



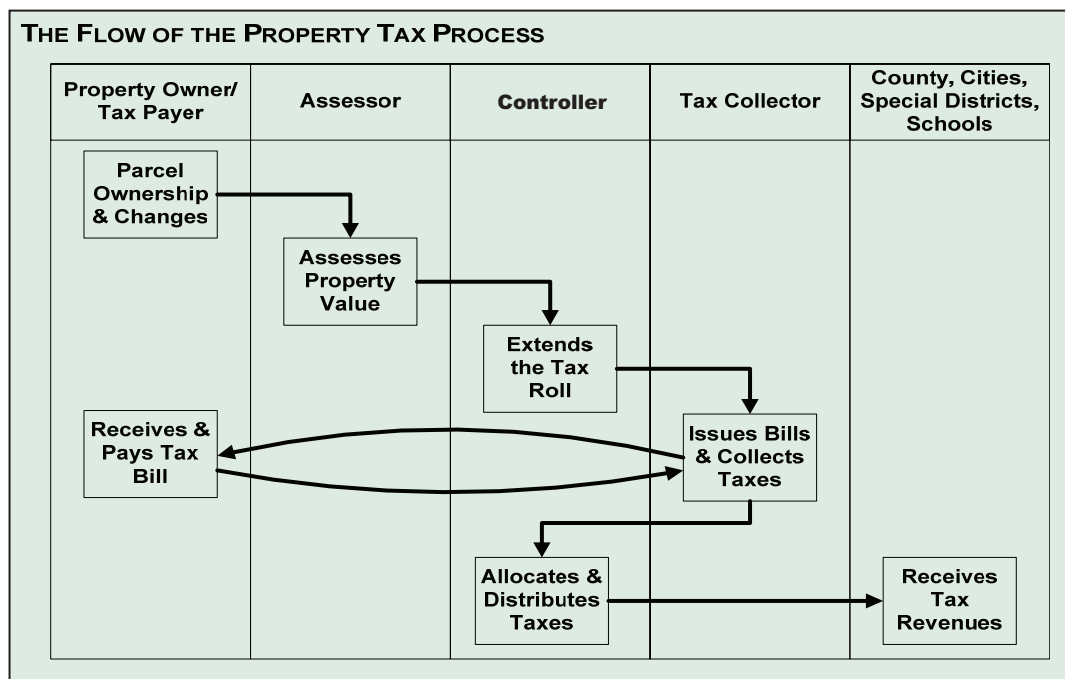
Property Tax Highlights

County of San Mateo

Fiscal Year July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007

Property Tax Process

Today, California schools, counties, cities and special districts depend on property tax as a primary source of revenue. Property tax raised \$1.14 billion for local governments within the boundaries of San Mateo County during fiscal year 2005-06 and is expected to generate \$1.24 billion for fiscal year 2006-07. The *Property Tax Highlights* is intended to provide an overview of the property tax process in San Mateo County. It includes highlights of current results and a broad description of how the property tax is generated from the taxpayers and distributed to local government agencies. Please visit our website located at www.co.sanmateo.ca.us/controller to view or download copies of the *Property Tax Highlights* and other publications.



The Proposition 13 property tax initiative approved overwhelmingly by California voters in 1978 is the basis for the current tax process. Proposition 13 limits the property tax rate to 1% of assessed value, plus the rate necessary to fund local voter-approved bonds. It limits assessed value increases to 2% per year on properties not involved in a change of ownership or properties that did not undergo new construction. Newly acquired property is assessed at its new market value (usually the purchase price) and the value of any new construction is added to the existing base value of a parcel.

Since the passage of Proposition 13, the California legislature and the voters have continually altered, interpreted, and implemented changes in the property tax laws. This publication helps to explain some of the complexities of Proposition 13 and subsequent statutes that govern the property tax process. We welcome your comments and questions, which can be emailed to us at thuening@co.sanmateo.ca.us.

THREE ELECTED COUNTY OFFICIALS PROVIDE MANY OF THE CHECKS AND BALANCES THAT GOVERN THIS TAX PROCESS

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Tom Huening, CPA, CPFO
Controller
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Lee Buffington
Treasurer-Tax Collector
(650) 363-4142

Parcel Ownership and Taxpayers

Annually, whoever owns taxable property on January 1 (the lien date) becomes liable for property tax based on the value of the property. The assessed value for most property is the prior year's assessed value adjusted for inflation up to 2%. However, if there has been a change in ownership, the new assessed value will be the market value of the property that changed ownership. New construction value is added to the property's prior base values.

The owners of property in San Mateo County are responsible for timely payments of taxes, and late penalties can be significant.

Principal Taxpayers 2006-07			% of Total Assessed Value
	Type of Business	Assessed Value	
United Airlines	Air Transportation	\$ 1,651,553,944	1.34%
Genentech	Biopharmaceutical	1,615,111,624	1.31%
Pacific Gas & Electric	Utility	1,321,191,690	1.07%
Oracle	Software	533,256,835	0.43%
Sun Microsystems	Software	331,310,844	0.27%
AT&T of California	Utility	329,640,868	0.27%
Pacific Shores Development	Commercial RE	325,096,102	0.26%
Wells REIT II University Circle LP	Commercial RE	293,000,000	0.24%
Tyco Electronics	Manufacturing	287,929,473	0.23%
Westport Office Park LLC	Commercial RE	239,700,000	0.19%
Total Top 10 Principal Taxpayers		<u>\$ 6,927,791,380</u>	<u>5.61%</u>

The top ten taxpayers make up only 5.61% of total valuation. This is an indicator that the County has diversification within its tax base.

The County has 218,377 parcels that include both residential (homes, condos, and apartments) and non-residential (businesses, hotels, retail, etc.) property. Utilities and railroads are valued across multiple parcels. Business personal property (machinery and equipment) is taxable where it has established "permanent status"; while vessels (boats) are assessed where moored, and aircraft are taxed at the location of the airport.

Under Prop 13, similar properties can have substantially different assessed values based on the date of purchase.

Major Reappraisals - Secured Property*		
2005-06 Total Assessed Value		\$ 104,309,245,065
Reason for Change in Appraisal:		
2% Prop 13 CPI adjustment	\$ 2,110,881,405	
Property Ownership Changes	5,662,837,986	
New Construction	531,021,607	
Other	1,575,029,330	9,879,770,328
2006-07 Total Assessed Value		<u>\$ 114,189,015,393</u>

* Excludes unsecured and unitary properties.

