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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 Holtville 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 February 2, 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 made the following determinations:

- Item No 6 – Administrative Costs in the requested \$250,000 has been adjusted as noted below:
  - The Agency erroneously requested its Administrative Cost Allowance (ACA) of \$250,000 from Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF). Therefore, the requested amount has been reclassified to Administrative RPTTF.
  - The claimed administrative costs exceed the allowance by \$25,096. HSC section 34171 (b) (3) limits the fiscal year ACA to three percent of actual RPTTF distributed in the preceding fiscal year or \$250,000, whichever is greater; not to exceed 50 percent of the RPTTF distributed in the preceding fiscal year. As a result, the Agency's maximum ACA is \$224,904 for fiscal year 2020-21. As noted in the table below, although \$250,000 is claimed, \$25,096 in excess ACA is not allowed:

<b>Administrative Cost Allowance (ACA) Calculation</b>	
Actual RPTTF distributed for fiscal year 2019-20	\$668,039
Less distributed Administrative RPTTF	(218,231)
<b>RPTTF distributed for 2019-20 after adjustments</b>	<b>\$ 449,808</b>
ACA Cap for 2020-21 per HSC section 34171 (b)	\$224,904
<b>Total ACA requested for 2020-21 after adjustments</b>	<b>\$ 250,000</b>
<b>ACA in Excess of the Cap</b>	<b>\$(25,096)</b>

- 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 RPTTF are used to offset current RPTTF distributions. The amount of RPTTF authorized 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 \$673,249, 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.

Except for the item adjusted, Finance is not objecting to the remaining items listed on the ROPS 20-21. If the Agency disagrees with our determination with respect to any items on the ROPS 20-21, 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/](http://dof.ca.gov/Programs/Redevelopment/Meet_And_Confer/)

The Agency must use the RAD App to complete and submit its Meet and Confer request form.

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/>

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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 Todd Vermillion, Supervisor, or Mathew Rios, Staff, at (916) 322-2985.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Cheryl L. McCormick for:

JENNIFER WHITAKER  
Program Budget Manager

cc: Lee Ann Chimits, Budget Analyst, City of Holtville  
Ivonne Ramirez, Property Tax Manager, Imperial County

<b>Approved RPTTF Distribution July 2020 through June 2021</b>			
	<b>ROPS A</b>	<b>ROPS B</b>	<b>ROPS 20-21 Total</b>
RPTTF Requested	\$ 420,304	\$ 280,772	\$ 701,076
Administrative RPTTF Requested	0	0	0
<b>Total RPTTF Requested</b>	<b>420,304</b>	<b>280,772</b>	<b>701,076</b>
<b>RPTTF Requested</b>	<b>420,304</b>	<b>280,772</b>	<b>701,076</b>
<u>Adjustment</u>			
Item No. 6	(100,000)	(150,000)	(250,000)
<b>RPTTF Authorized</b>	<b>320,304</b>	<b>130,772</b>	<b>451,076</b>
<b>Administrative RPTTF Requested</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<u>Adjustment</u>			
Item No. 6	100,000	150,000	250,000
<b>Adjusted Administrative RPTTF</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>250,000</b>
Excess Administrative Costs	0	(25,096)	(25,096)
<b>Administrative RPTTF Authorized</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>124,904</b>	<b>224,904</b>
ROPS 17-18 prior period adjustment (PPA)	(2,731)	0	(2,731)
<b>Total RPTTF Approved for Distribution</b>	<b>\$ 417,573</b>	<b>\$ 255,676</b>	<b>\$ 673,249</b>