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April 3, 2013

Ms. Lisa Grote, Community Development Director  
City of San Mateo  
330 W. 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
San Mateo, CA 94403

Dear Ms. Grote:

Subject: Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (m), the City of San Mateo Successor Agency (Agency) submitted a Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS 13-14A) to the California Department of Finance (Finance) on February 8, 2013 for the period of July through December 2013. Finance has completed its review of your ROPS 13-14A, which may have included obtaining clarification for various items.

HSC section 34171 (d) defines enforceable obligations. Based on a sample of line items reviewed and application of the law, the following do not qualify as enforceable obligations:

- Item No. 41 – Fire Station 24 Demolition and Construction Project in the amount of \$3,300,000. This was originally Item No. 39 ROPS III. Finance previously denied the item as HSC section 34163 (b) prohibits a RDA from entering into a contract with any entity after June 27, 2011. Finance still continues to deny this item. It is our understanding no valid contracts were entered into by June 27, 2011 to complete this project. Although the Agency and the City entered into a cooperation agreement on June 21, 2012 stating the Agency will reimburse the City for costs associated with this project, the agreement cannot cause an obligation that is contrary to HSC section 34171 (d). Therefore, the item is not eligible for bond funding at this time. However, successor agencies will be eligible to expend bonds issued prior to January 1, 2011, once a finding of completion is received per 34191.4 (c).

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. This determination applies only to items where funding was requested for the six month period. If you disagree with the determination with respect to any items on your ROPS 13-14A, you may request a Meet and Confer within five business days of the date of this letter. The Meet and Confer process and guidelines are available at Finance's website below:

[http://www.dof.ca.gov/redevelopment/meet\\_and\\_confer/](http://www.dof.ca.gov/redevelopment/meet_and_confer/)

The Agency's maximum approved Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) distribution for the reporting period is: \$2,835,919 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	\$ 2,691,309
Total approved RPTTF for enforceable obligations	\$ 2,691,309
Plus: Allowable RPTTF distribution for ROPS 13-14A administrative cost	250,000
Minus: ROPS II prior period adjustment	(105,390)
<b>Total RPTTF approved for distribution:</b>	<b>\$ 2,835,919</b>

\*Reclassified as administrative cost

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. The amount of RPTTF approved in the above table includes the prior period adjustment. This was calculated from actuals reported by the Agency compared to the county auditor controller (CAC) reported RPTTF distribution. HSC Section 34186 (a) also specifies that the prior period adjustments self-reported by successor agencies are subject to audit by the CAC and the State Controller. Any proposed CAC adjustments were not received in time for inclusion in this letter. Therefore, the amount of RPTTF approved in the above table includes only the prior period adjustment that was self-reported by the Agency.

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%2013-14A%20Forms%20by%20Successor%20Agency/).

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.

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.

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Please direct inquiries to Wendy Griffe, Supervisor or Jenny DeAngelis, Lead Analyst at (916) 445-1546.

Sincerely,



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