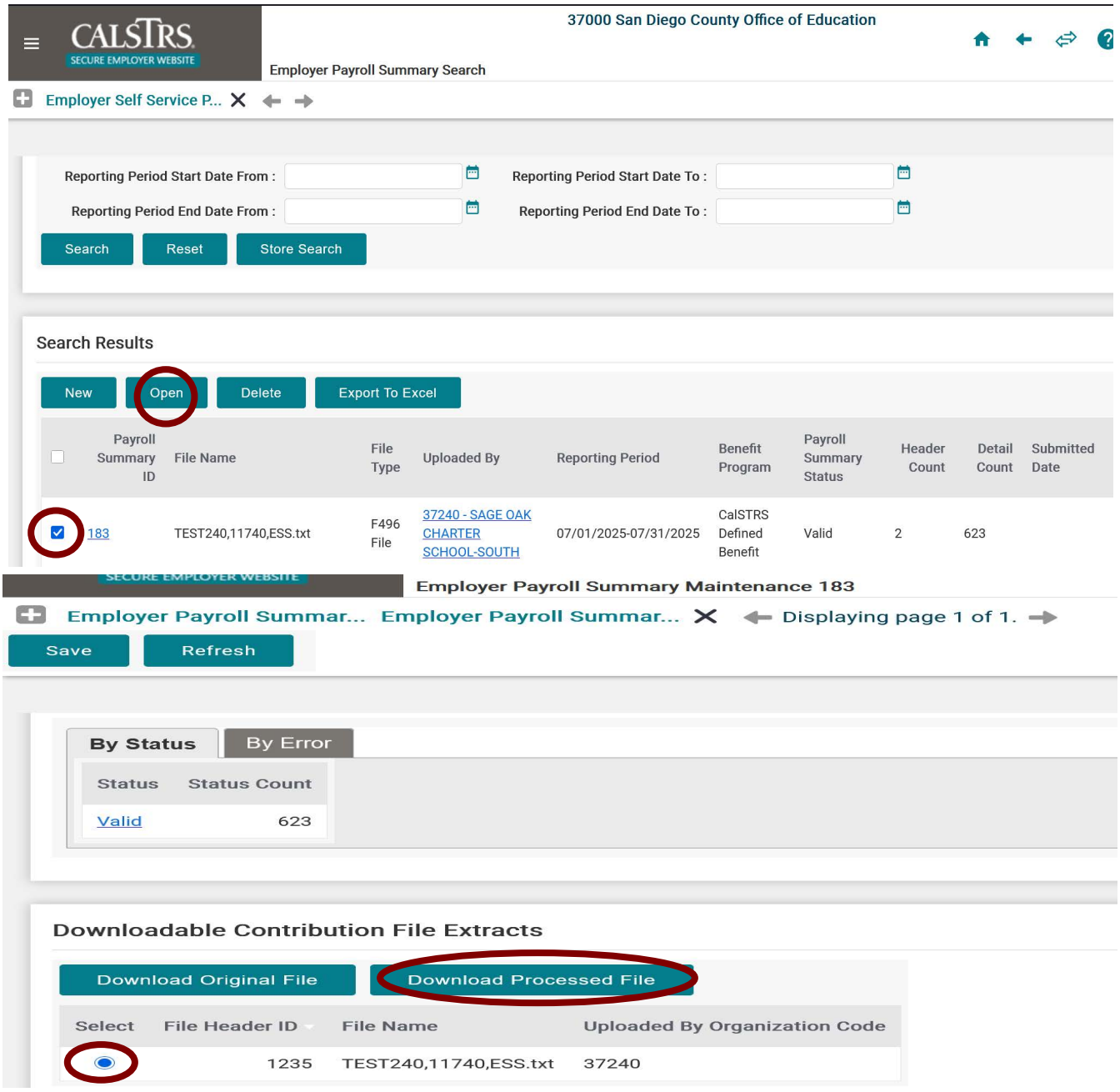
# Formatting a Processed File

This job aid provides instructions on how to format the processed file in order to submit a valid contribution file with annotated warnings to SDCOE. ***A valid contribution file is free of errors and warnings.***

