

# PROPERTY TAX HIGHLIGHTS SAN MATEO COUNTY CONTROLLER'S OFFICE FISCAL YEAR 2022-23



Beach near Pescadero, Photo courtesy of County of San Mateo

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## Message from the Controller

To the Residents of San Mateo County,

Property taxes are an important source of funding for local governments, enabling them to provide services to their communities such as fire protection, public safety, health services, and education. For the twelfth consecutive year, property taxes collected countywide have increased. In fiscal year 2022-23, the total tax levy was \$3.6 billion, an increase of \$258 million (or 7.7%) when compared to the prior year. The tax levy includes \$2.9 billion for the 1% General Tax, \$316 million for debt service payments on bonds, and \$374 million in special charges.

This publication is intended to provide an overview of the administration of these property taxes, and the different types that are collected and distributed in San Mateo County.

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Juan Raigoza
San Mateo County Controller

Fiscal Year 2022-23 Tax Levy							
1% General Tax	\$2,912,577,488						
Debt Service	315,896,194						
Special Charges	373,711,450						
Total Tax Levy	\$3,602,185,132						

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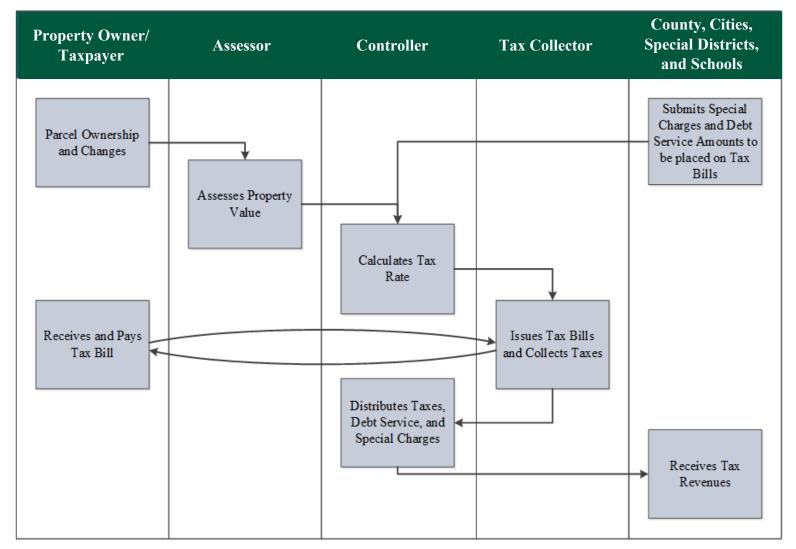


Sutter Health Hospital in San Carlos Photo courtesy of County of San Mateo

### Introduction

Proposition 13, approved by California voters in 1978, is the basis of the current property tax process. It limits the property tax rate to 1% of assessed values plus the rate necessary to service the debt on local voter-approved bonds. It also limits assessed value increases to a maximum 2% per year on properties that were not involved in a change of ownership or construction. Newly acquired properties are assessed at fair market value (usually the purchase price) and the value of new construction is added to the existing base value of a parcel.

The diagram below depicts the property tax process from the assessment of properties to the calculation of tax amounts, collection of taxes due, and finally, the distribution of property taxes to local government agencies.



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## Property Owner / Taxpayer

Each year, taxable property is assessed (valued) as of January 1 (the lien date) and the values are used to calculate the taxes due for the fiscal year of July 1 through June 30. For example, the January 1, 2022 lien date values were used to calculate the taxes due for fiscal year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Once the property has been assessed, the taxes levied become a lien on the property (secured), or the assessee/owner (unsecured), for which the owner is liable. Property owners are responsible for the timely payments of taxes. Late payments are subject to significant penalties under State law.

The table below shows the top ten taxpayers who pay 7.21% of the total taxes billed. This shows that the County's tax base is broad and does not rely on a limited number of taxpayers or industries.

Top 10 Taxpayers in FY 2022-23	Type of Business		y Taxes Billed* nillions)	% of Total Taxes Billed*
Pacific Gas & Electric	Utility	\$	38.4	1.19%
Genentech Inc.	Biotechnology		33.1	1.03%
Gilead Sciences Inc.	Biopharmaceutical		29.7	0.92%
ARE	Real Estate		26.9	0.84%
Hibiscus Properties LLC	Real Estate		23.6	0.73%
Facebook Inc.	Social Media		18.0	0.56%
Google, Inc.	Software		17.5	0.54%
United Airlines Inc	Airline		16.7	0.52%
Slough BTC LLC	Real Estate		14.6	0.45%
HCP Oyster Point	Real Estate		13.6	0.42%
Total		<b>\$</b>	232.1	7.21%

<sup>\*</sup>Based on the general tax and debt service on secured, unsecured, unitary, and railroad properties as of June 30, 2023



South San Francisco Downtown Photo courtesy of County of San Mateo



Meta Sign, Menlo Park Photo courtesy of County of San Mateo

## Assessor Values Property

#### **Locally Assessed Properties**

The primary responsibility of the County Assessor is to assess each property's value so that the owner pays the correct amount of property tax in accordance with State law. For most properties, except in the case of new construction or a change in ownership, the assessed value is the prior year's assessed value adjusted for inflation up to 2%. However, Proposition 8 amended Proposition 13 to recognize declines in market value for property tax purposes and allows for a temporary reduction to the assessed value when market value is less than the current assessed value. The assessed values of properties are recorded on the "local property assessment rolls".

#### Secured and Unsecured Rolls

The main categories of taxable property include real property, business and personal property, vessels, and aircraft. Real property, which includes both residential (homes, condos, and apartments) and non-residential (business, hotels, retail, etc.), is considered secured property. In fiscal year 2022-23, the County's secured roll included 222,350 properties (aka "parcels").

Business and personal property (e.g. machinery, equipment, office tools and supplies), vessels, and aircraft are considered unsecured property. In fiscal year 2022-23, the County's unsecured roll included 13,237 unsecured accounts, 2,821 vessels accounts, and 331 non-commercial general aircraft accounts.