Reappraisal based on ownership changes and new construction accounted for the major increase in valuation change last year. The 2% inflation adjustment also contributes to the increase in base value.

Assessor Values Property

The primary responsibility of the County Assessor is to determine taxable value of each property so that each owner is assured of paying the proper amount of property tax for the support of local government. The main categories of taxable property include real property (secured) and business personal property, vessels and aircraft (unsecured). Real property is defined as land, mines, minerals, timber and improvements such as buildings, structures, crops, trees and vines. Personal property includes items such as machinery, equipment, office tools and supplies. It is important to note that there are numerous full and partial exclusions/exemptions provided by the State Constitution and the legislature that relieve certain taxpayers from the burden of paying property taxes.

Assessed value is determined and enrolled to the person owning it on January 1, which is the tax lien date. As an example, property change in ownership (sales) and new construction (captured from permits) during the prior calendar year 2005 are valued and enrolled as of January 1, 2006. The 2% inflation adjustment is applied along with exemptions and other appraisable events. The net assessed value of \$113.2 billion as of January 1, 2006 is then taxed for the fiscal year July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007.

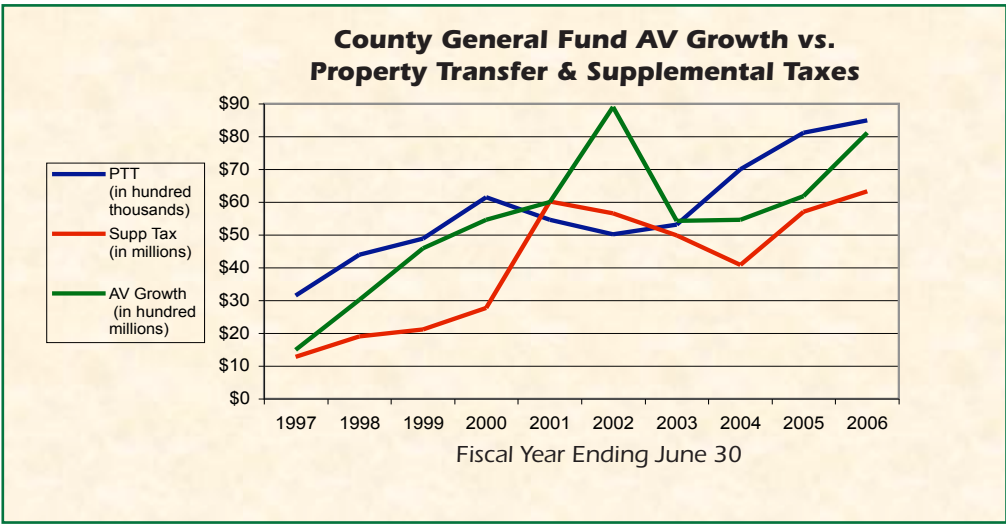
Other significant processes include:

- A Supplemental roll places reappraisals into immediate effect on the date of transfer or the new construction completion date rather than waiting for the next lien date; resulting in the capture of tax for a portion of the current fiscal year.
- A Unitary roll contains properties such as railroads and utilities crossing the county and is valued by the State Board of Equalization.
- An assessment appeals process allows taxpayer to dispute values through administrative and judicial processes.

The leading indicators of property tax growth are property transfer tax (PTT) and supplemental property tax (Supp Tax) growth rates, which are trending upward in FY 05-06, reflecting the increase in assessed value (AV) growth.

Historical Assessed Value of Property in the County (in billions)		
Fiscal Year	Assessed Valuation	Percent Increase
79-80	16.3	9.6%
80-81	18.1	11.4%
81-82	20.2	11.8%
82-83	22.1	9.3%
83-84	23.9	8.0%
84-85	26.0	8.9%
85-86	28.6	9.9%
86-87	31.6	10.5%
87-88	34.8	10.0%
88-89	37.9	9.0%
89-90	41.7	10.0%
90-91	46.7	12.1%
91-92	49.6	6.2%
92-93	51.9	4.5%
93-94	54.3	4.7%
94-95	55.6	2.4%
95-96	57.2	2.9%
96-97	58.8	2.7%
97-98	61.9	5.3%
98-99	67.1	8.4%
99-00	72.9	8.6%
00-01	80.1	9.9%
01-02	90.1	12.5%
02-03	95.5	5.9%
03-04	100.7	5.5%
04-05	105.5	4.8%
05-06	113.2	7.3%
06-07	122.9	8.7%

Includes all property (secured and unsecured) net of all exemptions.



For more information on the assessment process visit:
www.smcare.org

Controller Prepares Tax Roll

Once the assessed valuation is determined and enrolled by the Assessor, it is delivered to the Controller by July 1. The tax roll is then prepared by the Controller by multiplying the value of each parcel by the 1% tax rate plus the amount necessary to make annual payments on bonds or other indebtedness approved by the voters to finance local facilities. The majority of outstanding bonds in the County are for school facilities.

3-Year Total Tax Levy

Fiscal Year	Amount
2004-05	\$ 1,250,041,097
2005-06	\$ 1,338,522,776
2006-07	\$ 1,475,636,023

In addition, numerous fixed charges approved by voters or permitted by legislation are added to the tax roll (examples include sewer, flood control, and library assessments). This

determines the legal liability per parcel and is passed on to the Tax Collector by September 30.

Since 1978, bonds require a two-thirds super majority vote, but effective January 1, 2001, certain bonds for school facilities can be approved by 55% of voters.

2006-07 Tax Calculation

Secured Value - Local	\$ 114,189,015,393
Secured Value - SBE non-unitary	54,960,932
Unsecured Value	7,619,728,383
Unitary Value*	1,085,438,320
Taxable Value (Before exemption)	122,949,143,028
Homeowners' Exemptions	935,848,439
Total Taxable Value	\$ 123,884,991,467
1% General Tax Rate	x 1%
Property Tax	\$ 1,238,849,915
Bonds	103,077,483
Fixed Charges & Special Assessments	133,708,625
Total Tax Levy	\$ 1,475,636,023

* Unitary properties (group of utility and railroad properties that function as a unit) are assessed annually by the State Board of Equalization.

