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Agenda

Office of Tax Appeals Hearings
Wednesday, March 18, 2026, 9:00 a.m.
400 R Street
Hearing Room
Sacramento, CA 95811

(Agenda updated as of 03/05/26, 1:15 p.m.)

Franchise and Income Tax Appeals Hearings

Western Distributing Company, 230914432 (continued)

A. Shepherd, 230914433

C. Guadagni and D. Guadagni, 230914434

K. Smith, 230914435

L. Guadagni, 230914436

M. Smith and B. Vanstone, 230914437

D. Guadagni and M. Guadagni, 231014441

S. Guadagni and E. Guadagni, 231014442

T. Smith and T. Smith, 231014444

V. Guadagni and J. Guadagni, 231014445

Panel Lead:

Sara A. Hosey

Panel Members:

Veronica I. Long

John O. Johnson

Appearing for Taxpayer:

V. Gains, Taxpayer

S. Guadagni, Taxpayer

Edwin P. Antolin, Attorney

Monty Agarwal, Attorney

Appearing for Franchise Tax Board:

Ken Havens, Attorney

Katie Frank, Attorney

Issues: Whether Western Distributing Company's (WDC's) divisions operated as a unitary trade or business for the 2010 taxable year; whether WDC was required to use the Trucking Company regulations at Regulation section 25137-11 to source WDC's business income, and does that regulation create a separate apportionable tax base for trucking activities; whether appellants have shown that the standard apportionment formula unfairly represents WDC's California business activities and that appellants' alternative apportionment formula is reasonable; whether the individual shareholders of WDC are subject to tax on the business income pursuant to Regulation section 17951-4; whether appellants have shown cause for penalty abatement; and, whether appellants are entitled to interest abatement.



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1:00 p.m. Session

E. Silva and E. Silva, 18103945, 19024364

Panel Lead: Veronica I. Long

Panel Members: John O. Johnson

Sara A. Hosey

Appearing for Taxpayer: Michael Pearson, Attorney

Appearing for Franchise Tax Board: Charles Tsai, Attorney

Brad Coutinho, Attorney

Issues: Whether OTA has jurisdiction over appellants' appeal for the 2009 tax year and whether OTA has jurisdiction over appellants' appeal for the 2008 and 2010 through 2016 tax years.

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