



April 17, 2014

Mr. Frank J Luckino, Interim City Manager
City of Blythe
235 North Broadway
Blythe, CA 92225

Dear Mr. Luckino:

Subject: Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (m), the City of Blythe Successor Agency (Agency) submitted a Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS 14-15A) to the California Department of Finance (Finance) on March 4, 2014 for the period of July through December 2014. Finance has completed its review of your ROPS 14-15A, 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 does not qualify as an enforceable obligation for the reasons specified:

Item No. 34 (Reported as Item No. 20 by the Agency) – Successor Agency Administration in the amount of \$32,500. The Agency's maximum administrative cost allowance for the period was reduced by 25 percent due to late submission of its ROPS 13-14B. As such, available administrative cost of \$125,000 was reduced by \$31,250 to \$93,750. The Agency wishes to recover the 25 percent reduction on ROPS 14-15A. This item represents a penalty imposed by law and is not eligible for Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) funding.

Furthermore, the Agency changed the title for Item No. 20 from the previous title of "Property Tax Audit Services" to "Successor Agency Administration". For consistency with the Agency's prior ROPS, Finance restored the original title and added Item No.34, Successor Agency Administration, to continue in sequential order and to maintain historical records.

Pursuant to HSC section 34186 (a), successor agencies were required to report on the ROPS 14-15A form the estimated obligations and actual payments (prior period adjustments) associated with the July through December 2013 period. HSC section 34186 (a) also specifies 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 table below includes the prior period adjustment resulting from the CAC's audit of the Agency's self-reported prior period adjustment.

Except for the item denied in whole or in part as enforceable, Finance is not objecting to the remaining items listed on your ROPS 14-15A. If you disagree with the determination with

respect to any items on your ROPS 14-15A, 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/

The Agency's maximum approved RPTTF distribution for the reporting period is \$1,406,433 as summarized below:

Approved RPTTF Distribution For the period of July through December 2014	
Total RPTTF requested for non-administrative obligations	1,353,150
Total RPTTF requested for administrative obligations	125,000
Total RPTTF requested for obligations	\$ 1,478,150
Total RPTTF requested for non-administrative obligations	1,353,150
<u>Denied Item</u>	
Item No. 34	(32,500)
Total RPTTF authorized for non-administrative obligations	\$ 1,320,650
Total RPTTF authorized for administrative obligations	\$ 125,000
Total RPTTF authorized for obligations	\$ 1,445,650
ROPS 13-14A prior period adjustment	(39,217)
Total RPTTF approved for distribution	\$ 1,406,433

Please refer to the ROPS 14-15A schedule that was used to calculate the approved RPTTF amount:

<http://www.dof.ca.gov/redevelopment/ROPS>

Absent a Meet and Confer, this is Finance's final determination related to the enforceable obligations reported on your ROPS for July 1 through December 31, 2014. This determination only applies to items where funding was requested for the six-month period. 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 section 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 HSC section 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 Beliz Chappuie, Supervisor or Susana Medina Jackson, Lead Analyst at (916) 445-1546.

Sincerely,



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cc: Ms. Christa Elms, Interim Assistant Finance Director, City of Blythe
Ms. Pam Elias, Chief Accountant Property Tax Division, Riverside County
California State Controller's Office