School District Bonds

District	Debt Authorized by Voters	Bonds Issued		Taxes per \$100K Assessed Value
		Amount Originally Issued	Balance as of 6/30/2006	
Elementary				
Belmont	\$ 11,720,000	\$ 11,720,000	\$ 11,440,000	\$ 10.70
Brisbane	10,996,439	10,996,439	10,961,439	26.70
Burlingame	19,220,000	19,220,000	16,895,000	20.40
Hillsborough	13,500,000	13,500,000	11,950,000	26.50
Jefferson	52,000,000	52,000,000	50,500,000	46.60
Las Lomas	24,000,000	24,000,000	22,774,944	40.00
Pacifica	30,221,712	30,221,712	29,401,712	41.70
Menlo Park	21,570,000	21,570,000	18,840,000	20.90
Portola Valley	23,000,000	23,000,000	21,330,000	45.80
Ravenswood	16,000,000	16,000,000	14,320,000	57.40
Redwood City	65,995,163	65,995,163	60,400,163	27.90
San Bruno	29,999,893	24,553,566	24,553,567	33.50
San Carlos	21,750,000	21,750,000	20,825,000	32.70
San Mateo/Foster City	106,305,000	106,305,000	98,235,000	38.20
Woodside	5,415,000	5,415,000	5,265,000	22.10
High Schools				
Jefferson	27,560,000	27,560,000	24,895,000	15.30
San Mateo	133,459,950	133,459,950	129,489,949	17.40
Sequoia Union	198,440,000	198,440,000	194,635,000	22.30
Unified Schools				
Cabrillo	35,000,000	35,000,000	25,241,263	52.30
South San Francisco	39,999,954	39,994,954	33,504,618	18.20
College District				
SMC Community College	207,000,000	207,000,000	157,175,745	6.50

Treasurer-Tax Collector Issues Bills & Collects Taxes

The Tax Collector sends annual secured tax statements (bills) by November 1. The bill can be paid in two installments due November 1 and delinquent after December 10 and due February 1 and delinquent after April 10. (Note that payment due dates are well into the fiscal year July to June, when they become due). Supplemental tax may be billed when there is a change in ownership or when new construction is complete.

Penalties for late payments are significant at 10% for the first installment delinquency, 10% plus \$40 for the second installment delinquency and an additional 1.5% per month beginning the following July 1. After 6 years of taxes being delinquent property can be sold at a tax sale to pay the tax. As a result of the strong property values in San Mateo County, delinquency rates are among the lowest in the state.

Number of Tax Bills Issued

Fiscal Year	Secured	Unsecured	Supplemental	Total
2004-05	215,933	19,068	20,006	255,007
2005-06	215,112	20,235	20,853	256,200
2006-07	215,177	19,404	14,008	248,589

Delinquent Tax Payment History

as of June 30th of the Fiscal Year Due

Fiscal Year	Amount	Rate
1996-97	8,528,439	1.77%
1997-98	6,965,820	1.37%
1998-99	6,623,683	1.21%
1999-00	7,803,913	1.31%
2000-01	9,215,516	1.43%
2001-02	12,620,007	2.02%
2002-03	11,399,078	1.74%
2003-04	13,868,824	1.68%
2004-05	14,562,265	1.64%
2005-06	17,057,199	1.30%

2006-2007 SAN MATEO COUNTY SECURED TAX BILL 2006-2007
FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2006 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2007

PARCEL NUMBER	TAX RATE AREA	VOLUME	ASSESSMENT INFORMATION	VALUES																																				
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- 65 or older & persons receiving S.S.I. for a disability, regardless of age, may qualify for a school parcel tax exemption on a primary residence in FY 2007-08. Contact the District Office at (650)259-5814
- Pay Online at www.sanmateocountytaxcollector.org

You can now pay your taxes online at:
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Controller Distributes Property Taxes

After collection, the Tax Collector forwards the taxes to the Controller for apportionment and distribution to all eligible jurisdictions in the County. The law requires the Controller to allocate the revenue in accordance with specified formulas and procedures as explained on page 12.

Summary of Fiscal Year 2006-07 Incremental Secured, Unsecured & Homeowners Exemptions

