

TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR

Department Head: Gordon B. Ford
Authorized Positions: 35
2005-2006 Budget: \$2.8 million

Mission Statement: "We serve the citizens of Stanislaus County by collecting property tax and other revenues, and investing public funds for a variety of public agencies, helping all of our customers to meet their financial goals."

The Department has three divisions: Treasury, Tax, and Revenue Recovery.

The Treasury Division takes in deposits from all County departments and agencies, ensures that all checks issued by County departments and agencies have been paid correctly by the bank, processes credit card payments from all departments and Modesto City School cafeteria deposits, and ensures that there are adequate funds available to cover liquidity needs and invests temporarily idle cash. The Treasury Division processes over \$2 billion per year and manages a \$800 million portfolio.

The Tax Division collects secured and unsecured property taxes along with other revenues to help a variety of public agencies meet their financial goals. The Tax Division also issues business licenses, firearm dealer licenses, dance hall permits, and various other permits. The Tax Division mailed over 202,000 tax bills for secured, unsecured, and supplemental in 2005-2006.

The Revenue Recovery Division provides intensive collection services to all County departments and interagency participants. This includes over 20 County departments and five City agencies. Each department/agency pays the costs to provide this service to them. There are four major programs within the Revenue Recovery Division: Court Collections, Health Services Collections, Unsecured Tax Collections and Miscellaneous Collections. This past year the division collected approximately \$7 million at a cost of approximately \$1.5 million.