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May 17, 2013

Ms. Terri Marsh, City Manager
City of Signal Hill
2175 Cherry Ave
Signal Hill, CA 90755

Dear Ms. Marsh:

Subject: Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

This letter supersedes California Department of Finance's (Finance) Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS 13-14A) letter dated April 10, 2013. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (m), the City of Signal Hill Successor Agency (Agency) submitted ROPS 13-14A to Finance on February 26, 2013 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 April 24, 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 item being disputed.

The Agency disputes the County Auditor-Controller (CAC) adjustment of $177,928. After consulting with the CAC, it was determined the adjustment amount was in calculated in error. Finance has therefore revised the CAC prior period adjustment amount accordingly.

In addition, per Finance's ROPS letter dated April 10, 2013, the following item continues to be reclassified and was not contested by the Agency - Item No. 65 in the amount of $12,500 as an administrative expense.

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 $5,802,994 as summarized below:

Approved RPTTF Distribution Amount For the period of July through December 2013		
Total RPTTF funding requested for obligations	$	5,633,994
Minus: Six-month total for items denied or reclassified as administrative cost Item 65*		12,500
Total approved RPTTF for enforceable obligations		5,621,494
Plus: Allowable RPTTF distribution for ROPS 13-14A administrative cost		181,500
Minus: ROPS II prior period adjustment		-
Total RPTTF approved for distribution:	**$**	**5,802,994**

*Reclassified to 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. 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/.

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.

Please direct inquiries to Nichelle Thomas, Supervisor or Alex Watt, Lead Analyst at (916) 445-1546.

Sincerely,

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