemption under this section prior to May 22, 2008, that was damaged or destroyed by the wildfires and any other related casualty that occurred as a result of this disaster in the County of Humboldt, as declared by the Governor in August 2008, and that has not changed ownership since May 22, 2008, may not be denied an exemption solely on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner, or was temporarily uninhabited as a result of restricted access to the property due to the wildfires.

(v) Any dwelling that qualified for an exemption under this section prior to November 13, 2008, that was damaged or destroyed by the wildfires and any other related casualty that occurred as a result of this disaster in the County of Santa Barbara, as declared by the Governor in November 2008, and that has not changed ownership since November 13, 2008, shall not be disqualified as a "dwelling" or be denied an exemption under this section solely on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner, or was temporarily uninhabited as a result of restricted access to the property due to the wildfires.

(w) Any dwelling that qualified for an exemption under this section prior to May 5, 2009, that was damaged or destroyed by the wildfires and any other related casualty that occurred as a result of this disaster in the County of Santa Barbara, as declared by the Governor in May 2009, and that has not changed ownership since May 5, 2009, shall not be disqualified as a "dwelling" or be denied an exemption under this section solely on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged or destroyed or was being reconstructed by the owner, or was temporarily uninhabited as a result of restricted access to the property due to the wildfires.

(x) The exemption provided for in subdivision (k) of Section 3 of Article XIII of the California Constitution shall first be applied to the building, structure, or other shelter and the excess, if any, shall be applied to any land on which it may be located.

SEC. 10. Section 17207 of the Revenue and Taxation Code is amended to read:

17207. (a) An excess disaster loss, as defined in subdivision (c), shall be carried to other taxable years as provided in subdivision (b), with respect to losses resulting from any of the following disasters:

(1) Forest fire or any other related casualty occurring in 1985 in California.

(2) Storm, flooding, or any other related casualty occurring in 1986 in California.

(3) Any loss sustained during 1987 as a result of a forest fire or any other related casualty.

(4) Earthquake, aftershock, or any other related casualty occurring in 1987 in California.

(5) Earthquake, aftershock, or any other related casualty occurring in 1989 in California.

(6) Any loss sustained during 1990 as a result of fire or any other related casualty in California.

(7) Any loss sustained as a result of the Oakland/Berkeley Fire of 1991, or any other related casualty.

(8) Any loss sustained as a result of storm, flooding, or any other related casualty occurring in February 1992 in California.

(9) Earthquake, aftershock, or any other related casualty occurring in April 1992 in the County of Humboldt.

(10) Riots, arson, or any other related casualty occurring in April or May 1992 in California.

(11) Any loss sustained as a result of the earthquakes that occurred in the County of San Bernardino in June and July of 1992, or any other related casualty.

(12) Any loss sustained as a result of the Fountain Fire that occurred in the County of Shasta, or as a result of either of the fires in the Counties of Calaveras and Trinity that occurred in August 1992, or any other related casualty.

(13) Any loss sustained as a result of storm, flooding, or any other related casualty that occurred in the Counties of Alpine, Contra Costa, Fresno, Humboldt, Imperial, Lassen, Los Angeles, Madera, Mendocino, Modoc, Monterey, Napa, Orange, Plumas, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sonoma, Tehama, Trinity, and Tulare, and the City of Fillmore in January 1993.

(14) Any loss sustained as a result of a fire that occurred in the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Ventura, during October or November of 1993, or any other related casualty.

(15) Any loss sustained as a result of the earthquake, aftershocks, or any other related casualty that occurred in the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, and Ventura on or after January 17, 1994.

(16) Any loss sustained as a result of a fire that occurred in the County of San Luis Obispo during August of 1994, or any other related casualty.

(17) Any loss sustained as a result of the storms or flooding occurring in 1995, or any other related casualty, sustained in any

county of this state subject to a disaster declaration with respect to the storms and flooding.

(18) Any loss sustained as a result of the storms or flooding occurring in December 1996 or January 1997, or any related casualty, sustained in any county of this state subject to a disaster declaration with respect to the storms or flooding.

(19) Any loss sustained as a result of the storms or flooding occurring in February 1998, or any related casualty, sustained in any county of this state subject to a disaster declaration with respect to the storms or flooding.

(20) Any loss sustained as a result of a freeze occurring in the winter of 1998–99, or any related casualty, sustained in any county of this state subject to a disaster declaration with respect to the freeze.

(21) Any loss sustained as a result of an earthquake occurring in September 2000, that was included in the Governor's proclamation of a state of emergency for the County of Napa.

(22) Any loss sustained as a result of the Middle River levee break in San Joaquin County occurring in June 2004.

