

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 09, 2025**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 13

**SUBJECT: ONLINE PUBLIC AUCTION TAX SALE OF TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY
(DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

When a property owner fails to pay property taxes by the end of the fiscal year, the property becomes tax defaulted. If the property remains tax defaulted for five years, the property then becomes subject to the Treasurer-Tax Collector's Power to Sell. Statutory requirements are met pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code § 3691, et seq. prior to the property being offered at sale. The purpose of offering tax-defaulted property at a tax sale is to collect the unpaid taxes (redemption) and to return the property to a revenue-generating status. This is a request to approve the proposed sale of 793 parcels of tax-defaulted real property at Online Public Auction Tax Sale No. 7102, beginning on March 13, 2026, with final groups closing on March 18, 2026.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR

1. Adopt the Resolution entitled:
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO APPROVING AN ONLINE PUBLIC AUCTION TAX SALE OF TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY (Attachment A, on file with the Clerk of the Board).
2. Should a parcel not sell at the initial minimum bid as defined in Revenue and Taxation Code § 3698.5, approve the Treasurer-Tax Collector's discretion under the Revenue and Taxation Code § 3698.5(c), to offer the same property at the sale or next scheduled sale, at a minimum price that the Treasurer-Tax Collector deems appropriate in light of the most current assessed valuation of that property or those interests. Any parcel remaining unsold may be re-offered within a 90-day period in accordance with Revenue and Taxation Code § 3692(e) and any new parties of interest shall be notified in accordance with Revenue and Taxation Code § 3701.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Treasurer-Tax Collector recognizes the systemic impacts that inequitable policies may create for residents of the County of San Diego. Impacts have historically included outcomes related to racial justice and issues of belonging that are reflected in the programs, services and resources allocated to communities. The Treasurer-Tax Collector will conduct an online auction that is widely accessible to all bidders who follow the process to register and submit deposits required to participate in the auction. A bidder may only be banned from participating in the online auction if they have previously forfeited property by way of non-completion of the sale of property for which they have previously won the bid. It is anticipated that these actions will have a positive impact on all people to include Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), women, people with disabilities, immigrants, youth, and the LGBTQ community.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed actions to conduct an online public auction, collect unpaid property taxes and return the properties to a revenue generating status are appropriate as they support the County of San Diego's

Strategic Initiative of Sustainability to align the County’s available resources with services to maintain fiscal stability and ensure long-term solvency. The proposed actions to conduct an online auction that is widely accessible to all bidders who follow the process to register align with the County of San Diego’s Sustainability Goal of providing just and equitable access.

FISCAL IMPACT

If approved, funds received from sales of tax-defaulted property will be used to redeem defaulted and current year taxes and to reimburse the County for all Board approved cost recovery and statutorily required fees and costs of sale imposed under San Diego County Administrative Code § 364.4.

Any excess proceeds remaining will be retained in the defaulted tax sale trust fund for a period of one year following the date of the recordation of the tax deed to the purchaser of the property. During that period, any party of interest in the property at the time of the sale may apply for the proceeds by submitting a claim. Any excess proceeds remaining after processing valid claims will be transferred to the General Fund. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION 13.1:

A motion was made by Supervisor Anderson, for the Board of Supervisors to take the following actions:

1. Adopt Resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO APPROVING AN ONLINE PUBLIC AUCTION TAX SALE OF TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY.
2. Should a parcel not sell at the initial minimum bid as defined in Revenue and Taxation Code § 3698.5, approve the Treasurer-Tax Collector’s discretion under the Revenue and Taxation Code § 3698.5(c), to offer the same property at the sale or next scheduled sale, at a minimum price that the Treasurer-Tax Collector deems appropriate in light of the most current assessed valuation of that property or those interests. Any parcel remaining unsold may be re-offered within a 90-day period in accordance with Revenue and Taxation Code § 3692(e) and any new parties of interest shall be notified in accordance with Revenue and Taxation Code § 3701.
3. Direct the Treasurer-Tax Collector to increase the auction deposit amount from \$1,000 to \$5,000 per parcel.

(Motion failed for lack of a second.)

ACTION 13.2:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, adopting Resolution No. 25-132 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO APPROVING AN ONLINE PUBLIC AUCTION TAX SALE OF TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY.

AYES: Aguirre, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

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County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed
by Andrew Potter