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TERESA CASAZZA JOINS CAL-TAX STAFF AS VICE PRESIDENT AND LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR

Teresa Casazza, former vice president and legislative advocate for the American Electronics Association, has joined the California Taxpayers' Association as vice president and legislative director.

In announcing the addition of Ms. Casazza, Cal-Tax President Larry McCarthy said: "Teresa's tax background and experience as a lobbyist representing business before the Legislature and tax agencies make her an outstanding addition to our team. She worked for 11 years for the American Electronics Association in Sacramento. As vice president for state public policy, she developed a grassroots network, established and managed industry coalitions and lobbied on legislative and regulatory issues. She was heavily involved with advocacy on tax issues for the industry."

Ms. Casazza is a certified public accountant. With Price Waterhouse in Sacramento from 1982 to 1990, she provided consulting and tax planning in the areas of state and local income tax, franchise tax, property tax, and sales and use taxes. She also was an audit manager.

Ms. Casazza's undergraduate and graduate work focused on business and taxation issues. She is a graduate of California State University, Sacramento, and Golden Gate University.

Ms. Casazza assumes the legislative advocacy and coalition-building duties of Greg Turner, Cal-Tax general counsel and legislative director, who joined the law firm of Nielsen, Merksamer, Parrinello, Mueller & Naylor.

(Note: For a photo of Ms. Casazza, please contact Ron Roach at the above phone number or at ron@caltax.org.)