



April 1, 2014

Ms. Rachele Kellogg, Community Development Director
City of Sonora
94 North Washington Street
Sonora, CA 95370

Dear Ms. Kellogg:

Subject: Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (m), the City of Sonora Successor Agency (Agency) submitted a Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS 14-15A) to the California Department of Finance (Finance) on February 24, 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.

Based on our review, we are approving all of the items listed on your ROPS 14-15A at this time.

Although the administrative costs claimed are within the fiscal year administrative cap pursuant to HSC section 34171 (d), Finance notes the oversight board has approved an amount that appears excessive, given the number and nature of the other obligations listed on the ROPS. HSC section 34179 (i) requires the oversight board to exercise a fiduciary duty to the taxing entities. Therefore, Finance encourages the oversight board to apply adequate oversight when evaluating the administrative resources required to successfully wind-down the Agency.

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. The amount of RPTTF approved in the table below includes the prior period adjustment self-reported by the Agency as adjusted by Finance. 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. Any proposed CAC adjustments were not received in time for inclusion in this letter. Therefore, the amount of RPTTF approved in the table below only includes the prior period adjustment self-reported by the Agency as adjusted by Finance:

Finance reviewed the Agency's self-reported amounts in the Report of Prior Period Adjustments (PPA) schedule. Based on our review, Finance is adjusting the PPA amount from \$0 to \$25,686. According to the information provided, the Agency had \$245,738 available in Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Funds (RPTTF) for the ROPS 13-14A period, but only spent \$220,052. Therefore, the Agency's PPA has been increased to \$25,686 (\$245,738 - \$220,052).

The Agency's maximum approved Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) distribution for the reporting period is \$221,059 as summarized below:

Approved RPTTF Distribution	
For the period of July through December 2014	
Total RPTTF requested for non-administrative obligations	121,745
Total RPTTF requested for administrative obligations	125,000
Total RPTTF requested for obligations	\$ 246,745
Total RPTTF authorized for non-administrative obligations	121,745
Total RPTTF authorized for administrative obligations	125,000
Total RPTTF authorized for obligations	\$ 246,745
Self-reported ROPS 13-14A prior period adjustment (PPA)	0
Finance adjustment to ROPS 13-14A PPA	(25,686)
Total ROPS 13-14A PPA	(25,686)
Total RPTTF approved for distribution	\$ 221,059

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

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

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.

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 Nichelle Thomas, Supervisor or Alexander Watt, Lead Analyst at (916) 445-1546.

Sincerely,



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