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### UNCLAIMED PROPERTY AVAILABLE ONLINE

California State Controller Betty Yee is reminding people to that \$9.3 billion in unclaimed property is available to California residents through an online database at [claimit.ca.gov](http://claimit.ca.gov).

In January, more than 28,000 people received properties worth \$25.2 million. That included 73 properties in Santa Cruz County valued at \$82,627.

People who find property on the State Controller's website can submit claims at [claimit.ca.gov](http://claimit.ca.gov), or by calling (800) 992-4647. Anyone can download the unclaimed property database for free and see if people in their community or organization have items safeguarded by the state.

California's unclaimed property law protects consumers by requiring banks, insurance companies, and other businesses to transfer property to the State Controller after a period of no activity (generally three years).