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Property Tax Relief for Qualifying Seniors and Persons with Disabilities **New this Year: Extension for Fire Victims**

K. E. Coleman, El Dorado County Treasurer-Tax Collector, shares news from the State Controller's Office that the deadline to apply for California's Property Tax Postponement Program is February 10. "However, do not delay," advises Coleman. "This program is very popular and funding is limited."

The Property Tax Postponement Program, or PTP Program, administered by the State Controller's Office, allows eligible homeowners to postpone payment of property taxes on their primary residence. To be eligible, you must: be at least 62, or blind, or have a disability; own and occupy the home; have a total household income of \$45,810 or less; have at least 40% equity in the home; have no reverse mortgage on the property and meet other Program requirements. Repayment under the PTP Program becomes due when the homeowner: moves; sells; transfers title; defaults; refinances; dies or obtains a reverse mortgage. Funding for the program is limited and applications are processed in the order received.

"New this year," adds Coleman, "is that Homeowners in our county affected by wildfire have been granted an extension to file until May 11, 2022." This extension applies to homeowners in the following counties: Alpine, Amador, Butte, El Dorado, Lake, Lassen, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, and Trinity.

The application packet and instructions are found on the State Controller's website https://www.sco.ca.gov/ardtax_prop_tax_postponement.html. For additional information, call 800-952-5661 or e-mail postponement@sco.ca.gov.

Requirements are subject to change without notice if the law is revised. In the 2020-2021 tax year, California homeowners were able to postpone more than \$4.3 million in residential property taxes. Funding for PTP is limited, and applications are processed in the order they are received. Participants must reapply each year and demonstrate they continue to meet eligibility requirements.