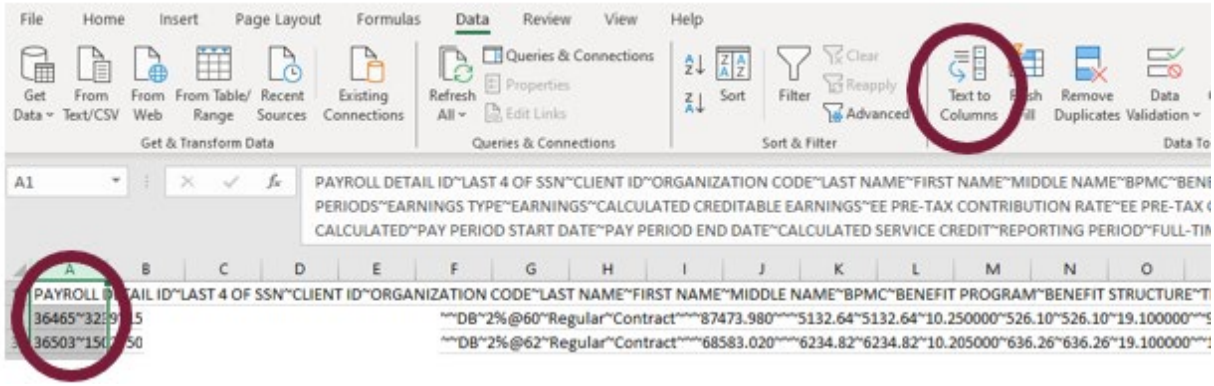
## Step 1:

Navigate to the **Payroll Summary** screen, select the file, and click the **Download Processed File** button in the **Downloadable Contribution File Extracts** panel.



## Step 2:

Open the downloaded excel document and highlight the first column and click the **Text to Columns** button, under the Data section in the Excel Ribbon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Get & Transform Data
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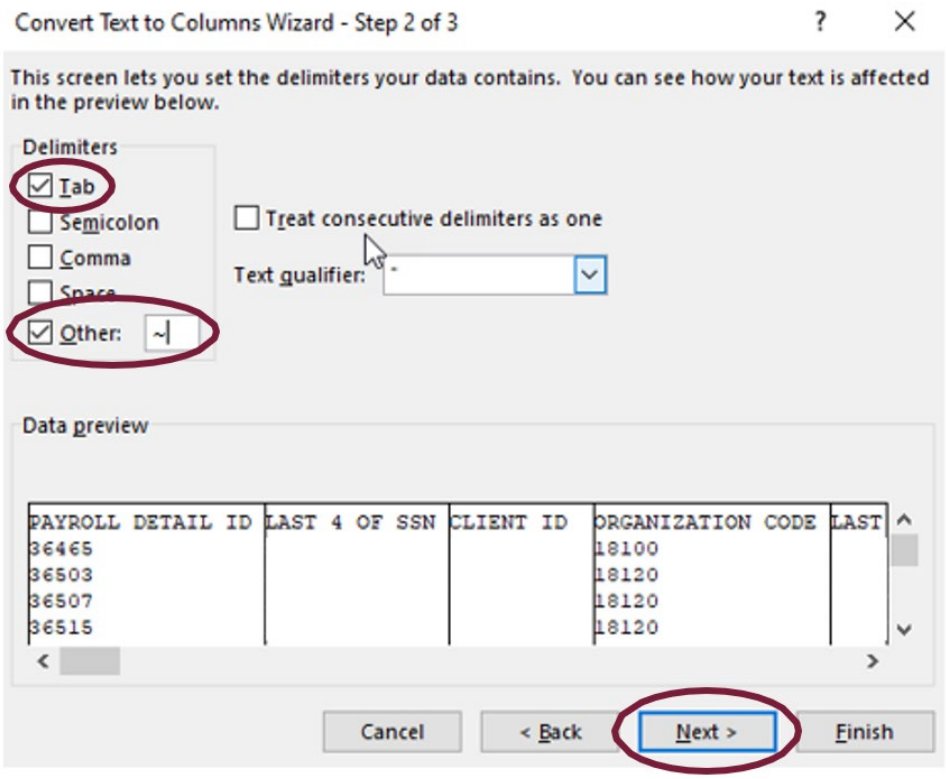
PAYROLL DETAIL ID~LAST 4 OF SSN~CLIENT ID~ORGANIZATION CODE~LAST NAME~FIRST NAME~MIDDLE NAME~BPMC~BENEFIT PROGRAM~BENEFIT STRUCTURE~T
36465~3239~~~

## Step 4:

Check the **Tab** and **Other** box and populate a tilde (~) in the field next to **Other**. Click the **Next** button.

