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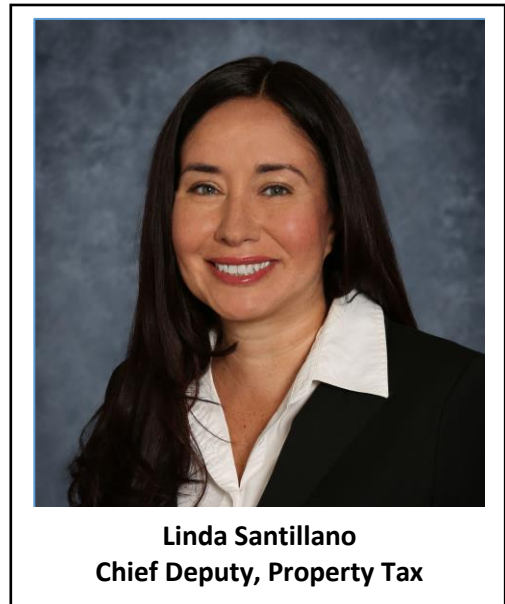
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## **ATC DIVISION CHIEF IS KEY RESOURCE AMONG COUNTIES IN THE STATE FOR EXPERTISE IN PROPERTY TAX**

**San Bernardino, CA** — San Bernardino County Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector (ATC) Ensen Mason is proud of his nine Division Chiefs, and wants everyone to be aware when their expertise is recognized by outside professional entities. He wants ATC to take an active role in establishing practices that result in efficiencies and better serve the public.

The Department’s participation in the California State Association of County Auditors’ Association (CALSA) is an excellent example of accomplishment by one of our division chiefs in presenting to her counterparts throughout the State of California. Most recently, Property Tax Division Chief Linda Santillano, was called upon by the CALSA Property Tax Manager’s Sub-Committee President for her expertise in property tax laws and processes to present at the May 2019 Annual Conference in Sacramento.

Complex property tax law changes that have occurred since Proposition 13 was passed by the voters in June 1978 have dramatically changed the way California allocates taxes and has impacted the workload and the fiduciary responsibility of Auditor-Controller's statewide. It is critical for employees to keep up to date on changing legislation and practices. Linda was asked to do a presentation at the conference to provide an overview of the property tax process to an audience of over 100 attendees representing counties throughout the state of California.



**Linda Santillano**  
**Chief Deputy, Property Tax**

“I am delighted and pleased that our chief was called upon to translate complex property tax laws to her counterparts,” commented Mason. “We have a team of experts that are always willing to help out wherever needed, and Linda’s experience and expertise in this field has elevated her to be a key resource throughout the state.”

Ms. Santillano is also a key resource for matters pertaining to California dissolution law pertaining to redevelopment successor agencies. She played an active role in establishing procedures and implementing the Countywide Oversight Board to comply with SB 107, and has conducted presentations and participated in discussion panels for the Association on this subject matter as well.

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