



May 17, 2012

Bryan Briggs, Economic Development Manager
City of Ceres
2720 Second Street
Ceres, CA 95307-3292

Dear Mr. Briggs:

The Department of Finance (Finance) reviewed the Stanislaus-Ceres Successor Agency (Agency)'s Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS), for the period January through June 2012 pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 34179 (h). In Finance's letter dated April 20, 2012, we questioned the following item:

- Administrative expenses totaling \$114,705

The Agency provided additional information and submitted the revised ROPS. In the revised ROPS, the Agency reduced its administrative expenses by \$125,000. Therefore, we are no longer questioning this item.

Finance may continue to review items on the ROPS in addition to those mentioned above and identify additional issues. We will provide separate notice if we are requesting further modifications to the ROPS. It is our intent to provide an approval notice with regard to each ROPS prior to the June 1 property tax distribution date.

Please direct inquiries to Chikako Takagi-Galamba, Supervisor or Wendy Griffe, Lead Analyst at (916) 322-2985.

Sincerely,

MARK HILL
Program Budget Manager

cc: Ms. Lauren Klein, Auditor-Controller, Stanislaus County Auditor-Controller Office