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## **Treasurer-Tax Collector Sean M. Coppola Alerts Property Owners to New Postal Regulations and Shares Key Taxpayer Information**

Sean M. Coppola, El Dorado County Treasurer-Tax Collector, reminds property owners that the second installment of secured property taxes is due on February 1, 2026. Payments may be made without penalty until April 10. Any payment received after April 10 will be subject to a 10 percent penalty as required by state law. Taxpayers are encouraged to submit payments early to avoid last-minute delays.

A change by the U.S. Postal service that may impact property owners is that effective December 24, 2025, the definition of a postmark has changed. A postmark is now considered the date of the first automated processing operation performed on the mail piece, not necessarily the date it was dropped off at the post office or placed in a mail receptacle. Previously, the postmark generally reflected the actual mailing date. This change means taxpayers mailing payments close to the deadline could risk being late with payments.

Treasurer-Tax Collector, Sean Coppola, advises, “It is highly recommended if making payments near the delinquency date that taxpayers take the envelope to a post office counter and request a manual postmark from the clerk. This service is free of charge.”

To pay online or to find answers to the most frequently asked property tax questions, access the website at <https://www.eldoradocounty.ca.gov/Services/My-Property/Pay-Your-Property-Taxes>. Taxpayers can also view or print copies of their tax bills from this website.

“The Treasurer-Tax Collector’s Office offers a variety of convenient options for paying property taxes. Property owners may submit payments by mail, in person at our counter, through secure drop-off bins located inside and outside the building, or online using credit cards, debit cards, or e-checks. We introduced last year several new services, including pay-by-phone and text/email payment reminders with direct links to pay,” says Treasurer-Tax Collector Sean Coppola.

“If I may offer a word of caution: when paying online by e-check, submit these payments at least 10 business days before the delinquency date. If the originating bank rejects the payment for any reason, it can take several days for us to receive the notification and then notify you. Submitting e-check payments early ensures you have enough time to resubmit payment if a settlement error occurs,” Coppola cautions.