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2021-22 Annual Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (o) (1), the City of El Monte Successor Agency (Agency) submitted an annual Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 (ROPS 21-22) to the California Department of Finance (Finance) on January 22, 2021. Finance has completed its review of the ROPS 21-22.

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

- Item Nos. 12 through 15 – Various bond debt service payments in the amounts of \$153,458, \$303,782, \$102,955, and \$203,805, respectively, totaling, \$764,000 funded with Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) have been adjusted. It is our understanding the Agency requested incorrect amounts of RPTTF for bond debt service payments in error. Therefore, with the Agency's concurrence, to accurately reflect the debt service payments required, the debt service requested from RPTTF has been adjusted in the amounts specified below:

Item No.	Item Description	Requested	Adjusted	Authorized
12	2010 Lease Revenue Bonds, Series A	\$153,458	(\$4,722)	\$148,736
13	2010 Lease Revenue Bonds, Series A	\$303,782	(\$9,346)	\$294,436
14	2010 Lease Revenue Bonds, Series B	102,955	(\$184)	\$102,771
15	2010 Lease Revenue Bonds, Series B	203,805	(\$366)	\$203,439
	Total	\$764,000	(\$14,618)	\$749,382

- Item No. 99 – Housing and Urban Development Section 108 Loan Trustee Fee - Overage for the July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 (ROPS 18-19) period in the amount of \$183 is no longer needed. It is our understanding the Agency no longer needs funding for this obligation. Therefore, with the Agency's concurrence, the requested amount of \$183 from RPTTF has been adjusted to \$0.
- On the ROPS 21-22 form, the Agency reported cash balances and activity for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 (ROPS 18-19). According to our review, the Agency has approximately \$178,304 from Other Funds available to fund enforceable obligations on the ROPS 21-22. HSC section 34177 (l) (1) (E) requires these balances to be used prior to requesting RPTTF funding. This item does not require payment from property tax revenues; therefore, with the Agency's concurrence, the following item has been reclassified:
 - Item No. 97 – 2017 Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds in the amount of \$2,254,031 is partially reclassified. Finance is approving RPTTF in the amount of \$2,075,727 and the use of Other Funds in the amount of \$178,304, totaling \$2,254,031.
- 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 ROPS 18-19 period. The ROPS 18-19 prior period adjustment (PPA) will offset the ROPS 21-22 RPTTF distribution. The amount of RPTTF authorized includes the 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 \$3,603,446, as summarized in the Approved RPTTF Distribution table (see Attachment).

RPTTF distributions occur biannually, one distribution for the July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 period (ROPS A period), and one distribution for the January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022 period (ROPS B period), based on Finance's approved amounts. Since this determination is for the entire ROPS 21-22 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 adjusted items, Finance does not object to the remaining items listed on the ROPS 21-22. If the Agency disagrees with our determination with respect to any items on the ROPS 21-22, 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 from 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/

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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 21-22. 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 21-22 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 21-22 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 Kylie Oltmann, Supervisor, or Thong Thao, Staff, at (916) 322-2985.

Sincerely,

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Kristina Burns, Manager, Department of Auditor-Controller, Los Angeles County

Approved RPTTF Distribution July 2021 through June 2022			
	ROPS A	ROPS B	Total
RPTTF Requested	\$ 2,512,345	\$ 1,076,457	\$ 3,588,802
Administrative RPTTF Requested	125,000	125,000	250,000
Total RPTTF Requested	2,637,345	1,201,457	3,838,802
RPTTF Requested	2,512,345	1,076,457	3,588,802
<u>Adjustment(s)</u>			
Item No. 12	(2,361)	(2,361)	(4,722)
Item No. 13	(4,673)	(4,673)	(9,346)
Item No. 14	(92)	(92)	(184)
Item No. 15	(183)	(183)	(366)
Item No. 97	(178,304)	0	(178,304)
Item No. 99	(183)	0	(183)
	(185,796)	(7,309)	(193,105)
RPTTF Authorized	2,326,549	1,069,148	3,395,697
Administrative RPTTF Authorized	125,000	125,000	250,000
ROPS 18-19 prior period adjustment (PPA)	(42,251)	0	(42,251)
Total RPTTF Approved for Distribution	\$ 2,409,298	\$ 1,194,148	\$ 3,603,446