#### Supplemental Roll

The completion of new construction or a change in ownership results in a re-assessment of property and a supplemental tax bill that is in addition to the annual secured tax bill. The supplemental assessment roll captures the difference between the initial and new assessed values based on the transfer or construction completion date. This roll is intended to capture changes to assessed value resulting from activities after the January 1 lien date and the associated tax effect for the remainder of the tax year (June 30th of the following year).

#### **Exemptions**

There are numerous full and partial exemptions provided by the State Constitution and the legislature that exclude certain property from taxation. Eligibility for such exemptions depends on the characteristics of the owners and the property (e.g. disabled, elderly, charitable organization, etc.).

#### Appeals and Corrections to Assessed Values

The Assessment Appeals Board (AAB) allows taxpayers to dispute assessed values through administrative processes. The Assessor can also make corrections to the assessed values throughout the year. When changes in assessed value modify the original tax levy amount, it results in either a refund or new tax bill.



Huddart Park—Dean Trail
Photo courtesy of County of San Mateo

## **Assessor Values Property**

#### **State Assessed Properties**

The California Board of Equalization maintains the assessed values for **utility** (e.g. AT&T), **unitary** (e.g. PG&E), and **railroad** properties. The State submits these assessed values to the County annually. In fiscal year 2022-23, the County had 502 utility, unitary, and railroad properties.

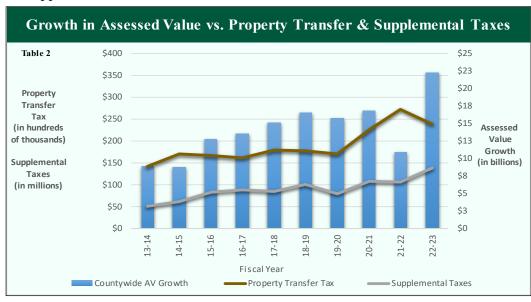
#### **Trends in Assessed Values**

Based on the January 1, 2022 lien date, countywide assessed values (net of exemptions) grew in fiscal year 2022-23 by \$22.3 billion, an increase of 8.3%. Table 1 shows a 10 year trend of the County's assessed values. Over these years assessed values have increased 84% from \$157.5 billion to \$290.4 billion.



<sup>\*</sup> Assessed values for secured, unsecured, utility, unitary, and railroad properties net of exemptions.

Leading indicators of tax growth are increases in property transfer taxes (fees for the transfer of ownership in property) and supplemental property taxes. Table 2 shows that in fiscal year 2022-23 transfer taxes dipped slightly while supplemental taxes increased.



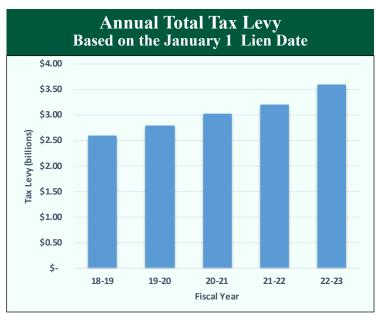
<sup>\*</sup>Assessed values for secured, unsecured, utility, unitary, and railroad properties net of exemptions.

## Controller Calculates Property Taxes Due

Every year the Controller's Office receives assessed values of local properties from the Assessor no later than July 1, and the local state assessed values from the State Board of Equalization. The Controller's Office then calculates, by parcel, the 1% General Tax amount (by multiplying the taxable assessed values by 1%) and the amount necessary to make annual payments to service the debt on voter approved bonds. In addition, numerous special charges permitted by legislation are included in the taxes to be collected (e.g. sewer, flood control, and lighting charges). Once completed, these amounts are passed to the Tax Collector by September 30, and placed on tax bills.

The Controller also performs similar calculations on any re-assessments after the January 1 lien date, which may result in additional taxes owed by or refund due to the taxpayer. Any additional amounts due are passed to the Tax Collector and billed throughout the year. Any refunds due are issued by the Controller. Refunds between \$10,000 and \$50,000 must be approved by the County Attorney and refunds \$50,000 or greater must be approved by the County Board of Supervisors.

County Bourd of Supervisors.									
Fiscal Year 2022-23 Based on the January 1 Lien Date									
Secured Value \$	277,266,830,013								
Unsecured Value	10,732,668,329								
Unitary, Railroad, and State Utility <sup>1</sup>	2,448,162,667								
Taxable Value (Before exemption)	290,447,661,009								
Homeowners' Exemptions	810,087,827								
Total Taxable Value	291,257,748,836								
1% General Tax Rate	x 1%								
Property Tax	2,912,577,488								
Add: Voter Approved Debt									
(Bonds) <sup>2</sup>	315,896,194								
Add: Special Charges	373,711,450								
Total Tax Levy \$	3,602,185,132								
<sup>1</sup> Unitary, Railroad, and State Utility pro	perties are assessed annu-								
ally by the State Board of Equalization.									
<sup>2</sup> Includes debt service for cities, school	s, and special districts.								



Secured taxes are approximately 95% of the total 1% General Taxes levied.

Refunds Revenue Reductions to Tax Agencies							
Fiscal Year Amount							
2018-19	\$19,584,815						
2019-20	\$13,483,282						
2020-21	\$23,175,255						
2021-22	\$22,417,726						
2022-23	\$22,333,190						



View from Coyote Point Park as airplanes approach SFO Photo courtesy of County of San Mateo

#### Tax Collector Sends Bills and Collects Taxes

The Tax Collector sends annual secured tax statements (bills) to taxpayers each year by November 1. The bill can be paid in two installments, with the first due November 1 and delinquent after December 10, and the second due February 1 and delinquent after April 10.

Most unsecured tax bills are mailed before July 31 and must be paid on or before August 31. If the bill is 2022-23 223,593 13,5 mailed after July 31, the bill must be paid by the end of the month after the bill's issuance.

