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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 Fortuna 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 28, 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 approves all the items listed on the ROPS 26-27 at this time. However, Finance notes the following:

- 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) has 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.

The County Auditor-Controller did not provide its review of the Agency's prior period adjustments for the July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 (ROPS 23-24) period as required by HSC section 34186. On the ROPS 26-27 form, the Agency reported cash balances and activities for ROPS 23-24. Therefore, Finance reviewed the ROPS 23-24 expenditures. According to our review, the Agency has no prior period adjustment.

The Agency's maximum approved Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) distribution for the reporting period is \$1,183,538, 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.

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,

Original signed by:

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Chief, Office of State Audits and Evaluations

cc: Siana L. Emmons, City Clerk, City of Fortuna
Cheryl Dillingham, Auditor-Controller, Humboldt County
Mychal Evenson, Countywide Oversight Board Representative

Attachment

Approved RPTTF Distribution July 2026 through June 2027			
	ROPS A	ROPS B	Total
RPTTF Requested	\$ 400,000	\$ 583,538	\$ 983,538
Administrative RPTTF Requested	100,000	100,000	200,000
Total RPTTF Requested	500,000	683,538	1,183,538
RPTTF Authorized	400,000	583,538	983,538
Administrative RPTTF Authorized	100,000	100,000	200,000
Total RPTTF Approved for Distribution	\$ 500,000	\$ 683,538	\$ 1,183,538