



# TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

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# TAX COLLECTOR SETS MARCH 13<sup>th</sup> TO AUCTION OVER 230 SAN DIEGO COUNTY PROPERTIES *Registration Required to Bid!*

**San Diego, CA...**San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector Dan McAllister announced today that 233 tax defaulted properties are set to be sold at the 2013 Property Tax Sale Auction scheduled for **Wednesday, March 13, 2013** at the **San Diego Convention Center** located at **111 West Harbor Drive, Room 6D in downtown San Diego**. The property auction will be held in an effort to collect **\$4,550,638** in unpaid property taxes including penalties and fees.

“We currently have 114 improved properties and 119 unimproved parcels ready for auction,” stated McAllister. “The numbers may change if owners step up and pay the defaulted taxes with penalties right before the deadline. Owners of delinquent properties have until 5:00 pm on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> the day before the tax sale to bring their taxes and delinquent charges up to date, or their property will be sold.”

Interested bidders are required to be registered by **5:00pm, Monday, March 11, 2013** to participate in the auction. Bidder packets are available for **\$65** at all of the Treasurer-Tax Collector’s offices located in Downtown San Diego, Kearny Mesa, Chula Vista, El Cajon or San Marcos.

Under California State law, the Treasurer-Tax Collector may sell any or all portions of properties that have been in default for five years. In November 2011, the Board of Supervisors approved 290 properties for last year’s auction. In December 2012, the Board approved 295 properties for auction at this year’s sale.

The lowest minimum bid will start at \$4,400.00 and the highest is set to start at \$526,000. Minimum bids are set based on the total amount of back taxes, penalties and sales costs for unimproved properties and at approximately half of the assessed value for improved properties. The successful bidder may take possession of a property after making a payment in full and after the Tax Deed to Purchaser has been recorded.

Bidder Registration instructions and information on the current availability of properties going to auction can be obtained by visiting our website at **[www.sdtreastax.com](http://www.sdtreastax.com)**.