	Number of Tax Bills Issued												
Fiscal Year	Secured	Unsecured	Supplemental	Total									
2018-19	222,227	14,930	13,589	250,746									
2019-20	222,582	14,695	13,817	251,094									
2020-21	222,709	14,502	15,306	252,517									
2021-22	223,695	13,756	22,482	259,933									
2022-23	223,593	13,928	15,586	253,107									

Supplemental taxes are billed when there is a change in ownership or new construction. For supplemental tax bills mailed between July and October, the first installment must be paid on or before December 10 and the second installment must be paid on or before April 10. For supplemental tax bills mailed between November and June, the first installment must be paid by the end of the month following the bill's issuance and the second installment is due no later than four months following the date the first installment is delinquent.

Current Year Delinquent Secured Taxes										
As of		Amount I								
June 30, 2019	\$	17,100,797	0.65%							
June 30, 2020	\$	24,456,457	0.85%							
June 30, 2021	\$	14,633,355	0.54%							
June 30, 2022	\$	9,815,380	0.35%							
June 30, 2023	\$	21,303,077	0.69%							

Penalties for late payments on the first installment are 10% of the taxes due. Penalties for late payments on the second installment are 10% of the taxes due plus \$40. Beginning the following July 1, there is an additional 1.5% penalty per month on any outstanding taxes due. After 5 years of taxes being delinquent, the property can be sold at a tax sale to pay the past due balances. The delinquency rate in San Mateo County has been less than 1% for the past 10 years.



Redwood Shores Library exterior Photo courtesy of County of San Mateo

#### Tax Collector Sends Bills and Collects Taxes

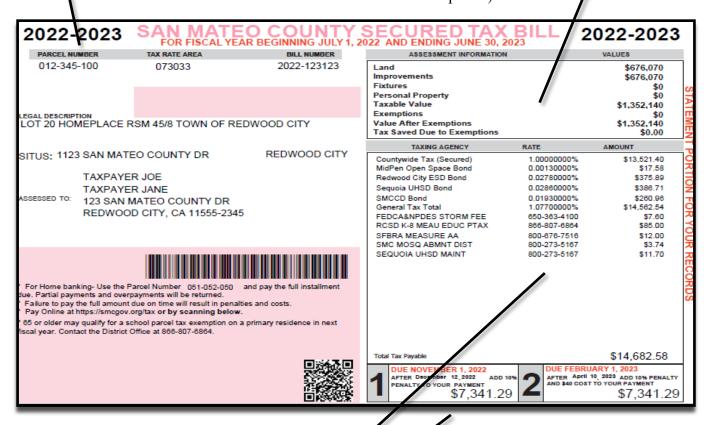
Below is an example of the information presented on a property tax bill.

PARCEL NUMBER	TAX RATE AREA	BILL NUMBER
012-345-100	073033	2022-123123

Parcel number and Tax Rate Area (TRA). All parcels in your TRA have the same composite tax rate.

ASSESSMENT INFORMATION	VALUES
Land	\$676,070
Improvements	\$676,070
Fixtures	\$0
Personal Property	\$0
Taxable Value	\$1,352,140
Exemptions	\$0
Value After Exemptions	\$1,352,140
Tax Saved Due to Exemptions	\$0.00

The bill provides details of the parcel's assessed value (land, improvements, fixtures, personal property, and exemptions).



DUE NOVEMBER 1, 2022
AFTER December 12, 2022 ADD 10%
PENALTY TO YOUR PAYMENT
\$7,341.29

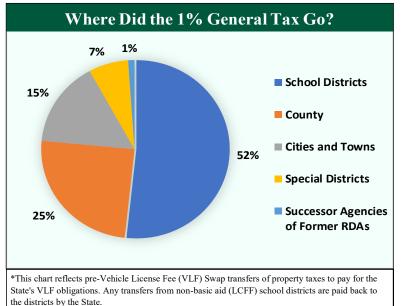
DUE FEBRUARY 1, 2023 AFTER APRIL 10, 2023 ADD 10% PENALTY AND \$40 COST TO YOUR PAYMENT \$7,341.29

This section reports your tax amount due, due dates for each installment, and the additional penalty for late payments.

TAXING AGENCY	RATE	AMOUNT
Countywide Tax (Secured)	1.00000000%	\$13,521.40
MidPen Open Space Bond	0.00130000%	\$17.58
Redwood City ESD Bond	0.02780000%	\$375.89
Sequoia UHSD Bond	0.02860000%	\$386.71
SMCCD Bond	0.01930000%	\$260.96
General Tax Total	1.07700000%	\$14,562.54
FEDCA&NPDES STORM FEE	650-363-4100	\$7.60
RCSD K-8 MEAU EDUC PTAX	866-807-6864	\$85.00
SFBRA MEASURE AA	800-676-7516	\$12.00
SMC MOSQ ABMNT DIST	800-273-5167	\$3.74
SEQUOIA UHSD MAINT	800-273-5167	\$11.70

The general tax rate, voter approved debt rates, and any special charges levied on the parcel are reported in this section. Contact information is also included for the taxing entities imposing the special charges.

## Controller Distributes Property Taxes



For fiscal year 2022-23, a total of \$3.6 billion was levied from the 1% General Tax (\$2.9 billion), debt service payments for bonds (\$316 million), and special charges (\$374 million). This is a \$258 million (or 7.7%) increase compared to the prior year.

For fiscal year 2022-23, the countywide 1% general property tax levy increased by \$223 million (or 8.3%) compared to the prior year. Property tax revenue growth rates vary between taxing agencies due to differences in the growth rate of assessed values within their jurisdictional areas.

Assembly Bill 8, effective in fiscal year 1979-80, and many subsequent amendments govern the tax

distribution process. Each year, taxing agencies are allocated an amount equal to the total received in the previous year plus a percentage of any tax growth within the area in which the agency provides services. The law also allows jurisdictional changes, which are transfers of properties and their corresponding property tax revenues, when boundary changes or transfer of service responsibilities occur. In October of each year, the Controller provides each taxing agency an estimate of its property tax revenues. These estimates are based on the assessed values provided by the Assessor. During the year, the Assessor and the Assessment Appeals Board make changes in assessed values that change the original levy, which sometimes result in refunds to taxpayers. Due to changing economic conditions, as well as misfortunes and calamities, total refunds fluctuate substantially from year to year.