(23) Any losses sustained as a result of the fires that occurred in the Counties of Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Ventura in October and November 2003, or as a result of floods, mudflows, and debris flows, directly related to fires.

(24) Any losses sustained in the Counties of Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo as a result of the San Simeon earthquake, aftershocks, and any other related casualties.

(25) Any losses sustained as a result of the wildfires that occurred in Shasta County, commencing August 11, 2004, and any other related casualty.

(26) Any loss sustained in the Counties of Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Ventura as a result of the severe rainstorms, related flooding and slides, and any other related casualties, that occurred in December 2004, January 2005, February 2005, March 2005, or June 2005.

(27) Any loss sustained in the Counties of Alameda, Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Contra Costa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Fresno, Humboldt, Kings, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Marin, Mariposa, Mendocino, Merced, Monterey, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo,

Santa Cruz, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, Yolo, and Yuba as a result of the severe rainstorms, related flooding and slides, and any other related casualties, that occurred in December 2005, January 2006, March 2006, or April 2006.

(28) Any loss sustained in the County of San Bernardino as a result of the wildfires that occurred in July 2006.

(29) Any loss sustained in the Counties of Riverside and Ventura as a result of wildfires that occurred during the 2006 calendar year.

(30) Any loss sustained in the Counties of El Dorado, Fresno, Imperial, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Monterey, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Stanislaus, Tulare, Ventura, and Yuba that were the subject of the Governor's proclamations of a state of emergency for the severe freezing conditions that occurred in January 2007.

(31) Any loss sustained in the County of El Dorado as a result of wildfires that occurred in June 2007.

(32) Any loss sustained in the Counties of Santa Barbara and Ventura as a result of the Zaca Fire that occurred during the 2007 calendar year.

(33) Any loss sustained in the County of Inyo as a result of wildfires that commenced in July 2007.

(34) Any loss sustained in the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Ventura as a result of wildfires that occurred during the 2007 calendar year that were the subject of the Governor's disaster proclamations of September 15, 2007, and October 21, 2007.

(35) Any loss sustained in the County of Riverside as a result of extremely strong and damaging winds that occurred in October 2007.

(36) Any loss sustained in the Counties of Butte, Kern, Mariposa, Mendocino, Monterey, Plumas, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, and Trinity as a result of wildfires that occurred in May or June 2008 that were the subject of the Governor's proclamations of a state of emergency.

(37) Any loss sustained in the County of Santa Barbara as a result of wildfires that occurred in July 2008.

(38) Any loss sustained in the County of Inyo as a result of the severe rainstorms, related flooding and landslides, and any other related casualties, that occurred in July 2008.

(39) Any loss sustained in the County of Humboldt as a result of wildfires that commenced in May 2008.

(40) Any loss sustained in the County of Santa Barbara as a result of wildfires that commenced in November 2008.

(41) Any loss sustained in the County of Santa Barbara as a result of wildfires that commenced in May 2009.

(b) (1) In the case of any loss allowed under Section 165(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, relating to limitation of losses of individuals, any excess disaster loss shall be carried forward to each of the five taxable years following the taxable year for which the loss is claimed. However, if there is any excess disaster loss remaining after the five-year period, then the applicable percentage, as set forth in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 17276, of that excess disaster loss shall be carried forward to each of the next 10 taxable years.

(2) The entire amount of any excess disaster loss as defined in subdivision (c) shall be carried to the earliest of the taxable years to which, by reason of subdivision (b), the loss may be carried. The portion of the loss which shall be carried to each of the other taxable years shall be the excess, if any, of the amount of excess disaster loss over the sum of the adjusted taxable income for each of the prior taxable years to which that excess disaster loss is carried.

(c) “Excess disaster loss” means a disaster loss computed pursuant to Section 165 of the Internal Revenue Code which exceeds the adjusted taxable income of the year of loss or, if the election under Section 165(i) of the Internal Revenue Code is made, the adjusted taxable income of the year preceding the loss.

(d) The provisions of this section and Section 165(i) of the Internal Revenue Code shall be applicable to any of the losses listed in subdivision (a) sustained in any county or city in this state which was proclaimed by the Governor to be in a state of disaster.

(e) Losses allowable under this section may not be taken into account in computing a net operating loss deduction under Section 172 of the Internal Revenue Code.

(f) For purposes of this section, “adjusted taxable income” shall be defined by Section 1212(b)(2)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(g) For losses described in paragraphs (15) to (41), inclusive, of subdivision (a), the election under Section 165(i) of the Internal Revenue Code may be made on a return or amended return filed on or before the due date of the return (determined with regard to extension) for the taxable year in which the disaster occurred.

