



STATE OF CALIFORNIA STATE RESPONSIBILITY AREA FIRE PREVENTION FEE

Pebble Beach residents are starting to receive invoices in the mail from the State of California for the State Responsibility Area fire prevention fee. The invoice for a single family residence will be \$115, which includes a credit of \$35 because Pebble Beach is served by a local fire department. Our recommendation is for property owners to pay the fee on time. More information is available on the <http://www.firepreventionfee.org> website.

The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association has brought a class action suit against the State challenging the legality of the fee arguing it is actually a tax requiring two-thirds approval by the State Legislature. To qualify for a refund if the lawsuit is successful, a property owner must submit a Petition for Redetermination within 30 days of paying the fee to three different addresses. More information is available on FireTaxProtest.org website.