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PROPERTY TAX POSTPONEMENT DEADLINE EXTENDED TO THOSE AFFECTED BY THE TRONA EARTHQUAKE

San Bernardino, CA — San Bernardino County Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector Ensen Mason announced today that the deadline to apply for the Property Tax Postponement (PTP) program has been extended for those sustaining property damage from the Trona Earthquake. The State Controller’s Office (SCO) extended the application deadline for residents affected by natural disasters in 26 counties, including those affected by the Trona Earthquake in San Bernardino County, to June 1, 2020.

“Seniors and people on fixed incomes or who have a disability are the least able to cope with the additional financial strains of a natural disaster,” said Mason. “I applaud State Controller Betty Yee for extending the application deadline for this important program to June 1, and have asked my staff to prioritize these requests. We’re here to support San Bernardino County taxpayers any way we can, and I’m always looking for ways we can do our jobs better.”

The PTP allows homeowners who are seniors, are blind, or have a disability and who meet income, equity, and other requirements to delay payment of property taxes on their primary residence. This loan program allows eligible homeowners to postpone the payment of their current-year property taxes on their primary residence at an interest rate of 7%.

Following the passage of SB 1130 in 2018, the definition of a “residential dwelling” was expanded to include manufactured homes. Manufactured homes, whether affixed or un-affixed, are now eligible for postponement under the PTP Program effective fiscal year 2019-20. Postponement is available for current-year taxes only. Delinquent and/or defaulted property taxes are not eligible for postponement.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Be at least 62 years of age, or blind, or have a disability;
- Own and occupy the home as your primary place of residence;
- Have a total household income of \$35,500 or less;
- Have at least 40% equity in the property; and
- Not have a reverse mortgage on the property.

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For more information, please visit the SCO's website at www.sco.ca.gov, or contact them by phone at (800) 952-5661 or by email at postponement@sco.ca.gov. You may also pick up an application at the Tax Collector's Office at 268 W. Hospitality Lane, First Floor in San Bernardino.

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