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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