SEC. 11. Section 24347.5 of the Revenue and Taxation Code is amended to read:

24347.5. (a) An excess disaster loss, as defined in subdivision (c), shall be carried to other taxable years as provided in subdivision (b), with respect to losses resulting from any of the following disasters:

(1) Forest fire or any other related casualty occurring in 1985 in California.

(2) Storm, flooding, or any other related casualty occurring in 1986 in California.

(3) Any loss sustained during 1987 as a result of a forest fire or any other related casualty.

(4) Earthquake, aftershock, or any other related casualty occurring in October 1987 in California.

(5) Earthquake, aftershock, or any other related casualty occurring in October 1989 in California.

(6) Any loss sustained during 1990 as a result of fire or any other related casualty in California.

(7) Any loss sustained as a result of the Oakland/Berkeley Fire of 1991, or any other related casualty.

(8) Any loss sustained as a result of storm, flooding, or any other related casualty occurring in February 1992 in California.

(9) Earthquake, aftershock, or any other related casualty occurring in April 1992 in the County of Humboldt.

(10) Riots, arson, or any other related casualty occurring in April or May 1992 in California.

(11) Any loss sustained as a result of the earthquakes or any other related casualty that occurred in the County of San Bernardino in June and July of 1992.

(12) Any loss sustained as a result of the Fountain Fire that occurred in the County of Shasta, or as a result of either of the fires in the Counties of Calaveras and Trinity that occurred in August 1992, or any other related casualty.

(13) Any loss sustained as a result of storm, flooding, or any other related casualty that occurred in the Counties of Alpine, Contra Costa, Fresno, Humboldt, Imperial, Lassen, Los Angeles, Madera, Mendocino, Modoc, Monterey, Napa, Orange, Plumas, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Sierra,

Siskiyou, Sonoma, Tehama, Trinity, and Tulare, and the City of Fillmore in January 1993.

(14) Any loss sustained as a result of a fire that occurred in the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Ventura, during October or November of 1993, or any other related casualty.

(15) Any loss sustained as a result of the earthquake, aftershocks, or any other related casualty that occurred in the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, and Ventura on or after January 17, 1994.

(16) Any loss sustained as a result of a fire that occurred in the County of San Luis Obispo during August of 1994, or any other related casualty.

(17) Any loss sustained as a result of the storms or flooding occurring in 1995, or any other related casualty, sustained in any county of this state subject to a disaster declaration with respect to the storms and flooding.

(18) Any loss sustained as a result of the storms or flooding occurring in December 1996 or January 1997, or any related casualty, sustained in any county of this state subject to a disaster declaration with respect to the storms or flooding.

(19) Any loss sustained as a result of the storms or flooding occurring in February 1998, or any related casualty, sustained in any county of this state subject to a disaster declaration with respect to the storms or flooding.

(20) Any loss sustained as a result of a freeze occurring in the winter of 1998–99, or any related casualty, sustained in any county of this state subject to a disaster declaration with respect to the freeze.

(21) Any loss sustained as a result of an earthquake occurring in September 2000, that was included in the Governor's proclamation of a state of emergency for the County of Napa.

(22) Any loss sustained as a result of the Middle River levee break in San Joaquin County occurring in June 2004.

(23) Any losses sustained as a result of the fires that occurred in the Counties of Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Ventura in October and November 2003, or as a result of floods, mudflows, and debris flows, directly related to fires.

(24) Any losses sustained in the Counties of Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo as a result of the San Simeon earthquake, aftershocks, and any other related casualties.

(25) Any losses sustained as a result of the wildfires that occurred in Shasta County, commencing August 11, 2004, and any other related casualty.

(26) Any loss sustained in the Counties of Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Ventura as a result of the severe rainstorms, related flooding and slides, and any other related casualties, that occurred in December 2004, January 2005, February 2005, March 2005, or June 2005.

(27) Any loss sustained in the Counties of Alameda, Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Contra Costa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Fresno, Humboldt, Kings, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Marin, Mariposa, Mendocino, Merced, Monterey, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, Yolo, and Yuba as a result of the severe rainstorms, related flooding and slides, and any other related casualties, that occurred in December 2005, January 2006, March 2006, or April 2006.

(28) Any loss sustained in the County of San Bernardino as a result of the wildfires that occurred in July 2006.

(29) Any loss sustained in the Counties of Riverside and Ventura as a result of wildfires that occurred during the 2006 calendar year.

(30) Any loss sustained in the Counties of El Dorado, Fresno, Imperial, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Monterey, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Stanislaus, Tulare, Ventura, and Yuba that were the subject of the Governor's proclamations of a state of emergency for the severe freezing conditions that occurred in January 2007.

(31) Any loss sustained in the County of El Dorado as a result of wildfires that occurred in June 2007.

