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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Hundreds of Tax Defaulted Properties Set for February Tax Auction**

*San Diego, CA...* San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector Dan McAllister announced today that 330 tax defaulted properties are scheduled to be sold at this year's Annual Tax Sale Auction, Friday, February 26, 2010. The property auction is in an effort to collect \$1,506,575.00 in unpaid property taxes including penalties and fees.

"Currently we have 41 improved properties, 189 timeshares and 100 unimproved parcels ready for auction. The numbers may change if owners step up and pay their defaulted taxes with penalties right before the deadline," said McAllister.

Interested bidders may sign up to receive registration information at the Treasurer-Tax Collector's offices in San Marcos, El Cajon or Downtown San Diego, by calling (619) 531-4862 or by accessing the website at <http://www.sdtreastax.com>.

"Prospective bidders must pre-register by Friday, February 19, 2010. This should give serious bidders ample time to do their research and due diligence. I expect that we will see more participants this year due to the economy," added McAllister.

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 December 2008, the Board of Supervisors approved 211 properties for last year's auction. Last month, the Board approved nearly 400 properties for auction at this year's sale.

"We are hopeful that taxpayers will move quickly to pay the taxes and penalties they owe. That way, they will avoid losing their properties at auction," stated McAllister.

Owners of delinquent properties have until 5:00 pm on Thursday, February 25 (the day before the tax sale) to bring their taxes and delinquent charges up to date, or their property will be sold. Minimum bids are set based on the total amount of back taxes, penalties and sales costs. 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.

Information on the current availability of the properties going to auction can be obtained by calling the Treasurer-Tax Collector's Tax Sale Information Line at (619) 531-4862 or by accessing the website at <http://www.sdtreastax.com>.

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