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## 2020-21 Annual Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (o) (1), the City of Lakeport Successor Agency (Agency) submitted an annual Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 (ROPS 20-21) to the California Department of Finance (Finance) on January 30, 2020. Finance has completed its review of the ROPS 20-21.

Based on a sample of line items reviewed and application of the law, Finance is approving all of the items listed on the ROPS 20-21 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.

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, 2017 through June 30, 2018 (ROPS 17-18) period. Reported differences in Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) are used to offset current RPTTF distributions. The amount of RPTTF authorized in the table includes the prior period adjustment (PPA) resulting from the County Auditor-Controller's review of the PPA form submitted by the Agency.

The Agency's maximum approved RPTTF distribution for the reporting period is \$455,244, as summarized in the Approved RPTTF Distribution table (see Attachment).

RPTTF distributions occur biannually, one distribution for the July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 period (ROPS A period), and one distribution for the January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021 period (ROPS B period), based on Finance's approved amounts. Since this determination is for the entire ROPS 20-21 period, the Agency is authorized to receive up to the maximum approved RPTTF through the combined ROPS A and B period distributions. Nicholas Walker March 20, 2020 Page 2

Absent a Meet and Confer, this is our final determination regarding the obligations listed on the ROPS 20-21. 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 deemed denied until the matter is resolved.

The ROPS 20-21 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 20-21 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 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 Joshua Mortimer, Supervisor, or Cole Chev, Staff, at (916) 322-2985.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Cheryl L. McCormick for:

JENNIFER WHITAKER Program Budget Manager

cc: Margaret Silveira, City Manager, City of Lakeport Cathy Saderlund, Auditor-Controller, Lake County

## Attachment

Approved RPTTF Distribution July 2020 through June 2021					
	ROPS A			ROPS B	ROPS 20-21 Total
RPTTF Requested	\$	300,915	\$	86,179	\$ 387,094
Administrative RPTTF Requested		68,201		68,201	136,402
Total RPTTF Requested		369,116		154,380	523,496
RPTTF Authorized		300,915		86,179	387,094
Administrative RPTTF Authorized		68,201		68,201	136,402
ROPS 17-18 prior period adjustment (PPA)		(68,252)		0	(68,252)
Total RPTTF Approved for Distribution	\$	300,864	\$	154,380	\$ 455,244