Since fiscal year 1992-93, cities, special districts, and the County are mandated to shift a portion of their property tax dollars to the Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF). These monies are used to meet the school districts' minimum guaranteed funding level referred to as the "Local Control Funding Formula" (LCFF).

The difference between a school's LCFF amount and the local property tax revenues it receives is the maximum amount a school district can receive from ERAF. Only LCFF (non-basic aid) school districts can receive ERAF monies. Any monies remaining in ERAF after distributing the required funds to school districts and special education, is returned to local taxing agencies in the same proportion as their contributions and is referred to as Excess ERAF.

Adding to the tax allocation process, Senate Bill 1096 was enacted in fiscal year 2004-05. Prior to the legislation, Vehicle License Fees (VLF) collected by the Department of Motor Vehicles were distributed to cities and counties. SB 1096 redirected these revenues, giving them instead to the State. To pay the replacement in-lieu VLF amounts owed to the cities and counties, the legislation specified that property taxes of non-basic aid school districts would be used to pay for the State's in-lieu VLF obligations. This process is commonly referred to as the "VLF Swap".

## Controller Distributes Property Taxes

If ERAF funds of non-basic aid (LCFF) school districts are insufficient, then their general property taxes are used to fund the VLF Swap. Any monies used from LCFF school districts to fund the VLF Swap are paid back to the schools by the State. For fiscal year 2022-23 the total VLF Swap was \$251.5 million. In fiscal year 2022-23, \$70 million of the VLF amount due to the County and cities was not funded due to insufficient funds. The County and cities are seeking payment from the State via its fiscal year 2024-25 budget.

#### **Redevelopment Agencies**

Prior to 2011, counties and cities were authorized by State law to create Redevelopment Agencies (RDAs), which received certain property tax revenues in order to revitalize blighted areas of the community. Effective October 1, 2011, a State law passed, requiring RDAs to dissolve and establish Successor Agencies to wind-down the affairs of the former RDAs. According to this legislation, monies previously transferred to former RDAs are now transferred to trust funds called Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Funds (RPTTF). There were 13 such RDAs (now Successor Agencies) established by cities in the County (see page 15). After distributing



Fitzgerald Marine Reserve Photo courtesy of County of San Mateo



Notre Dame High School Photo courtesy of County of San Mateo

mandated agreed amounts to the local taxing agencies (pass-through payments), monies from RPTTFs are required to fund outstanding liabilities incurred by the former RDAs. Any remaining monies in the RPTTF are distributed to the local taxing agencies that funded the former RDAs with property tax revenues. When all the liabilities of the former RDA are paid off or retired and all statutory conditions are met, the Successor Agency will apply for dissolution with the State. The State approved the dissolution of the Successor Agency to the former Belmont RDA in May 2022.

In the fiscal year 2022-23, \$317 million of property tax revenues were deposited into the RPTTFs and distributed as follows: \$33 million to successor agencies for outstanding liabilities/obligations, and \$284 million to taxing agencies for pass-through payments and residuals.

In addition, any unencumbered cash and proceeds from sales of assets are distributed to the taxing agencies that funded the former RDAs. Since the dissolution of the RDAs, over \$129 million of unencumbered cash and proceeds from the sale of assets have been distributed.

The Controller distributes the taxes collected by the Tax Collector to the local taxing agencies within the County. California law requires the distribution to be in accordance with specified formulas and procedures. The tables presented on pages 11 through 15 show the 1% General Tax amounts distributed for fiscal year 2022-23, totaling \$3 billion.

Taxing Agency	Current Year Taxes <sup>1</sup>	I	icle License Fee Swap and .CFF Funded chool Deficits		Excess ERAF	Pr T	development operty Tax rust Fund stributions	To	l otal Taxes	Percent to Total
County of San Mateo	\$ 365,865,902	\$	107,488,617	\$	232,823,655	\$	91,156,311	\$	797,334,485	26.49%
Dependent Special Districts (County)										
County Free Library 2	\$ 30,943,195	\$	-	\$	6,890,873	\$	2,274,560	\$	40,108,627	
County Fire Protection	6,829,215		-		-		-		6,829,215	0.23%
County Service Area #1	4,383,371		-		-		-		4,383,371	0.15%
County Service Area #6	90,388		-		8,758		-		99,146	0.00%
County Service Area #8	1,404,705		-		-		-		1,404,705	0.05%
Burlingame Hills Sewer	104,494		-		57,801		-		162,295	0.01%
Emerald Lake Heights Sewer	31,618		-		17,211		-		48,829	0.00%
Fair Oaks Sewer	779,216		-		426,046		15,752		1,221,014	0.04%
Harbor Industrial Sewer	20,719		-		8,941		1,952		31,612	0.00%
Kensington Square Sewer	17,759		-		9,918		-		27,677	0.00%
Oak Knoll Sewer	6,881		-		3,864		-		10,745	0.00%
Crystal Springs Sanitary	102,792		-		56,946		-		159,737	0.01%
Devonshire County Sanitary	51,353		_		28,058		_		79,411	0.00%
Scenic Heights Sanitary	2,258		_		1,231		_		3,489	0.00%
Campo Bello University Park Drive	5,563		-		1,584		-		7,147	0.00%
Enchanted Hills Drainage	3,019		-		493		-		3,512	0.00%
Highlands Drainage	889		_		505		_		1,394	0.00%
Seguoia Drainage	3,068		_		3,015		-		6,082	
University Heights Drainage	33,432		_		6,273		_		39,705	0.00%
Bel Aire Lighting	82,115		_		64,766		-		146,880	
Belmont Lighting	13,848		_		7,823		-		21,672	0.00%
Colma Lighting	147,950		_		94,450		-		242,400	
El Granada Lighting	87,940		_		12,965		_		100,904	
Emerald Lake Lighting	333,470		-		220,437		-		553,907	
Enchanted Hills Lighting	17,239		-		11,929		_		29,168	
La Honda Lighting	14,665		-		10,989		_		25,654	
Menlo Park Lighting	425,793		-		331,699		_		757,492	
Montara Lighting	134,345		_		113,027		_		247,372	
Pescadero Lighting	14,618		-		12,079		_		26,697	
Highlands Landscape	14,225		-		1,202		-		15,427	
Los Trancos County Maintenance	285,539		_		107,698		_		393,238	
Total Dependent Special Districts (County)	\$ 46,385,681	\$	-	Ś	8,510,579	\$	2,292,264	\$	57,188,524	1.90%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Current Year Taxes includes actual distributions of secured, unsecured, homeowner exemption, supplemental, and other miscellaneous property taxes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The County Free library belongs to a Joint Powers Authority that include libraries from other cities within the County.