FUND NO	TAXING AGENCY	PRIOR YEAR ¹ ACTUAL TAXES NET OF RDA	CURRENT YEAR ² TAXES NET OF RDA	CURRENT YEAR INCR GROWTH \$	CURRENT YEAR INCR GROWTH %	VLF /SWAP FY 06/07
00100	COUNTY -GENERAL FUND	\$ 150,976,193	\$ 159,698,030	\$ 8,721,837	5.78%	\$ 63,336,649
CITIES AND CITY-MANAGED SPECIAL DISTRICTS						
10101	TOWN OF ATHERTON	3,675,402	\$ 4,046,144	\$ 370,742	10.09%	\$ 523,519
10701	CITY OF BELMONT	2,210,759	2,449,116	238,357	10.78%	1,693,459
10901	CITY OF BRISBANE	1,540,751	1,675,248	134,497	8.73%	242,552
11301	CITY OF BURLINGAME	7,742,624	8,408,045	665,422	8.59%	1,883,152
11801	TOWN OF COLMA	48,566	56,924	8,357	17.21%	97,967
12301	CITY OF DALY CITY	12,737,764	13,840,555	1,102,791	8.66%	6,968,457
74630	DALY CITY SANI DIST	1,146,798	1,254,895	108,097	9.43%	
12701	CITY OF EAST PALO ALTO	3,515,486	3,925,229	409,744	11.66%	2,487,242
14401	CITY OF HALF MOON BAY	1,040,397	1,128,779	88,383	8.50%	852,433
14701	TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH	8,077,785	8,721,259	643,474	7.97%	723,206
15701	CITY OF MENLO PARK	6,430,401	6,847,800	417,398	6.49%	1,996,418
15801	CITY OF MILLBRAE	3,004,654	3,248,676	244,023	8.12%	1,414,283
16701	CITY OF PACIFICA	7,010,994	7,619,582	608,588	8.68%	2,645,822
17901	TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY	624,897	679,868	54,971	8.80%	302,152
78707	PORTOLA VALLEY RANCH RD	396	437	41	10.41%	
78740	WOODSIDE HILAND RD MAINT	21,051	21,924	873	4.15%	
18401	REDWOOD CITY AREA #1	13,605,067	14,653,067	1,048,001	7.70%	4,917,828
18403	REDWOOD CITY AREA #3	6,547,348	6,991,197	443,848	6.78%	
18420	REDWOOD CITY PARKING #1	23,652	23,528	(124)	-0.52%	
18430	REDWOOD CITY GEN IMP DS I-64	548,933	579,378	30,445	5.55%	
18501	CITY OF SAN BRUNO	4,469,097	4,896,086	426,989	9.55%	2,930,398
18601	CITY OF SAN CARLOS	5,399,025	5,786,452	387,427	7.18%	1,849,108
18701	CITY OF SAN MATEO	18,605,138	20,213,329	1,608,191	8.64%	6,174,711
19401	CITY OF SO SAN FRANCISCO	11,099,266	12,281,105	1,181,839	10.65%	4,206,799
19701	TOWN OF WOODSIDE	1,395,913	1,519,694	123,781	8.87%	384,426
72810	TOWN CTR SEWER MAINT	22,716	32,459	9,743	42.89%	-
	TOTAL CITIES	\$ 120,544,880	\$ 130,900,777	\$ 10,355,898	8.59%	\$ 42,293,932
SCHOOL DISTRICTS						
30030	BAYSHORE ELEM	776,256	\$ 721,615	\$ (54,641)	-7.04%	
30070	BELMONT ELEM	15,748,597	17,075,576	1,326,979	8.43%	
30090	BRISBANE ELEM	2,935,990	3,221,026	285,036	9.71%	
30130	BURLINGAME ELEM	9,776,757	10,616,518	839,761	8.59%	
30470	HILLSBOROUGH ELEM	10,012,414	10,812,662	800,248	7.99%	
30480	JEFFERSON ELEM	15,827,267	17,436,964	1,609,698	10.17%	
30520	PACIFICA SCHOOL DISTRICT	9,334,427	10,113,892	779,465	8.35%	
30530	LAS LOMITAS ELEM	8,051,233	8,738,231	686,997	8.53%	
30570	MENLO PARK ELEM	13,589,116	14,754,652	1,165,536	8.58%	
30580	MILLBRAE ELEM	7,953,955	7,882,999	(70,957)	-0.89%	
30790	PORTOLA VALLEY ELEM	6,263,880	6,741,546	477,665	7.63%	
30830	RAVENSWOOD ELEM	5,286,672	5,704,197	417,526	7.90%	
30840	REDWOOD CITY ELEM	28,617,971	30,904,358	2,286,387	7.99%	
30850	SAN BRUNO ELEM	11,493,880	12,475,050	981,170	8.54%	
30860	SAN CARLOS ELEM	9,889,516	10,585,812	696,296	7.04%	
30870	SAN MATEO-FOSTER CITY ELEM	40,941,944	44,345,273	3,403,329	8.31%	
30970	WOODSIDE ELEM	3,514,831	3,896,543	381,711	10.86%	
40480	JEFFERSON HIGH SCH	23,753,624	25,900,522	2,146,899	9.04%	
40870	SAN MATEO HIGH SCH	68,395,257	73,190,558	4,795,301	7.01%	
40890	SEQUOIA HIGH SCH	65,783,592	71,139,042	5,355,450	8.14%	
50200	CABRILLO UNIFIED SCH	14,848,748	16,137,163	1,288,415	8.68%	
50700	LA HONDA-PESCADERO UNI	2,386,630	2,552,704	166,074	6.96%	
50940	SO SAN FRANCISCO UNI	40,453,364	44,405,887	3,952,523	9.77%	
60870	SAN MATEO JR COLLEGE	71,639,525	77,349,133	5,709,608	7.97%	
79994	COUNTY EDUCATION TAX	37,281,940	40,253,301	2,971,361	7.97%	
79995	EDUC REV AUG FUND (ERAF)	148,147,311	159,747,962	11,600,651	7.83%	
	TOTAL SCHOOL DIST.	\$ 672,704,698	\$ 726,703,186	\$ 53,998,488	8.03%	\$ -

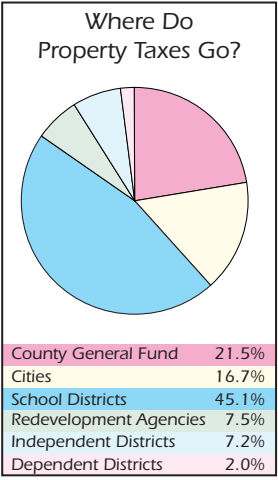
¹ RDAs are Redevelopment Agencies. The prior year taxes in this column include ERAF I and ERAF II amounts.

² The current year taxes in this column are actual collections of current unsecured, homeowners exemptions and estimated levy from current secured.

Growth and Property Tax Allocation by Fund
(exclusive of Unitary & General Aircraft Revenue)

The County's General Fund allocation is \$279.3million.

