



May 17, 2013

Ms. Cathleen Till, Finance Director  
City of Lemon Grove Successor Agency  
3232 Main Street  
Lemon Grove, CA 91945

Dear Ms. Till:

Subject: Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

This letter supersedes California Department of Finance's (Finance) Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS 13-14A) letter dated April 17, 2013. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (m), the City of Lemon Grove Successor Agency (Agency) submitted ROPS 13-14A to Finance for the period of July through December 2013. Subsequently, the Agency requested a Meet and Confer session on one or more of the items denied by Finance. The Meet and Confer session was held on May 1, 2013.

Based on a review of additional information and documentation provided to Finance during the Meet and Confer process, Finance has completed its review of the specific items being disputed.

- Contracts totaling \$460,130 include the following:
  - Item No. 7 – Main Street Promenade in the amount of \$50,000 funded with bond proceeds and Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) funding
  - Item No. 11 – Lemon Grove Realignment in the amount of \$924 funded with other
  - Item No. 12 – Lemon Grove Realignment in the amount of \$206 funded with other
  - Item No. 19 – Lemon Grove Realignment in the amount of \$250,000 funded with bond proceeds
  - Item No. 20 – Main Street Promenade in the amount of \$140,000 funded with RPTTF
  - Item No. 21 – Main Street Promenade in the amount of \$19,000 funded with bond proceeds

These are for the Main Street Promenade and Lemon Grove Ave Realignment projects. After reviewing the California State Department of Housing and Community Development Infill Infrastructure Grant Agreement, which obligates the Agency to allocate funds to the Main Street Promenade and Lemon Grove Ave Realignment projects, Finance no longer objects to the above items. HSC 34171 (d) (1) (C) states an enforceable obligation includes payments required by preexisting obligations to the

state. Therefore, the Main Street Promenade and Lemon Grove Ave Realignment projects are enforceable obligations.

Except for items denied in whole or in part as enforceable obligations, Finance is not objecting to the remaining items listed on your ROPS 13-14A. Obligations deemed not to be enforceable shall be removed from your ROPS. This is Finance's final determination related to the enforceable obligations reported on your ROPS for July through December 2013. Finance's determination is effective for this time period only and should not be conclusively relied on for future periods. All items listed on a future ROPS are subject to a subsequent review and may be denied even if it was or was not denied on this ROPS or a preceding ROPS.

The Agency's maximum approved Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) distribution for the reporting period is \$1,483,133 as summarized below:

<b>Approved RPTTF Distribution Amount</b>	
<b>For the period of July through December 2013</b>	
Total RPTTF funding requested for obligations	\$ 1,358,133
Minus: Six-month total for items denied or reclassified as administrative cost	\$ -
Total approved RPTTF for enforceable obligations	\$ 1,358,133
Plus: Allowable RPTTF distribution for ROPS 13-14A administrative cost	125,000
Minus: ROPS II prior period adjustment	-
<b>Total RPTTF approved for distribution:</b>	<b>\$ 1,483,133</b>

Pursuant to HSC Section 34186 (a), successor agencies were required to report on the ROPS 13-14A form the estimated obligations and actual payments (prior period adjustments) associated with the July through December 2012 period. HSC Section 34186 (a) also specifies that the prior period adjustments self-reported by successor agencies are subject to audit by the county auditor-controller (CAC) and the State Controller. The amount of RPTTF approved in the above table includes the prior period adjustment resulting from the CAC's audit of the Agency's self-reported prior period adjustment.

Please refer to the ROPS 13-14A schedule that was used to calculate the approved RPTTF amount:

[http://www.dof.ca.gov/redevelopment/ROPS/ROPS 13-14A Forms by Successor Agency/](http://www.dof.ca.gov/redevelopment/ROPS/ROPS_13-14A_Forms_by_Successor_Agency/)

This is Finance's final determination related to the enforceable obligations reported on your ROPS for July 1 through December 31, 2013. Finance's determination is effective for this time period only and should not be conclusively relied upon for future periods. All items listed on a future ROPS are subject to a subsequent review and may be denied even if it was or was not denied on this ROPS or a preceding ROPS. The only exception is for those items that have received a Final and Conclusive determination from Finance pursuant to HSC 34177.5 (i). Finance's review of items that have received a Final and Conclusive determination is limited to confirming the scheduled payments as required by the obligation.

The amount available from the RPTTF is the same as the amount of property tax increment that was available prior to enactment of ABx1 26 and AB 1484. This amount is not and never was an unlimited funding source. Therefore, as a practical matter, the ability to fund the items on the ROPS with property tax is limited to the amount of funding available to the successor agency in the RPTTF.

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To the extent proceeds from bonds issued after December 31, 2010 exist and are not encumbered by an enforceable obligation pursuant to 34171 (d), HSC section 34191.4 (c)(2)(B) requires these proceeds be used to defease the bonds or to purchase those same outstanding bonds on the open market for cancellation.

Please direct inquiries to Chikako Takagi-Galamba, Manager or Mindy Patterson, Lead Analyst at (916) 445-1546.

Sincerely,



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Local Government Consultant

cc: Mr. Graham Mitchell, City Manager, City of Lemon Grove  
Mr. Juan Perez, Senior Auditor and Controller Manager, County of San Diego  
California State Controller's Office