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Property Owners Urged to Check for Unclaimed Refunds

RANCHO CUCAMONGA—Next week, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors is scheduled to consider moving more than \$9 million in unclaimed property tax refunds—including more than \$1.2 million in Second District refunds—into County coffers.

"If you own property in this County, I encourage you to check our Unclaimed Property Tax Refund website to see if you're due a refund," Second District Supervisor Janice Rutherford said.

Property tax refunds often result from adjustments made to property valuations after taxes are paid. Hundreds of thousands of dollars in refunds are due to various mortgage companies that impounded property taxes for homeowners; however, attempts to send refund checks to the companies have been rebuffed.

The Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector (ATC) makes multiple attempts to contact taxpayers who are due refunds of more than \$10 before asking the Board to move the monies into the General Fund as allowed under California Revenue and Taxation Code 5102. The code allows for the transfer of refunds more than four years old.

Prior to seeking Board approval to transfer the funds, the ATC placed advertisements in local newspapers in both English and Spanish and posted information about the outstanding refunds on its social media sites.

Property owners can visit <http://www.sbcounty.gov/atc/pirfnet/Default.aspx> and search for property tax refunds via parcel numbers or addresses.