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2021-22 Annual Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule-Revised

This letter supersedes the California Department of Finance's (Finance) Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) determination letter dated April 5, 2021. A revision is necessary to apply the corrected ROPS 18-19 prior period adjustment (PPA) submitted by the Marin County Auditor-Controller (CAC) on April 13, 2021.

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (o) (1), the City of Novato Successor Agency (Agency) submitted an annual ROPS for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 (ROPS 21-22) to Finance on February 1, 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 approves all of the items listed on the ROPS 21-22 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. The ROPS 18-19 PPA will offset the ROPS 21-22 Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) distribution. The amount of RPTTF authorized includes the PPA resulting from the CAC's review of the PPA form submitted by the Agency.

The Agency's maximum approved RPTTF distribution for the reporting period is \$5,165,764, 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.

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/

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 Todd Vermillion, Supervisor, or Mark-Anthony Lacy, Staff, at (916) 322-2985.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Cheryl L. McCormick for:

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Roy Given, Director of Finance, Marin County

Approved RPTTF Distribution July 2021 through June 2022			
	ROPS A	ROPS B	Total
RPTTF Requested	\$ 2,278,117	\$ 2,791,062	\$ 5,069,179
Administrative RPTTF Requested	60,112	60,112	120,224
Total RPTTF Requested	2,338,229	2,851,174	5,189,403
RPTTF Authorized	2,278,117	2,791,062	5,069,179
Administrative RPTTF Authorized	60,112	60,112	120,224
ROPS 18-19 prior period adjustment (PPA)	(23,639)	0	(23,639)
Total RPTTF Approved for Distribution	\$ 2,314,590	\$ 2,851,174	\$ 5,165,764