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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 Palm Desert 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 25, 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 determination:

- The claimed administrative costs exceed the allowance by \$8,512. HSC section 34171 (b) (3) limits the fiscal year Administrative Cost Allowance (ACA) to three percent of actual Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) distributed in the preceding fiscal year or \$250,000, which ever 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 \$772,933 for fiscal year 2021-22. Although \$781,445 is claimed for ACA, only \$772,933 is available pursuant to the cap. Therefore, as noted in the table below, \$8,512 in excess ACA is not allowed:

Administrative Cost Allowance (ACA) Calculation	
Actual RPTTF distributed for fiscal year 2020-21	\$33,759,400
Less distributed Administrative RPTTF	(379,437)
Less sponsoring entity loan repayments	(7,615,546)
RPTTF distributed for 2020-21 after adjustments	\$25,764,417
ACA Cap for 2021-22 per HSC section 34171 (b)	\$772,933
ACA requested for 2021-22	\$781,445
ACA in Excess of the Cap	\$8,512

- 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 \$33,713,895, 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 item, 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/

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 Brian Dunham, Staff, at (916) 322-2985.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Cheryl L. McCormick for:

JENNIFER WHITAKER
Program Budget Manager

cc: Janet Moore, Director of Finance, City of Palm Desert
Pam Elias, Chief Accountant, Property Tax Division, Riverside County

Attachment

Approved RPTTF Distribution July 2021 through June 2022			
	ROPS A	ROPS B	Total
RPTTF Requested	\$ 20,000,040	\$ 13,328,311	\$ 33,328,351
Administrative RPTTF Requested	257,205	257,475	514,680
Total RPTTF Requested	20,257,245	13,585,786	33,843,031
RPTTF Authorized	20,000,040	13,328,311	33,328,351
Administrative RPTTF Requested	257,205	257,475	514,680
Excess Administrative Costs	(0)	(8,512)	(8,512)
Administrative RPTTF Authorized	257,205	248,963	506,168
ROPS 18-19 prior period adjustment (PPA)	(120,624)	0	(120,624)
Total RPTTF Approved for Distribution	\$ 20,136,621	\$ 13,577,274	\$ 33,713,895