

April 3, 2019

Mr. Ken Zuidervaart, Planning Director
City of Ripon
259 North Wilma Avenue
Ripon, CA 95366

Dear Mr. Zuidervaart:

Subject: 2019-20 Annual Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (o) (1), the City of Ripon Successor Agency (Agency) submitted an annual Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 (ROPS 19-20) to the California Department of Finance (Finance) on January 31, 2019. Finance has completed its review of the ROPS 19-20.

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

- Item No. 3 – 2007 Tax Allocation Bonds in the amount of \$1,245,179 is partially reclassified from Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) to Reserve Balances. On ROPS 18-19, the Agency was approved for \$200,000 of RPTTF to be held in reserve and used for debt service payments during the ROPS 19-20A period. Therefore, these reserves should be utilized prior to requesting RPTTF. As a result, Finance is approving RPTTF in the amount of \$1,045,179 and the use of Reserve Balances funding in the amount of \$200,000, totaling \$1,245,179 for the ROPS 19-20 period.
- Item No. 19 – Unfunded Liabilities in the total outstanding amount of \$579,202 is not allowed. The Agency provided documentation indicating the Agency's shortfalls and unfunded amounts. However, these documents do not adequately support the request. Therefore, the requested amount of \$579,202 is not eligible for RPTTF. To the extent the Agency can provide adequate documentation to support the request, this item may be considered on a future ROPS.
- 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 resulting from the County Auditor-Controller's review of the prior period adjustment form submitted by the Agency.

Except for the items adjusted, Finance is not objecting to the remaining items listed on the ROPS 19-20. If the Agency disagrees with our determination with respect to any items on the ROPS 19-20, 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 of the date of this letter. The Meet and Confer process and guidelines are available on our website:

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

The Agency's maximum approved RPTTF distribution for the reporting period is \$2,200,309 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.

Absent a Meet and Confer, this is our 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:

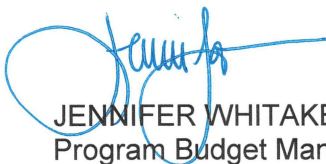
<http://dof.ca.gov/Programs/Redevelopment/ROPS/>

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 Brown Moua, Lead Analyst, at (916) 322-2985.

Sincerely,



JENNIFER WHITAKER
Program Budget Manager

cc: Mr. Kevin Werner, Deputy City Administrator, City of Ripon
Mr. Jay Wilverding, Auditor-Controller, San Joaquin 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	\$ 2,019,090	\$ 717,436	\$ 2,736,526
Administrative RPTTF Requested	0	250,000	250,000
Total RPTTF Requested	2,019,090	967,436	2,986,526
RPTTF Requested	2,019,090	717,436	2,736,526
<u>Adjustments</u>			
Item No. 3	(200,000)	0	(200,000)
Item No. 19	(579,202)	0	(579,202)
	(779,202)	0	(779,202)
RPTTF Authorized	1,239,888	717,436	1,957,324
Administrative RPTTF Authorized	0	250,000	250,000
Total RPTTF Authorized for Obligations	1,239,888	967,436	2,207,324
Prior Period Adjustment	(7,015)	0	(7,015)
Total RPTTF Approved for Distribution	\$ 1,232,873	\$ 967,436	\$ 2,200,309