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2026-27 Annual Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (o) (1), the City of Clearlake Successor Agency (Agency) submitted an annual Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 (ROPS 26-27) to the California Department of Finance (Finance) on January 23, 2026. Finance has completed its review of the ROPS 26-27.

Based on a sample of line items reviewed and application of the law, Finance made the following determinations:

- Item No. 1 – Tax Allocation Bonds 2017 debt service is adjusted. The Agency requested \$632,416 from the Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) in error. According to the debt service schedule provided by the Agency, the amount requested for ROPS 26-27 should be \$639,916. Therefore, to accurately reflect the correct debt service payment, Finance made an adjustment of \$7,500, increasing the requested amount from \$632,416 to \$639,916. Further, the Agency received \$315,000 during ROPS 25-26 for the debt service payment due October 1, 2026. Therefore, Finance increased the Reserve Balance from \$0 to \$315,000.
- Item No. 31 – Bond Reserve is adjusted. HSC section 34171 (d) (1) (A) allows for an Agency to hold a reserve for the next payment due in the following half of the calendar year. The Agency requested half of the principal debt service payment due October 1, 2027 on ROPS 26-27 in the amount of \$322,500 from RPTTF in error. According to the debt service schedule provided by the Agency, the amount requested should be \$332,500. Therefore, to accurately reflect the correct debt service payment, Finance made an adjustment of \$10,000, increasing the requested amount from \$322,500 to \$332,500.
- The administrative costs claimed are within the fiscal year administrative cap pursuant to HSC section 34171 (b) (3). However, Finance notes the Oversight Board (OB) approved an amount that appears excessive, given the number and nature of the obligations listed on the ROPS. HSC section 34179 (i) requires the OB to exercise a fiduciary duty to the taxing entities. Therefore, Finance encourages the OB to apply adequate oversight when evaluating the administrative resources necessary to successfully wind-down the Agency.

Pursuant to HSC section 34186, successor agencies are required to report differences between actual payments and past estimated obligations (prior period adjustments) for the July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024 (ROPS 23-24) period. The ROPS 23-24 prior period adjustment (PPA) will offset the ROPS 26-27 RPTTF distribution. The amount of RPTTF authorized includes the PPA resulting from the County Auditor-Controller's review of the PPA form submitted by the Agency, as adjusted by Finance. Specifically, Finance confirmed RPTTF should have a PPA of \$72,500. The PPA was not originally captured by the CAC. After adjustments, the total PPA for the ROPS 23-24 period is \$72,500, as reported by the Agency.

The Agency's maximum approved RPTTF distribution for the reporting period is \$1,242,766, as summarized in the Approved RPTTF Distribution table (see Attachment).

RPTTF distributions occur biannually, one distribution for the July 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 period (ROPS A period), and one distribution for the January 1, 2027 through June 30, 2027 period (ROPS B period), based on Finance's approved amounts. Since this determination is for the entire ROPS 26-27 period, the Agency is authorized to receive up to the maximum approved RPTTF through the combined ROPS A and B period distributions.

Except for the adjusted items, Finance approves the remaining items listed on the ROPS 26-27 at this time. If the Agency disagrees with our determination with respect to any items on the ROPS 26-27, except items which are the subject of litigation disputing our previous or related determinations, the Agency may request a Meet and Confer within five business days from the date of this letter. The Agency must use the RAD App to complete and submit its Meet and Confer request form. The Meet and Confer process and guidelines are available on our website:

http://dof.ca.gov/Programs/Redevelopment/Meet_And_Confer/

Absent a Meet and Confer, this is our final determination regarding the obligations listed on the ROPS 26-27. This determination only applies to items when funding was requested for the 12-month period. If a determination by Finance in a previous ROPS is currently the subject of litigation, the item will continue to reflect the determination until the matter is resolved.

The ROPS 26-27 form submitted by the Agency and this determination letter will be posted on our website:

<http://dof.ca.gov/Programs/Redevelopment/ROPS/>

This determination is effective for the ROPS 26-27 period only and should not be conclusively relied upon for future ROPS periods. All items listed on a future ROPS are subject to Finance's review and may be adjusted even if not adjusted on this ROPS or a preceding ROPS. The only exception is for items that have received a Final and Conclusive determination from Finance pursuant to HSC section 34177.5 (i). Finance's review of Final and Conclusive items 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 available prior to the enactment of the redevelopment dissolution law. Therefore, as a practical matter, the ability to fund the items on the ROPS with property tax increment is limited to the amount of funding available to the Agency in the RPTTF.

Please direct inquiries to RedevelopmentAdministration@dof.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Originally signed by:

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cc: Matt N. Pressey, Finance Director, City of Clearlake
Peter Bazzano, Property Tax Manager, Lake County
Jenavive Herrington, Countywide Oversight Board Representative

Attachment

Approved RPTTF Distribution July 2026 through June 2027			
	ROPS A	ROPS B	Total
RPTTF Requested	\$ 567,697	\$ 510,069	\$ 1,077,766
Administrative RPTTF Requested	110,000	110,000	220,000
Total RPTTF Requested	677,697	620,069	1,297,766
RPTTF Requested	567,697	510,069	1,077,766
<u>Adjustment(s)</u>			
Item No. 1	7,500	0	7,500
Item No. 31	0	10,000	10,000
	7,500	10,000	17,500
RPTTF Authorized	575,197	520,069	1,095,266
Administrative RPTTF Authorized	110,000	110,000	220,000
ROPS 23-24 Prior Period Adjustment (PPA)	(72,500)	0	(72,500)
Total RPTTF Approved for Distribution	\$ 612,697	\$ 630,069	\$ 1,242,766

ICC: George, Vermillion, Takagi-Galamba, Standing Horse, McCormick

Final Path: LGU>Audits and Review>ROPS 26-27 Letters>Signed ROPS 26-27 Letters
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