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A MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR

“We understand and share the public’s anxiety and concern about the impacts of the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic. County Tax Collectors cannot change the April 10 delinquent date for the Second Installment of Property Taxes because the date is established by State law,” said K. E. Coleman, Treasurer-Tax Collector. “However, I am committed to helping in every way allowable under the law. Under very specific circumstances, we may waive penalties resulting from tax delinquency for those who can demonstrate that they have been negatively impacted by the coronavirus.”

Penalty Cancellation Request Forms can be requested after April 10, 2020. The forms must be accompanied by documentation that proves the reason for the request (i.e. proof of hospitalization or loss of job). Please note: As COVID-19 continues to evolve, circumstances will change. That being said, the documentation requirements are still a work in progress.

Property owners who can pay their taxes on time are being asked to make their payments. Vital county services, such as emergency response, law enforcement, public health, schools and other local financial obligations are dependent on these scheduled revenues. Payments can be made online via the Tax Collector website (<https://www.edcgov.us/taxcollector>), by mail, using the exterior drop boxes at 360 Fair Lane , Placerville, CA (available 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday, check and money order payments only). Also, our counter remains open during regular business hours.

We know the State and Federal income tax deadlines have been moved and we hope that brings relief to those directly impacted, as well a broader economic relief to the State and Nation. The State and Federal Government have been able to provide income tax relief because most income tax revenues have already been collected on a per-paycheck basis or through quarterly tax filings. In addition, State and Federal governments have far greater resources than local government, including the ability to print money and the ability to provide other forms of economic stability and relief through monetary policies and other tools.

In our communities, property taxes go to many local government agencies to pay for many local services such as law enforcement, emergency response, schools and public health. We also have voter and property-owner approved bonds issued to build schools and to provide public infrastructure that are repaid from charges on tax bills. If charges for bond debt service are not collected timely and in the amount necessary to pay bond debt service, municipal bonds may begin to default. Widespread default has the potential to create additional problems.