



OC Board of Supervisors' Internal Audit Department

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AUDIT HIGHLIGHT APRIL 16, 2009

OC INTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AUDIT OF TAX REDEMPTION OFFICER RECORDS AND ACCOUNTS Audit No. 2812

WHY IS THIS AUDIT IMPORTANT?

This audit is important because this is the only independent audit conducted of the Treasurer-Tax Collector's tax redemption process which calculated and collected over \$241 million in delinquent property taxes, interest and penalties for the three years ending June 30, 2008. In addition, this audit is mandated by section 4108.5 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code.

WHAT WE FOUND?

We found that the elected Orange County Treasurer-Tax Collector properly calculated and collected over **\$241 million** in delinquent property taxes, interest and penalties for the three years ending June 30, 2008.

We identified one **Significant Issue** (finding) and six lesser **Control Findings** regarding the tax redemption process. The **Significant Issue** was regarding supervisory review and timely resolution of items in the suspense account. The Treasurer-Tax Collector concurred with all findings and recommendations and has either already implemented corrective actions or is in the process of doing so.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION (SEE COMPLETE AUDIT REPORT FOR DETAIL)

The Treasurer-Tax Collector performs the duties of Tax Redemption Officer through the Redemption Section of his Department. These duties include maintaining abstracts of delinquent secured and supplemental taxes; calculating and collecting interest and penalties on delinquent taxes; verifying specific conditions have been met before property is redeemed by property owners; and issuing certificates for redeemed property.

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