Playground at Community Park Photo courtesy of County of San Mateo



SamTrans bus stop—Redwood City Transit Center Photo courtesy of County of San Mateo

Cities  Town of Atherton \$ City of Belmont City of Brisbane	6,950,387	\$				istributions	To	otal Taxes	Total
Town of Atherton \$ City of Belmont	6,950,387	خ							
City of Belmont	6,950,387		1,102,009 \$	2,339,065	\$	_	\$	15,687,603	3 0.52%
•			2,785,349	1,685,416	-	_	-	11,421,151	
	3,448,544		362,502	557,107		1,448,012		5,816,165	
City of Burlingame	22,820,307		3,476,071	3,288,542		-		29,584,920	
Town of Colma	575,104		110,979	11,226		_		697,309	
City of Daly City	27,859,408		9,834,737	6,159,780		2,462,981		46,316,907	
City of East Palo Alto	8,751,664		3,963,112	813,150		3,605,364		17,133,289	
City of Half Moon Bay	2,282,007		1,118,180	384,566		, , , <sub>-</sub>		3,784,753	
Town of Hillsborough	20,501,937		1,169,697	2,900,861		_		24,572,495	
City of Menlo Park	21,945,145		4,546,957	4,178,538		2,515,383		33,186,023	
City of Millbrae	7,737,954		2,451,373	1,389,291		1,249,071		12,827,690	
City of Pacifica	15,421,163		3,762,404	3,222,882		111,263		22,517,712	
Town of Portola Valley	2,742,159		485,205	293,835		-		3,521,199	
Redwood City Area #1	35,330,900		8,444,761	8,791,763		6,535,920		59,103,344	
Redwood City Area #3	13,894,944		-	1,143,824		642,474		15,681,242	
Redwood City Parking #1	46,428		_	1,575		451,220		499,222	
Redwood City Improvement District	1,108,797		_	72,125		-		1,180,922	
City of San Bruno	9,867,181		4,452,587	1,669,225		2,481,305		18,470,298	
City of San Carlos	15,591,923		3,539,491	2,819,438		1,324,951		23,275,803	
City of San Mateo	50,790,691		10,673,474	7,121,552		6,317,497		74,903,215	
City of South San Francisco	27,043,087		7,458,528	4,749,258		12,162,236		51,413,109	
Town of Woodside	4,963,195		614,677	578,320		,,		6,156,193	
Total Cities \$			70,352,093 \$	54,171,340	\$	41,307,677	\$	477,750,564	
Dependent Special Districts (Cities)									
	53,101	\$	- \$	3,440	\$		\$	56,541	1 0.00%
	2,532,237		- 3	3,440	Ą	65,048	Ą	2,597,285	
Daly City Sanitary District	2,332,237		-	-		03,046		2,397,283	
Portola Valley Ranch Road	48,900		-	-		-		48,900	
Woodside Highlands Road Maintenance	48,900 142,615		-	- 14,867		- 15,679		48,900 173,161	
East Palo Alto Drainage Maintenance	322,284		-	233,346		318,005		873,635	
Ravenswood Lighting	30,449		-	255,546		318,003		34,265	
Guadalupe Valley Improvement	33,100,702		2 622 816	3,111,943		529,751		40,365,211	
Estero Municipal Improvement			3,622,816	3,111,943		529,751			
Belmont Fire	15,827,777		-	-		-		15,827,777	
Belmont Special Fire Zone-1	261,944		-	-		-		261,944	
Belmont Special Fire Zone-2	5,557 97,407		-	-		-		5,557 97,407	
Belmont Special Fire Zone-3	,		-	47.222		-		,	
Atherton Channel Drainage	170,684		-	17,223		-		187,907	
West Park Parks and Parkways	687,529		-	32,498		-		720,028	
Stonegate Park and Parkways	354,952		-	46,986		-		401,938	
West Park 3 Park and Parkway	1,071,054		-	30,992		112.261		1,102,046	
Willow Gardens Park and Parkways	41,579		-	5,331		112,261		159,171	
Crescent Ave Maintenance Zone A	2,164		-	-		-		2,164	
Crescent Ave Maintenance Zone B	10,608		-	-		-		10,608	
Crescent Ave Maintenance Zone C	929		-	-		-		929	
Crescent Ave Maintenance Zone D	284		-	2 704		-		284	
Wayside Road Maintenance Zone 2  Total Dependent Special Districts (Cities) \$	29,332 <b>54,793,065</b>		3,622,816 \$	3,794 <b>3,500,564</b>	\$	1,044,416	\$	33,127 <b>62,960,862</b>	



