



## **The Offices of Fresno County Assessor-Recorder and Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector**

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### **FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVES THE PURCHASE OF NEW PROPERTY TAX SYSTEM**

**Fresno, California May 1, 2017**-Assessor-Recorder, **Paul Dictos, CPA** and Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector **Oscar Garcia, CPA** announced that on April 25, 2017, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors authorized Chairman **Brian Pacheco** to execute an agreement with Megabyte Systems, Inc. for the installation and perpetual licensing of the Megabyte Property Tax System (**MPTS**) to replace the current Mainframe based property tax system.

The MPTS is a California specific integrated software system that provides the operating framework for the **Clerk of the Board, Assessor, Auditor and Treasurer/Tax Collector to complete all assessment and tax collection tasks**. Megabyte systems, Inc. has provided assessment and tax collection programs to California counties for 30 years. The MPTS system is now used by 29 California counties to assess and track over **2.4** million assessments. The System accommodates tasks related to production, maintenance and retrieval of assessment roll, supplemental roll and tax roll events.

This significant first step is part of management's commitment to bringing the Assessor-Recorder and Auditor/Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector Offices on par, and operating with effective assessment practices and tools for fair and equitable valuations. This new technology solution will replace the current five decades old system with functionality and abilities that are currently in use statewide. This endeavor is in response to increased public demands for effective and efficient government services which are transparent and responsive.

This effort will span many departments and allow for the streamlining of work, procedures, and tasks. Each participating Department is hoping to maximize its investment by reducing costs associated with maintaining current and dated software, reduction of costly technology licensing fees, reductions in paperwork, resources, and equipment. It is anticipated that savings over the lifetime of this technology will enable the Departments to reduce costs and maximize investment through workload efficiencies and reduced system maintenance commitments. **"This is GOOD NEWS for current and future generations of the County of Fresno"** said **Dictos and Garcia**.

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