TRIPLE FLIP FY 06/07	TOTAL SWAP & TRIPLE FLIP	CURRENT YR ALLOCATION NET OF SB1096	EXCESS ERAF & DEFICIT NON BASIC AID SCHOOLS ³	CURRENT YEAR ALLOCATION NET OF EXCESS ERAF	PCT OF TOTAL
\$ 4,234,284	\$ 67,570,933	\$ 227,268,963	\$ 52,109,243	\$ 279,378,206	21.5%
\$ 36,108	\$ 559,627	\$ 4,605,771	\$ 435,194	\$ 5,040,965	0.4%
970,452	2,663,911	5,113,027	403,320	5,516,347	0.4%
1,035,277	1,277,829	2,953,077	177,780	3,130,857	0.2%
2,293,048	4,176,200	12,584,245	804,598	13,388,843	1.0%
2,256,523	2,354,490	2,411,414	66,212	2,477,626	0.2%
2,173,832	9,142,289	22,982,844	1,858,744	24,841,588	1.9%
	-	1,254,895	228,038	1,482,933	0.1%
648,382	3,135,624	7,060,853	265,768	7,326,621	0.6%
503,879	1,356,312	2,485,091	136,747	2,621,838	0.2%
19,910	743,116	9,464,375	717,163	10,181,538	0.8%
1,630,180	3,626,598	10,474,398	824,292	11,298,690	0.9%
608,139	2,022,422	5,271,098	369,455	5,640,553	0.4%
383,640	3,029,462	10,649,044	929,892	11,578,936	0.9%
43,056	345,208	1,025,076	77,320	1,102,396	0.1%
	-	437		437	0.0%
	-	21,924		21,924	0.0%
5,024,902	9,942,730	24,595,797	2,304,546	26,900,343	2.1%
	-	6,991,197	308,901	7,300,098	0.6%
	-	23,528	870	24,398	0.0%
	-	579,378	20,486	599,864	0.0%
1,804,185	4,734,583	9,630,669	562,915	10,193,584	0.8%
1,638,993	3,488,101	9,274,553	689,114	9,963,667	0.8%
4,287,067	10,461,778	30,675,107	1,862,524	32,537,631	2.5%
3,200,673	7,407,472	19,688,577	1,410,472	21,099,049	1.6%
105,370	489,796	2,009,490	149,146	2,158,636	0.2%
	-	32,459	908	33,367	0.0%
28,663,616	\$ 70,957,548	\$ 201,858,325	\$ 14,604,405	\$ 216,462,730	16.7%
		\$ 721,615	\$ (360,558)	\$ 361,057	0.0%
		17,075,576		17,075,576	1.3%
		3,221,026		3,221,026	0.2%
		10,616,518	(2,259,510)	8,357,008	0.6%
		10,812,662		10,812,662	0.8%
		17,436,964	(3,876,909)	13,560,055	1.0%
		10,113,892	(2,167,699)	7,946,193	0.6%
		8,738,231		8,738,231	0.7%
		14,754,652		14,754,652	1.1%
		7,882,999	(1,828,727)	6,054,272	0.5%
		6,741,546		6,741,546	0.5%
		5,704,197	(2,210,384)	3,493,813	0.3%
		30,904,358	(7,155,440)	23,748,918	1.8%
		12,475,050		12,475,050	1.0%
		10,585,812	(2,430,946)	8,154,866	0.6%
		44,345,273	(10,760,275)	33,584,998	2.6%
		3,896,543		3,896,543	0.3%
		25,900,522	(5,985,805)	19,914,717	1.5%
		73,190,558		73,190,558	5.6%
		71,139,042		71,139,042	5.5%
		16,137,163	(3,434,452)	12,702,711	1.0%
		2,552,704	(543,618)	2,009,086	0.2%
		44,405,887	(11,581,043)	32,824,844	2.5%
		77,349,133	(17,970,294)	59,378,839	4.6%
		40,253,301		40,253,301	3.1%
	(141,739,643)	18,008,319	72,565,660	90,573,979	7.0%
\$ -	\$ (141,739,643)	\$ 584,963,543	\$ -	\$ 584,963,543	45.1%



See page 9 for definitions of ERAF, Revenue Limit, and Basic Aid.

The net effect of the Swap and the Flip is a \$141.7 million decrease in taxes allocated to the ERAF fund.

Local school districts receive an allocation of \$584.9 million.

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Controller Distributes Property Taxes *cont.*

Summary of Fiscal Year 2006-07 Incremental Secured, Unsecured & Homeowners Exemptions

FUND NO	TAXING AGENCY	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL TAXES NET OF RDA ¹	CURRENT YEAR TAXES NET OF RDA ²	CURRENT YEAR INCR GROWTH \$	CURRENT YEAR INCR GROWTH %	VLF /SWAP FY 06/07
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES						
10799	BELMONT-LOS COSTANOS	\$ 5,407,608	\$ 5,213,360	\$ (194,248)	-3.59%	
10902	BRISBANE NO.1	2,534,916	3,267,692	732,776	28.91%	
10903	BRISBANE NO. 2	1,029,515	1,064,520	35,005	3.40%	
12303	DALY CITY	2,858,300	3,049,750	191,450	6.70%	
12304	DALY CITY BAYSHORE	2,298,385	2,867,778	569,393	24.77%	
12397	EPA GATEWAY	2,827,915	2,954,379	126,464	4.47%	
12398	EPA RAVESNWOOD	372,763	427,372	54,609	14.65%	
12399	EPA UNIV. CIRCLE	1,269,410	3,721,446	2,452,036	193.16%	
13197	FOSTER CITY HILLS-GULL	263,262	260,557	(2,705)	-1.03%	
13198	FOSTER CITY MARLIN COVE	716,351	745,362	29,011	4.05%	
13199	FOSTER CITY COMMUNITY	11,257,601	12,505,581	1,247,980	11.09%	
15799	MENLO PARK LAS PULGAS	8,318,119	8,417,749	99,630	1.20%	
15899	MILLBRAE	2,034,156	2,540,679	506,523	24.90%	
16799	PACIFICA ROCKAWAY BEACH	238,070	293,140	55,070	23.13%	
18498	REDWOOD CITY NO. 2 ANNEX	5,249,907	6,498,445	1,248,538	23.78%	
18499	REDWOOD CITY NO. 2	3,380,303	3,359,117	(21,186)	-0.63%	
18599	SAN BRUNO	2,719,711	5,454,259	2,734,548	100.55%	
18699	SAN CARLOS	2,802,893	3,189,868	386,975	13.81%	
18798	SAN MATEO DOWNTOWN	4,224,841	4,551,188	326,347	7.72%	
18799	SAN MATEO SHORELINE	6,277,093	7,051,984	774,891	12.34%	
19496	SSF EL CAMINO ANNEX	147,986	223,127	75,141	50.78%	
19497	SSF EL CAMINO ANNEX	1,530,512	2,056,261	525,749	34.35%	
19498	SSF UN STEEL PLANT SITE	2,308,206	2,418,911	110,705	4.80%	
19499	SSF GATEWAY	5,914,629	7,303,792	1,389,163	23.49%	
19599	SSF DOWNTOWN -CENTRAL	7,336,700	7,815,308.00	478,608.00	6.52%	
TOTAL RDAS		\$ 83,319,152	\$ 97,251,625	\$ 13,932,473	16.72%	\$ -
INDEPENDENT DISTRICTS						
14391	GUADALUPE VALLEY IMP	28,120	\$ 28,085	\$ (36)	-0.13%	
23891	ESTERO MUNI IMP	9,147,925	9,835,246	687,321	7.51%	2,149,679
71070	BELMONT FIRE DIST	5,014,011	5,542,699	528,689	10.54%	
71071	BELMONT SPEC FIRE Z-1	32,590	45,800	13,210	40.53%	
71072	BELMONT SPEC FIRE Z-2	1,671	1,692	21	1.23%	
71073	BELMONT SPEC FIRE Z-3	39,621	42,056	2,436	6.15%	
73030	BAYSHORE SANI DIST	72,151	67,870	(4,281)	-5.93%	
73420	GRANADA SANI DIST	383,285	421,014	37,729	9.84%	
73590	MONTARA SANI DIST	314,402	339,997	25,595	8.14%	
75010	ATHERTON CHANNEL DRNGE	51,850	56,494	4,643	8.96%	
77070	MID-PENINSULA WATER	106,791	118,611	11,819	11.07%	
77150	CANADA COUNTY WATER	19,983	20,382	399	1.99%	
77170	COASTSIDE CO. WATER	532,568	581,074	48,506	9.11%	
77560	LOS TRANCOS CO. WATER	159,279	175,554	16,276	10.22%	
77620	NO. COAST CO. WATER	374,971	408,644	33,673	8.98%	
77910	SKYLINE CO. WATER	145,722	157,682	11,961	8.21%	
77980	WESTBOROUGH CO. WATER	191,334	209,770	18,436	9.64%	
78560	MIDPENIN REG OP SPACE	7,111,832	7,682,270	570,438	8.02%	
78700	WEST PK PKS & PKWYS	353,350	379,977	26,627	7.54%	
78701	STONEGATE PK & PKWYS	174,611	191,957	17,346	9.93%	
78702	WEST PARK 3 PK & PKWY	560,928	605,113	44,186	7.88%	
78703	WILLOW GDNS PK & PKWYS	36,471	36,400	(71)	-0.20%	
78712	WAYSIDE RD MAINT Z-2	12,696	13,018	321	2.53%	
78721	CRESCENT AVE MAINT Z-A	1,284	1,307	23	1.81%	
78722	CRESCENT AVE MAINT Z-B	4,885	4,994	109	2.23%	
78723	CRESCENT AVE MAINT Z-C	496	647	151	30.35%	
78724	CRESCENT AVE MAINT Z-D	208	212	4	2.14%	
79020	BAY AREA AIR QUALITY	2,207,418	2,383,361	175,943	7.97%	
79450	S.M. CO. HARBOR DIST	2,801,014	3,026,639	225,626	8.06%	
79730	PENINSULA HOSP DIST	3,448,770	3,685,153	236,383	6.85%	
79890	SEQUOIA HOSP DIST	6,200,714	6,703,973	503,259	8.12%	
79920	RESOURCE CONSERVATION	36,127	39,156	3,029	8.38%	
70110	BROADMOOR POLICE	816,021	886,700	70,680	8.66%	
71180	COLMA FIRE DIST	521,772	580,302	58,529	11.22%	
71440	HMB FIRE DIST	4,811,550	5,228,041	416,490	8.66%	
71570	MENLO PARK FIRE DIST	20,178,420	21,831,893	1,653,473	8.19%	
71770	PT MONTARA FIRE DIST	1,111,227	1,202,736	91,508	8.23%	
71970	WOODSIDE FIRE DIST	9,343,843	10,161,885	818,042	8.75%	
73690	EPA SANI DIST	249,950	278,672	28,722	11.49%	
78460	HIGHLANDS REC	242,908	258,046	15,138	6.23%	
78510	LADERA REC DIST	88,402	96,432	8,030	9.08%	
79600	MOSQUITO ABATEMENT	1,259,394	1,354,483	95,090	7.55%	
TOTAL INDEPEND. DISTRICTS		\$ 78,190,567	\$ 84,686,038	\$ 6,495,472	8.31%	\$ 2,149,679