Pigeon Point Lighthouse Photo courtesy of County of San Mateo

Taxing Agency	Current Year Taxes	Vehicle License Fee Swap and LCFF Funded School Deficits	Excess ERAF	Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund Distributions	I Total Taxes	Percent to Total
Independent Special Districts						
Menlo Park Fire	\$ 63,581,635	\$ - \$	7,037,858	\$ 6,472,749	\$ 77,092,242	2.56%
Bayshore Sanitary	113,913	-	50,616	332,064	496,593	0.02%
Granada Community Service District	838,913	-	463,211	-	1,302,123	0.04%
Montara Sanitary	687,935	-	378,217	-	1,066,152	0.04%
Colma Creek Fld Ctrl Zone	900,241	-	144,774	206,396	1,251,410	0.04%
Co Creek Fld Ctrl Sub Zone 1	177,550	-	23,347	68,353	269,249	0.01%
Co Creek Fld Ctrl Sub Zone 2	1,065,767	-	98,106	1,041,169	2,205,042	0.07%
Co Creek Fld Ctrl Sub Zone 3	2,184,108	-	186,986	67,876	2,438,969	0.08%
San Franqto Crk Fld Zone 2	449,906	-	71,992	1	521,900	0.02%
San Bruno Crk Fld Zone 2	361,591	-	35,132	85,829	482,551	0.02%
Ravenswood Slough Fld Zone	10,320	-	4,812	8,388	23,520	0.00%
Mid-Peninsula Water	324,853	-	164,699	1,173	490,726	0.02%
Canada County Water	46,717	-	-	-	46,717	0.00%
Coastside County Water	1,124,411	-	621,167	-	1,745,578	0.06%
North Coast County Water	831,786	-	458,397	8,951	1,299,134	0.04%
Westborough County Water	413,965	-	227,523	-	641,488	0.02%
Ladera Recreation	254,415	-	85,055	-	339,470	0.01%
Midpeninsula Regional Open Space	19,873,783	-	-	1,580,676	21,454,459	0.71%
San Mateo County Harbor	7,333,978	-	1,968,365	909,951	10,212,295	0.34%
Peninsula Hospital	8,759,575	-	-	490,039	9,249,614	0.31%
Seguoia Hospital <sup>1</sup>	17,024,571	-	-	833,430	17,858,001	0.59%
Resource Conservation	87,495	<del>-</del>	8,316	1,706	97,517	0.00%
Broadmoor Police	1,725,698	-	518,749	-	2,244,447	0.07%
Colma Fire	1,028,870	-	-	-	1,028,870	0.03%
Coastside Fire Protection	12,475,441	-	1,523,161	-	13,998,602	0.47%
Woodside Fire	23,469,633	-	2,823,929	-	26,293,562	0.87%
East Palo Alto Sanitary	683,684	-	363,950	464,885	1,512,519	0.05%
Highlands Recreation	631,124	-	169,905	-	801,029	0.03%
Bay Area Air Quality Management	5,758,407	-	-	521,872	6,280,278	0.21%
San Mateo County Mosquito Abatement	3,379,195	-	574,499	252,536	4,206,231	0.14%
Total Independent Special Districts	\$ 175,599,480	\$ - \$	18,002,765	\$ 13,348,045	\$ 206,950,290	6.88%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Distributions are made to the special district known as Sequoia Healthcare District. Sequoia Hospital is the name used by the State Board of Equalization.



Newell Housing - East Palo Alto - 44-48 Newell Avenue Photo courtesy of County of San Mateo

Taxing Agency	Current Year Taxes	ehicle License Fee Swap and LCFF Funded School <sup>1</sup> Deficits	Excess ERAF	I	edevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund Distributions	To	otal Taxes	Percent to Total
School Districts								
Bayshore Elementary	\$ 1,820,963	\$ (3,593,467) \$	-	\$	2,120,894	\$	348,390	0.01%
Belmont Elementary	42,615,157	-	-		243,881		42,859,038	1.42%
Brisbane Elementary	8,200,384	-	-		1,326,858		9,527,242	0.32%
Burlingame Elementary	31,041,882	(31,042,157)	-		-		(275)	0.00%
Hillsborough Elementary	24,932,016	-	-		-		24,932,016	0.83%
Jefferson Elementary	48,553,427	(49,578,008)	-		1,032,334		7,753	0.00%
Pacifica	26,203,893	(26,315,445)	-		132,579		21,027	0.00%
Las Lomitas Elementary	25,490,689	-	-		-		25,490,689	0.85%
Menlo Park Elementary	41,214,823	-	-		531,854		41,746,677	1.39%
Millbrae Elementary	19,008,487	(20,617,777)	-		1,959,919		350,630	0.01%
Portola Valley Elementary	14,476,749	-	-		-		14,476,749	0.48%
Ravenswood Elementary	21,405,909	-	-		9,756,550		31,162,459	1.04%
Redwood City Elementary	75,197,734	-	-		11,016,172		86,213,907	2.86%
San Bruno Elementary	22,151,687	-	-		4,623,411		26,775,098	0.89%
San Carlos Elementary	30,676,030	-	-		3,245,220		33,921,250	1.13%
San Mateo-Foster City Elementary	117,366,016	-	-		3,897,300		121,263,316	4.03%
Woodside Elementary	9,586,605	-	-		-		9,586,605	0.32%
Jefferson High	53,419,629	-	-		4,419,495		57,839,124	1.92%
San Mateo High	174,241,425	-	-		13,606,987		187,848,411	6.24%
Sequoia High	179,801,964	-	-		14,273,230		194,075,194	6.45%
Cabrillo Unified	30,836,345	(30,838,410)	-		-		(2,066)	0.00%
La Honda-Pescadero	5,080,411	-	-		-		5,080,411	0.17%
South San Francisco Unified	87,808,461	-	-		32,587,208		120,395,668	4.00%
San Mateo Community College	188,497,339	-	-		17,951,871		206,449,210	6.86%
County Office of Education	98,097,060	-	24,002,260		12,120,314		134,219,634	4.46%
ERAF	336,487,165	(19,478,262)	(317,008,903)		-		=	0.00%
Total School Districts	\$ 1,714,212,248	\$ (181,463,526) \$	(293,006,643)	\$	134,846,077	\$	1,374,588,156	45.67%

<sup>1</sup>LCFF Funded School Districts are school districts that do not receive sufficient property tax revenues to meet their minimum guaranteed funding level for the fiscal year based on the Local Control Funding Formula. Pursuant to California law, VLF Swap amounts are funded by the ERAF available to fund the LCFF districts. If there are insufficient funds in ERAF to pay the VLF Swap amounts, the law requires these amounts to be funded by property taxes of the LCFF school districts (deficits). These deficit amounts are included in the Vehicle License Fee Swap and LCFF Funded School Deficits column. Any deficits of the LCFF school districts to fund the VLF Swap are reimbursed by the State. Such reimbursements are not comprised of property tax revenues and are not included in this table.



