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## **CALAMITY CLAIM**

**Roy D. Buckner, Imperial County Assessor is announcing that property owners who have sustained damage to their real or business personal property due to Sunday's earthquake should contact his office.**

**A Calamity Claim can be filed if the damage is \$10,000 or more.**

**Forms will be available at the office, on-line with the County and Assessor's website. In addition, you can call the office and we will mail a claim form to you. The claim needs to be filed with the Assessor's Office.**

**For for further information please call the Assessor's Office at 760-482-4244.**

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**APPLICATION FOR REASSESSMENT  
DAMAGE OR DESTROYED PROPERTY**

Return by: \_\_\_\_\_  
APN : \_\_\_\_\_  
Claim# : \_\_\_\_\_

1).- Address of the damaged property: \_\_\_\_\_

2).- Type of Property Damaged:

Real Property    Personal Property    Fixtures    Boat    Aircraft

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

3).- Date of damage: \_\_\_\_\_ Cause of damage: \_\_\_\_\_

4).- Describe the damage: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5).- Building inspection or fire department you called: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of call: \_\_\_\_\_

6).- Your opinion of the value of property prior to the damage: \_\_\_\_\_

7).- Your estimate of the amount damage: \_\_\_\_\_

8).- Attach a copy of the insurance company estimate to this form, if available.

Name of insurance company: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of adjuster/agent: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

9).- Will the property be repaired:    YES    NO    Un-decided

**I declare under the penalty of perjury that all of the statements above are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge.**

Your Name(Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## INFORMATION

You may qualify for a reduction or refund of property taxes if property you own (or are responsible for the property taxes) was damaged or destroyed. To qualify for a possible reassessment, **all** of the following requirements must be met:  
(COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 529 AND SECTION 170 OF THE REVENUE AND TAXATION CODE.)

- A) The damage must have occurred within the past 12 months.
- B) The physical damage to the **taxable property** must be more than **\$10,000** in value. You can attach an insurance company estimate as evidence for your claim.
- C) The damage must have occurred by misfortune or calamity such as a fire, flood, accident, etc. The damage cannot have been the fault of the owner. (Demolition does not qualify.)
- D) You may file the application if you are listed as the owner on the assessment roll, or if you are responsible for paying the property taxes.
- E) The application **must** be postmarked or returned by the "Return by" date at the top of the form, and within twelve months of the date of damage.
- F) The application is signed under the penalty of perjury. If you sign it outside the State of California, the application must be verified by affidavit.

If you meet all of the above requirements, your property will be reassessed to reflect the percentage of loss due to the misfortune of calamity. If you do not meet these requirements, do not file an application.

If you need more information, please contact the Assessor's Office at **(760) 482-4244**, come in person to 940 west Main Street, El Centro, Ca. Suite 115 or write the Assessor at the same address.