

PRESS RELEASE

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
AND WEEKLY UP TO AND
INCLUDING December 8, 2017**

707 234-6800

October 13, 2017

PROPERTY TAX ADJUSTMENT DUE TO OCTOBER 2017 REDWOOD COMPLEX FIRES

California's property tax laws provide a mechanism for the Assessor to adjust assessed values to recognize destruction caused by a calamity or misfortune which damages real or personal property. To qualify for a calamity adjustment, the property must have suffered more than \$10,000 worth of damage and the owner must file a claim with the Assessor within twelve (12) months of the date of calamity. Claim forms can be found on the Assessor Clerk-Recorder website located at: www.mendocinocounty.org/propertydamageform. You may also obtain a form by contacting our office at (707)234-6800 or in person at 501 Low Gap Rd., Room 1020 in Ukiah.

Owners of properties who suffered qualifying damage in the October 2017 Redwood Complex fires can also apply to delay payment of the December 10, 2017 first installment of their 2017-18 property tax bill. A request for deferral is included with the calamity reassessment claim form, which must be filed no later than December 10, 2017. Taxes would be deferred until thirty (30) days following receipt of the corrected bill that reflects the temporary reduction in value caused by the fires.

Should you have any questions please contact Mendocino County Assessor Susan M. Ranochak at (707) 234-6826 or by email ranochas@mendocinocounty.org