(32) Any loss sustained in the Counties of Santa Barbara and Ventura as a result of the Zaca Fire that occurred during the 2007 calendar year.

(33) Any loss sustained in the County of Inyo as a result of wildfires that commenced in July 2007.

(34) Any loss sustained in the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Ventura as a result of wildfires that occurred during the 2007 calendar year

that were the subject of the Governor's disaster proclamations of September 15, 2007, and October 21, 2007.

(35) Any loss sustained in the County of Riverside as a result of extremely strong and damaging winds that occurred in October 2007.

(36) Any loss sustained in the Counties of Butte, Kern, Mariposa, Mendocino, Monterey, Plumas, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, and Trinity as a result of wildfires that occurred in May or June 2008 that were the subject of the Governor's proclamations of a state of emergency.

(37) Any loss sustained in the County of Santa Barbara as a result of wildfires that occurred in July 2008.

(38) Any loss sustained in the County of Inyo as a result of the severe rainstorms, related flooding and landslides, and any other related casualties, that occurred in July 2008.

(39) Any loss sustained in the County of Humboldt as a result of wildfires that commenced in May 2008.

(40) Any loss sustained in the County of Santa Barbara as a result of wildfires that commenced in November 2008.

(41) Any loss sustained in the County of Santa Barbara as a result of wildfires that commenced in May 2009.

(b) (1) In the case of any loss allowed under Section 165 of the Internal Revenue Code, relating to losses, any excess disaster loss shall be carried forward to each of the five taxable years following the taxable year for which the loss is claimed. However, if there is any excess disaster loss remaining after the five-year period, then the applicable percentage, as set forth in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 24416, of that excess disaster loss shall be carried forward to each of the next 10 taxable years.

(2) The entire amount of any excess disaster loss as defined in subdivision (c) shall be carried to the earliest of the taxable years to which, by reason of subdivision (b), the loss may be carried. The portion of the loss which shall be carried to each of the other taxable years shall be the excess, if any, of the amount of excess disaster loss over the sum of the net income for each of the prior taxable years to which that excess disaster loss is carried.

(c) "Excess disaster loss" means a disaster loss computed pursuant to Section 165 of the Internal Revenue Code, which exceeds the net income of the year of loss or, if the election under

Section 165(i) of the Internal Revenue Code is made, the net income of the year preceding the loss.

(d) The provisions of this section and Section 165(i) of the Internal Revenue Code shall be applicable to any of the losses listed in subdivision (a) sustained in any county or city in this state which was proclaimed by the Governor to be in a state of disaster.

(e) Any corporation subject to the provisions of Section 25101 or 25101.15 that has disaster losses pursuant to this section, shall determine the excess disaster loss to be carried to other taxable years under the principles specified in Section 25108 relating to net operating losses.

(f) Losses allowable under this section may not be taken into account in computing a net operating loss deduction under Section 172 of the Internal Revenue Code.

(g) For losses described in paragraphs (15) to (41), inclusive, of subdivision (a), the election under Section 165(i) of the Internal Revenue Code may be made on a return or amended return filed on or before the due date of the return (determined with regard to extension) for the taxable year in which the disaster occurred.

SEC. 12. It is the intent of the Legislature to provide in the annual Budget Act those additional reimbursements to local governments that, as a result of Section 9 of this act, are required by Section 25 of Article XIII of the California Constitution.

SEC. 13. The Legislature finds and declares that this act fulfills a statewide public purpose because of all of the following:

(a) The Governor of California has officially proclaimed a state of emergency declaring that the wildfires that occurred within the County of Santa Barbara, commencing in November 2008 or May 2009, constitute conditions of extreme peril to public health and safety to persons and property within that county, thus qualifying affected persons for various forms of governmental assistance and relief.

(b) This act is consistent with, and supplements, the proclaimed disaster assistance and relief by providing necessary fiscal assistance and tax relief to affected jurisdictions and persons to allow them to maintain essential basic services and repair damage to, and restore, their homes and businesses.

SEC. 14. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

~~SEC. 15. The Legislature finds and declares that county eligibility pursuant to paragraph (14) of subdivision (b) of Section 8686 of the Government Code is subject to the requirements of Section 8685.9 of the Government Code.~~

SEC. 15. This act shall become operative only if both Assembly Bill 666 and Senate Bill 505 of the 2009–10 Regular Session of the Legislature are enacted in 2009, in which case this act shall become operative on the later of the effective date of this act or the date on which both Assembly Bill 666 and Senate Bill 505 are enacted.

SEC. 16. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order to timely provide essential relief to those persons and jurisdictions who have suffered damage or loss as a result of the wildfires that occurred within the state in 2007, 2008, and 2009, that were the subject of a Governor's proclamation of a state of emergency, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.

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