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PROPERTY TAX DEADLINE APPROACHING - PROPERTY OWNERS REMINDED TO PAY

San Bernardino, CA — San Bernardino County Tax Collector Larry Walker is encouraging property owners to pay the second installment of their property taxes by Thursday, April 10th to avoid paying a 10% penalty.

Making a payment is simple for residents who have the option of paying online, by phone, by mail, or in person. Payments can be made online at www.MyTaxCollector.com, 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week. Internet and telephone payments can be made using a checking or savings account free of charge. Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover credit card payments are also accepted; however, this type of payment transaction includes a convenience fee charged by the credit card companies. To make a payment by phone, property owners can call (909) 387-8308 or (760) 241-8829.

If using online bill pay through a banking institution, taxpayers should contact their bank regarding procedures for ensuring timely payment of taxes and their bank's use of USPS cancellation marks. These transactions result in a mailed check and payments received after April 10, 2014 without a USPS cancellation mark will be considered late and incur a penalty.

Mailed payments should be sent to the Tax Collector's Office, 172 West Third Street, First Floor, San Bernardino, California, 92415. Only payments with a USPS postmark cancellation on or before April 10, 2014 will be considered timely. Payments in person can be made by cash, check, or money order at 172 West Third Street, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., or from April 1 through April 10, can be made by check at the High Desert Government Center, 15900 Smoke Tree Street in Hesperia. For faster service, please bring a copy of the tax bill.

"Property taxes fund key public services that enhance the quality of life for our residents," said Walker. "I want to encourage property owners to do what they can to pay their property taxes by the April 10th deadline to prevent incurring costly penalties that come with late payments. Customers can even take advantage of one of our online payment options, making it fast, secure, and Simply A Better Way To Do Business@!"

Property tax revenues collected by the Tax Collector are distributed to local government entities, including school districts, cities, libraries, economic development agencies, special districts, and the County. These tax dollars are used to fund key public services including education, police and fire protection, social and public health services.

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