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Growth and Property Tax Allocation by Fund
(exclusive of Unitary & General Aircraft Revenue)

TRIPLE FLIP FY 06/07	TOTAL SWAP & TRIPLE FLIP	CURRENT YR ALLOCATION NET OF SB1096	EXCESS ERAF & DEFICIT NON BASIC AID SCHOOLS ³	CURRENT YEAR ALLOCATION NET OF EXCESS ERAF	PCT OF TOTAL
	\$ -	\$ 5,213,360		\$ 5,213,360	0.4%
	-	3,267,692		3,267,692	0.3%
	-	1,064,520		1,064,520	0.1%
	-	3,049,750		3,049,750	0.2%
	-	2,867,778		2,867,778	0.2%
	-	2,954,379		2,954,379	0.2%
	-	427,372		427,372	0.0%
	-	3,721,446		3,721,446	0.3%
	-	260,557		260,557	0.0%
	-	745,362		745,362	0.1%
	-	12,505,581		12,505,581	1.0%
	-	8,417,749		8,417,749	0.6%
	-	2,540,679		2,540,679	0.2%
	-	293,140		293,140	0.0%
	-	6,498,445		6,498,445	0.5%
	-	3,359,117		3,359,117	0.3%
	-	5,454,259		5,454,259	0.4%
	-	3,189,868		3,189,868	0.2%
	-	4,551,188		4,551,188	0.4%
	-	7,051,984		7,051,984	0.5%
	-	223,127		223,127	0.0%
	-	2,056,261		2,056,261	0.2%
	-	2,418,911		2,418,911	0.2%
	-	7,303,792		7,303,792	0.6%
	-	7,815,308		7,815,308	0.6%
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 97,251,625	\$ -	\$ 97,251,625	7.5%
1,061,483	3,211,162	28,085	9,181	37,266	0.0%
	-	13,046,408	561,703	13,608,111	1.0%
	-	5,542,699		5,542,699	0.4%
	-	45,800		45,800	0.0%
	-	1,692		1,692	0.0%
	-	42,056		42,056	0.0%
	-	67,870	43,588	111,458	0.0%
	-	421,014	154,680	575,694	0.0%
	-	339,997	151,417	491,414	0.0%
	-	56,494	4,115	60,609	0.0%
	-	118,611	38,122	156,733	0.0%
	-	20,382		20,382	0.0%
	-	581,074	271,190	852,264	0.1%
	-	175,554	37,510	213,064	0.0%
	-	408,644	190,007	598,651	0.0%
	-	157,682	65,119	222,801	0.0%
	-	209,770	96,272	306,042	0.0%
	-	7,682,270	143,208	7,825,478	0.6%
	-	379,977	9,752	389,729	0.0%
	-	191,957	13,112	205,069	0.0%
	-	605,113	9,866	614,979	0.0%
	-	36,400	2,749	39,149	0.0%
	-	13,018	1,499	14,517	0.0%
	-	1,307		1,307	0.0%
	-	4,994	135	5,129	0.0%
	-	647		647	0.0%
	-	212		212	0.0%
	-	2,383,361	34,897	2,418,258	0.2%
	-	3,026,639	593,190	3,619,829	0.3%
	-	3,685,153		3,685,153	0.3%
	-	6,703,973		6,703,973	0.5%
	-	39,156	3,166	42,322	0.0%
	-	886,700	137,891	1,024,591	0.1%
	-	580,302		580,302	0.0%
	-	5,228,041	325,159	5,553,200	0.4%
	-	21,831,893	1,248,486	23,080,379	1.8%
	-	1,202,736	85,735	1,288,471	0.1%
	-	10,161,885	631,342	10,793,227	0.8%
	-	278,672	122,577	401,249	0.0%
	-	258,046	41,493	299,539	0.0%
	-	96,432	18,723	115,155	0.0%
	-	1,354,483	119,888	1,474,371	0.1%
\$ 1,061,483	\$ 3,211,162	\$ 87,897,200	\$ 5,165,772	\$ 93,062,972	7.2%

