



May 17, 2019

Mr. William B. Avera, City Manager
City of Hollister
375 Fifth Street
Hollister, CA 95023

Dear Mr. Avera:

Subject: 2019-20 Annual Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

This letter supersedes the California Department of Finance's (Finance) Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) letter dated April 11, 2019. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (o) (1), the Hollister Successor Agency (Agency) submitted an annual ROPS for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 (ROPS 19-20) to Finance on January 28, 2019. The Agency requested a Meet and Confer on one or more of the determinations made by Finance. The Meet and Confer was held on April 22, 2019.

Based on a review of additional information and documentation provided to Finance during the Meet and Confer process, Finance has completed its review of the specific determination being disputed:

- Item No. 10 – Prospect Villa Apartments Agreement (Agreement) in the total outstanding obligation amount of \$25,000. Finance no longer partially denies this item. Finance had previously approved \$12,500 for the period July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 (ROPS 19-20A) and denied \$12,500 for the period January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 (ROPS 19-20B) since the Agreement provided is valid until December 31, 2019 and does not indicate a continuation of the obligation past that period. However, during the Meet and Confer, the Agency explained the requested amounts should have been \$25,000 for ROPS 19-20A and zero for ROPS 19-20B, which is consistent with the Agreement. Therefore, Finance approves \$25,000 in Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Funds (RPTTF) for ROPS 19-20A and zero in RPTTF for ROPS 19-20B.

In addition, per Finance's letter dated April 11, 2019, we continue to make the following determinations not contested by the Agency during the Meet and Confer review:

- 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.
- Pursuant to HSC section 34186, successor agencies are required to report differences between actual payments and past estimated obligations. Reported differences in RPTTF are used to offset current RPTTF distributions. The amount of RPTTF approved in the table on Page 3 includes the prior period adjustment

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resulting from the County Auditor-Controller's review of the prior period adjustment form submitted by the Agency, as adjusted by Finance. To accurately reflect the actual expenditures, the prior period adjustment is increased from \$8,535 to \$316,448.

The Agency's maximum approved RPTTF distribution for the reporting period is \$3,037,305 as summarized in the Approved RPTTF Distribution table on Page 3 (see Attachment).

RPTTF distributions occur biannually, one distribution for the July 1 through December 31 period (ROPS A period), and one distribution for the January 1 through June 30 period (ROPS B period) based on Finance approved amounts. Since this determination is for the entire ROPS 19-20 period, the Agency is authorized to receive up to the maximum approved RPTTF through the combined ROPS A and B period distributions.

This is Finance's final determination regarding the obligations listed on the ROPS 19-20. This determination only applies to items when funding was requested for the 12-month period. If a denial by Finance in a previous ROPS is currently the subject of litigation, the item will continue to be denied until the matter is resolved.

The ROPS 19-20 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 19-20 period only and should not be conclusively relied upon for future ROPS periods. All items listed on a future ROPS are subject to review and may be denied even if not denied 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 RPTTF is the same as the amount of property tax increment available prior to the enactment of 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 RPTTF.

Please direct inquiries to Joshua Mortimer, Supervisor, or Cole Chev, Analyst, at (916) 322-2985.

Sincerely,



 JENNIFER WHITAKER
Program Budget Manager

cc: Ms. Mary M. Paxton, Program Manager, City of Hollister
Mr. Joe Paul Gonzalez, Auditor Controller, San Benito County

Attachment

Approved RPTTF Distribution For the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020			
	ROPS A Period	ROPS B Period	ROPS 19-20 Total
RPTTF Requested	\$ 3,088,253	\$ 15,500	\$ 3,103,753
Administrative RPTTF Requested	125,000	125,000	250,000
Total RPTTF Requested	3,213,253	140,500	3,353,753
RPTTF Requested	3,088,253	15,500	3,103,753
<u>Adjustment</u>			
Item No. 10	12,500	(12,500)	0
RPTTF Authorized	3,100,753	3,000	3,103,753
Administrative RPTTF Authorized	125,000	125,000	250,000
Total RPTTF Authorized for Obligations	3,225,753	128,000	3,353,753
Prior Period Adjustment	(316,448)	0	(316,448)
Total RPTTF Approved for Distribution	\$ 2,909,305	\$ 128,000	\$ 3,037,305