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2026-27 Annual Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (o) (1), the Santa Cruz County 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 26, 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.

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 Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) distribution. The amount of RPTTF authorized includes the PPA resulting from the County Auditor-Controller's (CAC) review of the PPA form submitted by the Agency, as adjusted by Finance. Specifically, Finance corrected the CAC's review by adding the Administrative RPTTF available and actual amounts and corrected the actual amount for Item No. 32, increasing the PPA amount by \$208,160 to match those self-reported by the Agency.

The Agency's maximum approved RPTTF distribution for the reporting period is \$13,844,077, 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,

Originally signed by:

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Laura Bowers, Auditor-Controller Treasurer Tax Collector, Santa Cruz County

Attachment

Approved RPTTF Distribution July 2026 through June 2027			
	ROPS A	ROPS B	Total
RPTTF Requested	\$ 205,000	\$ 13,989,538	\$ 14,194,538
Administrative RPTTF Requested	40,000	40,000	80,000
Total RPTTF Requested	245,000	14,029,538	14,274,538
RPTTF Authorized	205,000	13,989,538	14,194,538
Administrative RPTTF Authorized	40,000	40,000	80,000
ROPS 23-24 Prior Period Adjustment (PPA)	(245,000)	(185,461)	(430,461)
Total RPTTF Approved for Distribution	\$ 0	\$ 13,844,077	\$ 13,844,077