Peninsula Station, San Mateo Photo courtesy of County of San Mateo



San Mateo County History Museum Photo courtesy of County of San Mateo

Taxing Agency	Current Year Taxes	Vehicle License Fee Swap and LCFF Funded School Deficits	Excess ERAF	Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund Distributions	Total Taxes	Percent to Total
RPTTFs and Successor Agencies						
Brisbane RPTTF \$	11,134,022	\$ - \$	-	\$ (11,134,022)	\$ -	0.00%
Daly City RPTTF	13,075,488	-	-	(13,075,488)	-	0.00%
East Palo Alto RPTTF	17,275,526	-	-	(17,275,526)	-	0.00%
Foster City RPTTF	3,410,192	-	-	(3,410,192)	-	0.00%
Menlo Park RPTTF	36,597,027	-	-	(36,597,027)	-	0.00%
Millbrae RPTTF	14,241,950	-	-	(14,241,950)	-	0.00%
Pacifica RPTTF	661,879	-	-	(661,879)	-	0.00%
Redwood City RPTTF	54,361,866	-	-	(54,361,866)	-	0.00%
San Bruno RPTTF	22,542,192	-	-	(22,542,192)	-	0.00%
San Carlos RPTTF	20,997,146	-	-	(20,997,146)	-	0.00%
San Mateo RPTTF	27,283,382	-	-	(27,283,382)	-	0.00%
South San Francisco RPTTF	95,795,375	-	-	(95,795,375)	-	0.00%
Brisbane Successor Agency	-	-	-	2,436,889	2,436,889	0.08%
Daly City Successor Agency	-	-	-	1,363,015	1,363,015	0.05%
East Palo Alto Successor Agency	-	-	-	3,506,267	3,506,267	7 0.12%
Foster City Successor Agency	-	-	-	506,777	506,777	7 0.02%
Menlo Park Successor Agency	-	-	-	5,503,486	5,503,486	0.18%
Millbrae Successor Agency	-	-	-	634,379	634,379	0.02%
Pacifica Successor Agency	-	-	-	127,093	127,093	0.00%
Redwood City Successor Agency	-	-	-	4,025,257	4,025,257	7 0.13%
San Bruno Successor Agency	-	-	-	432,365	432,365	0.01%
San Carlos Successor Agency	-	-	-	1,476,540	1,476,540	0.05%
San Mateo Successor Agency	-	-	-	6,263,370	6,263,370	0.21%
South San Francisco Successor Agency	<u>-</u>	-	-	7,105,818	7,105,818	3 0.24%
Total RPTTFs and Successor Agencies \$	317,376,045	\$ - \$	-	\$ (283,994,791)	\$ 33,381,255	5 1.11%
Countywide Totals \$	2,986,151,875	\$ - \$	24,002,260	\$ -	\$ 3,010,154,135	100.00%

The total countywide current year taxes reported above differs from the total current year 1% General Tax amount reported on page 6, which is based on the January 1 lien date assessed values, and does not include supplemental and other miscellaneous property taxes. The Excess ERAF distributions for fiscal year 2022-23 were funded by current year revenues and prior year revenues held in ERAF.



Bicyclists on the trail at Mariners Point—Foster City Photo courtesy of County of San Mateo

## Fiscal Year 2022-23 Distributions - Debt Service

#### **Debt Service**

The majority of outstanding bonds in the County are for schools. Since 1978, all bonds have required a two-thirds majority vote. However, effective January 1, 2001, certain bonds for schools can be approved by 55% of the voters. The table to the right shows the debt service amount totaling \$329.9 million was distributed for voter approved debt service. The amounts include debt service from secured, unsecured, homeowner's exemption, supplemental, and other miscellaneous property tax distributions.



East Palo Alto Senior Center Photo courtesy of County of San Mateo

Taxing Entity		Debt Service
Taxing Entity		Debt Selvice
<u>Cities</u>	_	
Foster City	\$	4,124,837
City of Menlo Park		990,919
City of Millbrae		710,775
City of San Carlos		446,071
City of San Mateo		2,666,670
Total Cities	\$	8,939,272
School Districts		
Bayshore Elementary	S	536,022
Belmont-Redwood Shores Elementary	Ψ	6,952,618
Brisbane Elementary		1,685,128
Burlingame Elementary		11,044,728
Hillsborough Elementary		3,849,909
Jefferson Elementary		9,300,243
Las Lomitas Elementary		6,224,670
Menlo Park Elementary		7,181,171
Millbrae Elementary		3,730,767
Pacifica Elementary		6,765,290
Portola Valley Elementary		3,040,985
Ravenswood Elementary		4,540,332
Redwood City Elementary		11,346,843
San Bruno Park Elementary		6,886,244
San Carlos Elementary		7,585,806
San Mateo-Foster City Elementary		32,347,535
Woodside Elementary		1,990,565
Jefferson High		18,524,988
San Mateo High		55,674,909
Sequoia High		38,546,093
Cabrillo Unified		6,900,871
La Honda-Pescadero Unified		582,681
South San Francisco Unified		11,013,856
San Mateo County Community College	,	62,018,974
Total School Districts	S	318,271,229
Total School Districts	Ą	310,271,229
Special Districts		
Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space	\$	1,744,213
Montara Water and Sanitary		1,011,052
Total Special Districts	\$	2,755,265
Grand Total Debt Service	\$	329,965,766



South San Francisco City Hall Photo courtesy of County of San Mateo

## Fiscal Year 2022-23 Distributions - Special Charges

#### **Special Charges**

The tables on pages 17 and 18 show the amounts, totaling \$372.4 million, distributed during fiscal year 2022-23 for special charges. Cities and special districts may charge certain fees directly to taxpayers in lieu of placing them on the secured tax bills. The amounts shown in the tables include changes and refunds processed after the original secured bills were issued.

