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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 Hollister 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 28, 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 No. 7 - Administrative Costs in the amount of \$250,000. The Agency inadvertently requested \$250,000 in Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) to pay administrative costs. With the Agency's concurrence, this item was reclassified to Administrative RPTTF.
- Item No. 33 – 2014 Tax Allocation Refunding Bond. The Agency requested \$0 from Reserve Balance and \$2,435,350 from RPTTF in error. According to the debt service schedule provided by the Agency, the amount requested for the July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 period (ROPS 21-22A) should be \$1,905,925 in Reserve Balance and the amount requested for the January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022 period (ROPS 21-22B) should be \$2,432,850 in RPTTF. Therefore, with the Agency's concurrence and to accurately reflect the correct debt service payments, Finance made adjustments in the amount of \$1,905,925 to increase the requested Reserve Balance of \$0 to \$1,905,925 and \$2,500 to decrease the requested RPTTF funding from \$2,435,350 to \$2,432,850.
- Item No. 36 – 2019 Tax Allocation Refunding Bond. The Agency requested \$0 from Reserve Balance and \$468,680 from RPTTF in error. According to the debt service schedule provided by the Agency, the amount requested for the ROPS 21-22A period should be \$234,840 in Reserve Balance and the amount requested for the ROPS 21-22B period should be \$472,896 in RPTTF. Therefore, with the Agency's concurrence and to accurately reflect the correct debt service payments, Finance made adjustments in the amount of \$234,840 to increase the requested Reserve Balance of \$0 to \$234,840 and \$4,216 to increase the requested RPTTF of \$468,680 to \$472,896.

- 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, 2018 through June 30, 2019 (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 \$3,163,776, 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/](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 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/>

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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 Todd Vermillion, Supervisor, or Brian Dunham, Staff, at (916) 322-2985.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Cheryl L. McCormick for:

JENNIFER WHITAKER  
Program Budget Manager

cc: Cecilia Rodriguez, Management Analyst, City of Hollister  
Kelsey MacIsaac, Auditor Accountant III, San Benito County

**Attachment**

<b>Approved RPTTF Distribution July 2021 through June 2022</b>			
	<b>ROPS A</b>	<b>ROPS B</b>	<b>Total</b>
RPTTF Requested	\$ 129,500	\$ 3,033,530	\$ 3,163,030
Administrative RPTTF Requested	0	0	0
<b>Total RPTTF Requested</b>	<b>129,500</b>	<b>3,033,530</b>	<b>3,163,030</b>
<b>RPTTF Requested</b>	<b>129,500</b>	<b>3,033,530</b>	<b>3,163,030</b>
<u>Adjustment(s)</u>			
Item No. 7	(125,000)	(125,000)	(250,000)
Item No. 33	0	(2,500)	(2,500)
Item No. 36	0	4,216	4,216
	(125,000)	(123,284)	(248,284)
<b>RPTTF Authorized</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>2,910,246</b>	<b>2,914,746</b>
<b>Administrative RPTTF Requested</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<u>Adjustment(s)</u>			
Item No. 7	125,000	125,000	250,000
<b>Administrative RPTTF Authorized</b>	<b>125,000</b>	<b>125,000</b>	<b>250,000</b>
ROPS 18-19 prior period adjustment (PPA)	(970)	0	(970)
<b>Total RPTTF Approved for Distribution</b>	<b>\$ 128,530</b>	<b>\$ 3,035,246</b>	<b>\$ 3,163,776</b>