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FIRST INSTALLMENT OF COUNTY PROPERTY TAXES DUE DECEMBER 10, 2008

Sacramento, Calif. — The deadline for paying the first installment of your 2008-2009 Sacramento County property taxes is coming up very soon. Payments are due no later than December 10, 2008, to pay the first installment without penalty. Late payments will incur a 10 percent penalty for each tax bill. Partial payments cannot be accepted.

If you recently purchased the property for a lesser value or you are disputing the assessed value with the Assessor's Office or the Assessment Appeals Board, the annual tax bill must still be paid by the delinquent date to avoid the addition of penalties.

Payments must be received in the Tax Collector's Office by 5:00 p.m. on December 10, 2008, or either postmarked or paid through our website by December 10, 2008. Online payment services provided through our website include payments via credit card or electronic check. Credit card and electronic check payments may also be made by calling 1 (888) 877-3575. A convenience fee is charged by the vendor on credit card and electronic check payments.

You can make payments in person at the Sacramento County Tax Collector's Office at 700 H Street, Room 1710, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or you can mail your payment to P.O. Box 508, Sacramento, CA 95812-0508. Be sure to mail your payment early enough to ensure a timely postmark and avoid penalties.

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When providing a check as payment, you authorize us either to use information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check transaction.

The Tax Collector also wants to remind property owners to include the appropriate installment payment stub from the tax bill, stub from our website, or write the parcel number of the property on the check being submitted to make sure that you receive proper credit for the payment.

Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the property owner of their liability to pay taxes in a timely manner or give the Tax Collector reason to cancel penalties imposed for late payment. If you have not received a tax bill, you can obtain your tax bill information and payment stubs (coupons) at the Tax Collector's website at www.eproptax.saccounty.net, over the automated telephone system or by contacting the Tax Collector's Office at (916) 874-6622.

Sacramento County also offers an online subscription service, e-SacCountyInfo. People that sign up with e-SacCountyInfo will receive e-mail notifications when the annual secured property tax bills are available each year and reminders before the first and second installment delinquent dates. This service is provided free by Sacramento County. The e-SacCountyInfo and Property Tax Payments links are located on Sacramento County's website under Online Services on the home page at www.saccounty.net.

For additional information about property taxes, the Sacramento County Tax Collector's website at www.finance.saccounty.net/tax provides answers to most common questions from taxpayers regarding property taxes, and links to tax bill information and online payments.