#### Acronyms

CDA - Community Development Authority

EIF - Energy Improvement Financing

CFD - Community Facilities District



Pescadero Farmers Market Photo courtesy of County of San Mateo

		Special	
Taxing Entity	C	Charges D	escription
School Districts			
Bayshore Elementary	\$	201,986	Parcel Tax
Belmont-Redwood Shores Elementary		3,545,367	Parcel Tax
Brisbane Elementary			Parcel Tax
Burlingame Elementary			Parcel Tax
Cabrillo Unified			Parcel Tax
Hillsborough Elementary			Parcel Tax
Jefferson Elementary Jefferson High			Parcel Tax Maintenance
Jefferson High			Parcel Tax
La Honda-Pescadero Unified			Parcel Tax
Las Lomitas Elementary			Parcel Tax
Menlo Park Elementary			Parcel Tax
Millbrae ESD			Parcel Tax
Pacifica Elementary			Parcel Tax
Portola Valley Elementary			Parcel Tax
Ravenswood Elementary			Parcel Tax
Redwood City Elementary		1,933,122	Parcel Tax
San Carlos Elementary			Parcel Tax
San Mateo-Foster City Elementary		15,349,841	
Sequoia Unified Woodside Elementary			Maintenance Parcel Tax
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Total School Districts	Ş	54,760,461	
Special Districts			
Alameda Tree Maintenance	\$	7,207	Tree Maintenance
Bayshore Sanitary		1,326,963	
Broadmoor Police		754,630	
Burlingame Hills Sewer		835,661	
CA Statewide CDA - California First		1,244,559	State Bonds
CA Statewide CDA - California First Coastside Fire Protection		605,535	Weed Abatement
Coastside Fire Protection			Fire CFD
Coastside Fire Protection		268,930	Fire
Colma Fire		645,901	
County Service Area No. 1			Police and Fire
County Service Area No. 8		1,728,826	
County/City Assoc. of Gov'ts			Storm Drainage
Crystal Spring Sanitary		2,661,206	Sewer
Devonshire Sanitary		466,086	
East Palo Alto Sanitary		4,807,158	
Edgewood Sewer Maintenance		24,804 2,962,831	
Emerald Lake Heights Sewer Fair Oaks Sewer		11,446,391	
Gordon Avenue			Lighting
Granada Community Service District			Garbage
Granada Community Service District		2,116,301	
Harbor Industrial Sewer		121,987	
Kensington Square Sewer		121,995	
La Honda Landslide Assessment Project			Landslide
Legal Entity Ownership Penalty			Penalty
Menlo Park Fire			Weed Abatement
Montara Water And Sanitary		4,826,086	
Oak Knoll Sewer Point Montara Fire		225,378 74,795	
San Francisco Bay Restoration		•	Flood Control
San Mateo County Mosquito Abatement			Mosquito
Scenic Heights Sanitary		125,038	
West Bay Sanitary		30,607,093	
Westborough County Water		2,981,934	
Western Riverside Council of Govt's		284,978	
Total Special Districts	\$	132,865,390	

# Fiscal Year 2022-23 Distributions - Special Charges

Taxing Entity		Special Charges	Description
<b>Cities</b> Belmont		995,813 7,905,612 402,331 9,303,756	Library CFD Sewer Storm Drainage
Brisbane		49,299 0 591,693 640,992	Storm Drainage Northeast Ridge Assessment Sierra Pt. Landscaping
Burlingame		294,136 3,099,658 3,393,794	Burlingame Ave. Streetscape Storm Drainage
Colma		887,333	Sewer
Daly City		439,407 43,877 139,910 1,436,520 2,059,714	Storm Drainage Linda Vista Storm Drainage Unpaid Business License Tax Sewer
East Palo Alto	:	1,677,259 2,733,992 125,648 4,536,899	Measure HH Garbage Storm Drainage
Half Moon Bay	!	5,411,953	Sewer
Hillsborough	1	2,241,260 1,282,448 4,939,262 27,976 28,074 8,519,020	Fire and Police Garbage Sewer Storm Drainage Weed Abatement
Menlo Park		328,538 <u>1,100,482</u> 1,429,020	Storm Drainage Tree Maintenance
Millbrae		1,621,620 268,442 1,890,062	Fire Storm Drainage

Taxing Entity	Special Charges	Description
Cities—continued		
Pacifica	\$ 168,844	Storm Drainage
	18,281,442	Sewer
	18,450,286	
Portola Valley	21,378	Woodside Highlands Rd
·	23,715	Wayside Road Maint. (Districts)
	45,093	
Redwood City	911,010	Downtown Comm. Benefit Imp.
·	14,494,477	RWC Sewer Service
	276,412	One Marina CFD
	219,531	Seaport Plaza CFD
	284,528	Redwood Shores Landscaping
	212,438 769,596	Seaport Blvd Landscaping Redwood Shores Traffic Imp. CFD
	17,167,992	Redwood Shores Traffic Hilp. CFD
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San Bruno	562,632	Storm Drainage
San Carlos	28,592	Pulgas Creek Levee Improvement
	20,738,409	Sewer
	<u>421,278</u> 21,188,279	Storm Drainage
	21,100,279	
San Mateo	73,516,986	Sewer
	4,847,772	Bay Meadows CFD
	720	Adm.Fees Code Enforcement
	535,737 78,901,215	S. Bayfront Levee and Flood
	70,501,213	
South San Francisco	414,153	Storm Drainage
	22,564,530	Sewer
	1,013,213	Oyster Point A1 Tax A
	<u>196,775</u> 24,188,671	Oyster Point A1 Tax B
	27,100,071	
Woodside	639,892	Sewer
	44,128	Woodside Rd/Whiskey Hill Bond
	684,020	
Total Cities	\$ 239,260,730	
Grand Total	\$ 372,411,098	



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Mi Pueblo Food Center - Ravenswood 101 Shopping Center Photo courtesy of County of San Mateo



Poplar Creek Golf Course at Coyote Point - 18th Hole Photo courtesy of County of San Mateo

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