GLOSSARY
ERAF Education Revenue Augmentation Fund. The State passed into law two tax shifts, ERAF I (beginning FY 1992-93) and ERAF II (beginning FY 1993-94) to balance the State budget by shifting local AB8 property tax revenues from counties, cities, special districts, and redevelopment agencies to K-12 schools and community colleges. The base ERAF I and II tax shift amount for each entity were specified by the State based on population and other factors and are adjusted yearly per the incremental growth in property assessed values.
Revenue Limit Every California school district is entitled to a minimum amount of funding per student. Revenue Limit schools receive a property tax share that is less than this limit (approx. \$5,000 per elementary/middle school student), so the State makes up the difference.
Basic Aid These school districts receive more local property tax than the minimum state Revenue Limit, so they are not funded by the State. Basic Aid districts (10 of 24 currently in the County and 60 in the State) get to keep and spend all of the property tax they receive, including that amount in excess of the Revenue Limit.

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FUND NO	TAXING AGENCY	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL TAXES NET OF RDA ¹	CURRENT YEAR TAXES NET OF RDA ²	CURRENT YEAR INCR GROWTH \$	CURRENT YEAR INCR GROWTH %	VLF /SWAP FY 06/07
DEPENDENT DISTRICTS (COUNTY)						
01001	FREE LIBRARY	\$12,600,574	\$ 13,557,746	\$ 957,172	7.60%	
02000	CO. FIRE PROTECTION	4,319,810	4,286,869	(32,942)	-0.76%	
71400	CO. SERVICE AREA #1	1,671,139	1,778,782	107,642	6.44%	
71560	CO. SERVICE AREA #6	40,450	44,146	3,696	9.14%	
71568	CO. SERVICE AREA #8	644,264	698,812	54,548	8.47%	
72140	BURLINGAME HILLS SEWER	43,072	46,422	3,350	7.78%	
72350	EMERALD LAKE HTS SEWER	10,885	11,832	947	8.70%	
72390	FAIR OAKS SEWER	292,606	317,035	24,429	8.35%	
72450	HARBOR INDUSTRIAL SEWER	5,683	6,138	455	8.01%	
72490	KENSINGTON SQ SEWER	8,154	8,623	469	5.75%	
72650	OAK KNOLL SEWER	2,517	2,616	100	3.96%	
74210	CRYSTAL SPRINGS SANI	39,012	41,597	2,585	6.63%	
74250	DEVONSHIRE CO. SANI	19,438	21,167	1,729	8.89%	
74880	SCENIC HTS SANI	942	1,007	65	6.92%	
75050	CAMPO BELLO UNIV PK DR	1,961	2,062	101	5.16%	
75180	COLMA CREEK FLOOD CTRL	398,638	438,001	39,363	9.87%	
75181	COLMA CREEK FLOOD Z-3	1,011,683	1,098,149	86,466	8.55%	
75182	COLMA CREEK FLOOD Z-2	376,063	441,859	65,795	17.50%	
75183	COLMA CREEK FLOOD Z-1	91,267	96,898	5,630	6.17%	
75185	SAN BRUNO CREEK Z-2	159,463	176,264	16,801	10.54%	
75188	SAN FRANCISQUITO Z-2	162,217	174,830	12,613	7.78%	
75190	RAVENSWOOD SLOUGH FL	3,728	4,046	318	8.53%	
75370	ENCHANTED HILLS DRAINAGE	1,294	1,368	74	5.72%	
75460	HIGHLANDS DRAINAGE	324	355	30	9.29%	
75700	PA GARDENS DRAINAGE	0	0	0		
75750	E. P. A. DRAINAGE MAINT	36,755	46,084	9,330	25.38%	
75760	SEQUOIA DRAINAGE	1,448	1,576	128	8.84%	
75800	UNIVERSITY HTS DRAINAGE	9,967	11,100	1,133	11.36%	
76050	BEL AIRE LIGHTING	32,485	34,459	1,974	6.08%	
76070	BELMONT LIGHTING	3,852	4,052	200	5.20%	
76150	COLMA LIGHTING	74,593	82,839	8,246	11.05%	
76320	EL GRANADA LIGHTING	40,957	45,315	4,359	10.64%	
76340	EMERAL LAKE LIGHTING	134,131	146,860	12,729	9.49%	
76370	ENCHANTED HILLS LIGHTING	6,064	6,318	254	4.19%	
76500	LA HONDA LIGHTING	8,180	8,792	612	7.48%	
76570	MENLO PARK LIGHTING	154,432	170,163	15,731	10.19%	
76590	MONTARA LIGHTING	61,114	66,223	5,109	8.36%	
76750	PESCADERO LIGHTING	6,791	6,985	194	2.86%	
76830	RAVENSWOOD LIGHTING	137,371	151,402	14,031	10.21%	
77870	S.M. CO. WATERWORKS #3	0	0	0		
79460	HIGHLANDS LANDSCAPE	5,510	6,005	495	8.99%	
TOTAL DEPENDENT DISTRICTS		\$ 22,618,834	\$ 24,044,795	\$ 1,425,960	6.30%	\$ -
COUNTYWIDE TOTALS		\$ 1,128,354,324	\$1,223,284,451	\$94,930,127	8.41%	\$ 107,780,260