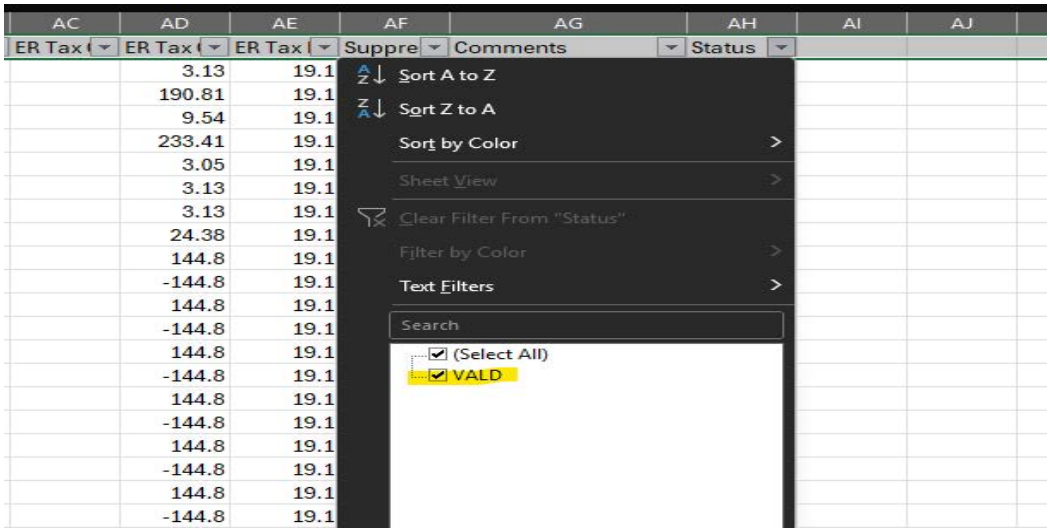



**Result:** The Processed File will appear in the correct format.

| | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J | K | L | M | N | O | P | Q | R | S |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | PAYROLL I | LAST 4 OF | CLIENT ID | ORGANIZA | LAST NAM | FIRST NAI | MIDDLE N | BPMC | BENEFIT P | BENEFIT S | TRANSAC | ASSIGNMI | SERVICE T | TIME BASE | ANNUALIZ | EXPECTED | EARNINGS | EARNINGS | CALCULAT E |
| 2 | 36465 | | | | | | | | DB | 2%@60 | Regular | Contract | | | 87473.98 | | | 5132.64 | 5132.64 |
| 3 | 36503 | | | | | | | | DB | 2%@62 | Regular | Contract | | | 68583.02 | | | 6234.82 | 6234.82 |

## Step 5:

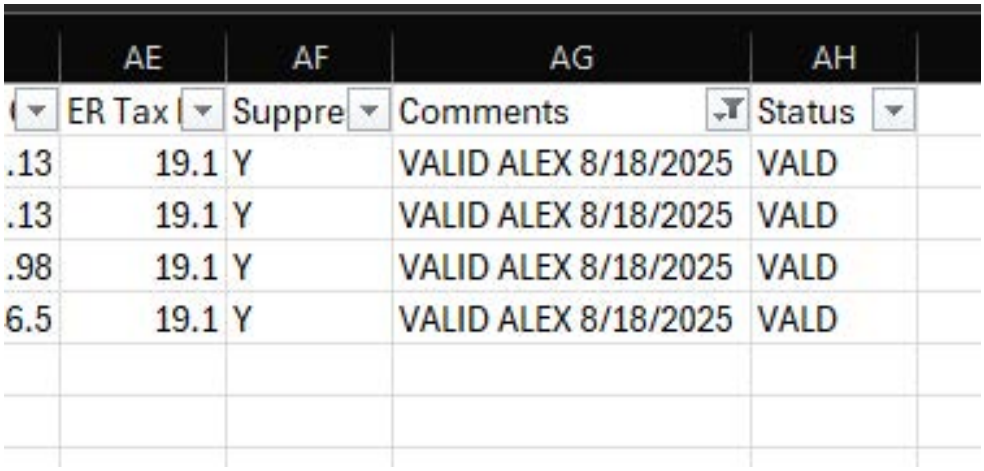
Review the filter in column AH,verify that ALL the fields are VALD.



**Step 6:**

Filter Column AH by available Comments.

Please include approvers name and date of comment.



| | AE | AF | AG | AH |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | ER Tax | Suppre | Comments | Status |
| .13 | 19.1 | Y | VALID ALEX 8/18/2025 | VALD |
| .13 | 19.1 | Y | VALID ALEX 8/18/2025 | VALD |
| .98 | 19.1 | Y | VALID ALEX 8/18/2025 | VALD |
| 6.5 | 19.1 | Y | VALID ALEX 8/18/2025 | VALD |

**Step 7:**

Please use the naming convention:

Three Digit Unit Number_F496_ReportMonth_ReportYear.CSV

Example: 240_F496_09_2025.CSV

**Step 8:**

Submit to SDCOE via BSSFTP, Please use your Charter/District CALSTRS folder.