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	\$ -	\$ 13,557,746	\$ 1,512,607	\$ 15,070,353	1.2%
	-	4,286,869		4,286,869	0.3%
	-	1,778,782		1,778,782	0.1%
	-	44,146	3,253	47,399	0.0%
	-	698,812	23,158	721,970	0.1%
	-	46,422	19,449	65,871	0.0%
	-	11,832	5,389	17,221	0.0%
	-	317,035	153,156	470,191	0.0%
	-	6,138	3,677	9,815	0.0%
	-	8,623	3,249	11,872	0.0%
	-	2,616	1,268	3,884	0.0%
	-	41,597	19,864	61,461	0.0%
	-	21,167	8,861	30,028	0.0%
	-	1,007	492	1,499	0.0%
	-	2,062	355	2,417	0.0%
	-	438,001	45,909	483,910	0.0%
	-	1,098,149	70,398	1,168,547	0.1%
	-	441,859	32,900	474,759	0.0%
	-	96,898	9,669	106,567	0.0%
	-	176,264	12,273	188,537	0.0%
	-	174,830	17,750	192,580	0.0%
	-	4,046	1,104	5,150	0.0%
	-	1,368	143	1,511	0.0%
	-	355	109	464	0.0%
	-	0		0	0.0%
	-	46,084	2,730	48,814	0.0%
	-	1,576	807	2,383	0.0%
	-	11,100	1,272	12,372	0.0%
	-	34,459	14,920	49,379	0.0%
	-	4,052	1,579	5,631	0.0%
	-	82,839	28,270	111,109	0.0%
	-	45,315	4,236	49,551	0.0%
	-	146,860	52,583	199,443	0.0%
	-	6,318	2,290	8,608	0.0%
	-	8,792	3,686	12,478	0.0%
	-	170,163	70,816	240,979	0.0%
	-	66,223	30,121	96,344	0.0%
	-	6,985	3,384	10,369	0.0%
	-	151,402	63,282	214,684	0.0%
	-	0		0	0.0%
	-	6,005	378	6,383	0.0%
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,044,795	\$ 2,225,387	\$ 26,270,182	2.0%
\$33,959,383	\$ -	\$ 1,223,284,451	\$ 74,104,807	\$ 1,297,389,258	100.0%

See page 9 for definitions of ERAF, Revenue Limit, and Basic Aid.

This allocation does not include \$13.6 million of Unitary & General Aircraft taxes which are distributed under different formulas.

³ Excess ERAF is that portion of the ERAF tax shift available after distribution to school districts to meet their revenue limit. Excess ERAF refunded in FY06-07 comprises of: 2003 remaining 10% of Reserve Balance; 2006 remaining balance due, net of reserve; and 2007 50% of the excess ERAF, net of reserve. RDAs are not entitled to excess ERAF.

Controller Distributes Property Taxes

After collection, the Tax Collector forwards the tax revenue to the Controller for apportionment and distribution to all eligible jurisdictions in the County. The law requires the County Controller to allocate the revenue in accordance with specified formulas and procedures.

AB8 (Assembly Bill 8 of 1979-80), with many subsequent amendments, governs the complicated tax allocation process. Each taxing jurisdiction (entity) was assigned a base amount of property tax determined by 1978-79 revenue. Each year, the entity is then allocated an amount equal to the total received in the previous year plus a percentage of tax growth within the geographic tax area served by the entity.

Around October of each year, the Controller provides each taxing agency an estimate of its property tax revenue. These estimates are based on the tax rolls compiled by the Assessor. During the year, the Assessor and the Assessment Appeals Board approve tax roll corrections that change the original levy, some of which result in refunds to taxpayers. Due to changing economic conditions, as well as misfortunes and calamities, total refunds fluctuate substantially from year to year, making it imperative that taxing agencies budget conservatively and maintain an appropriate amount of reserves.

Adding to the complex tax allocation process, legislation (SB1096) was enacted in fiscal year 2004-05 that (for only cities and the county) permanently swaps Vehicle License Fee revenue for Property Taxes (the “Swap”) and temporarily exchanges Sales Tax Revenues (“Flip”) for Property Taxes. The Flip expires when the State Deficit Bonds are retired in approximately 15-20 years. In addition, the enacted legislation required additional revenues to be shifted away from most taxing agencies to the Education Revenue Augmentation Fund (“ERAF III Shift”) for the 2004-05 and 2005-06 fiscal years. The legislation specifies that the property tax revenues necessary for the Swap and Flip are to be taken from the ERAF Fund while the two-year ERAF III Shift will be added to the fund.

For fiscal year 2006-07 the total Swap was \$107.7 million and the Flip was \$33.9 million of additional property taxes for cities and the county. The net effect of the Swap and the Flip was a decrease of \$141.7 million of property tax revenue allocated to the ERAF Fund.

For fiscal year 2006-07, overall countywide property tax growth remains strong; ranging from 5.15% for the unincorporated areas to 25.97% for City of East Palo Alto. Total countywide property taxes (including general, bonds and special assessments/taxes) increased by \$137.1 million, representing a 10.2% increase from the prior year. Listed on the page 6-11 is a summary of the growth percentage and taxes for the various agencies that receive property tax revenue. As you will notice there are large fluctuations in growth percentages between agencies due to growth in the various geographic regions within the county.

Refunds

(Revenue Reductions to Tax Agencies)

Fiscal Year	Amount
2001-02	\$ 1,585,064
2002-03	13,342,496
2003-04	8,017,468
2004-05	4,141,317
2005-06	25,311,246

I hope you will take the time to provide us with your thoughts or ideas for improvement after reading this year’s report. Drop me a note at thuening@co.sanmateo.ca.us or call my office at (650)363-4777. I look forward to hearing from you.

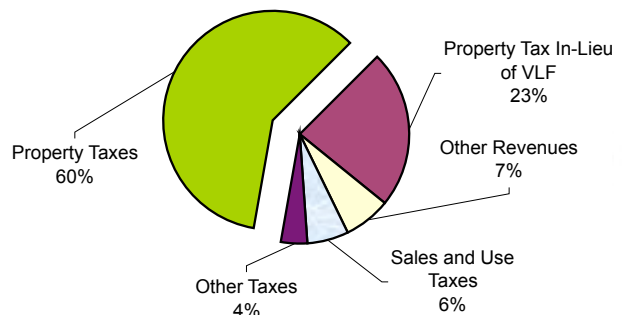
*Tom Huening, CPA, CPFO
Controller*

County Property Taxes

The County receives property taxes for the General Fund and eight types of dependent special districts. The dependent district taxes are allocated directly to the entity to provide specific services within geographic areas. The most significant district services are free library and fire.

The General Fund property tax is the most important tax source for the County. It is 60% of the County’s discretionary revenue. This source of tax is the historic funding for public safety, law and justice. However, the state requires mandated services in health and public assistance without adequate funding that also compete for this important revenue source.

Discretionary Revenue by Type



**For more information on tax apportionment visit:
www.co.sanmateo.ca.us/controller/propertytaxpubs**