



January 2, 2013

Ms. Danielle Wheeler, Assistant Director
March Joint Powers Authority
23555 Meyer Drive
Riverside, CA 92518

Dear Ms. Wheeler:

Subject: Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund Due Diligence Review

This letter supersedes Finance's original Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund (LMIHF) Due Diligence Review (DDR) determination letter dated November 26, 2012. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34179.6 (c), the March Joint Power Authority Successor Agency (Agency) submitted an oversight board approved LMIHF DDR to the California Department of Finance (Finance) on October 31, 2012. Finance issued a LMIHF DDR determination letter on November 26, 2012. Subsequently, the Agency requested a Meet and Confer session on one or more items adjusted by Finance. The Meet and Confer session was held on December 18, 2012.

Based on a review of additional or clarifying information provided to Finance during the Meet and Confer process, Finance continues to believe the adjustments made to the DDR's stated balance of LMIHF available for distribution to the taxing entities is appropriate. HSC section 34179.6 (d) authorizes Finance to make these adjustments. We maintain the adjustments continue to be necessary for the following reason:

The Agency contends the retention of \$950,000 is necessary for two housing project obligations. These projects are the Veteran's Home Design and Environmental and the March Healthcare Development Tenant Relocation totaling \$750,000 and \$200,000, respectively. The Agency states LMIHF funding for the two items was previously approved on the January through June 2012 Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) and was not expended by the time the DDR review was complete or included on the July through December 2012 or January through June 2013 ROPS.

Based on additional information provided during the Meet and Confer session, it was determined that the Agency is putting aside reserves for this future project. Finance continues to deny this amount based on HSC Section 34180 (c) which states reserves are allowed only for bond indentures.

The Agency's LMIHF balance available for distribution to the affected taxing entities continues to be \$334,164 (see table below).

LMIHF Balances Available For Distribution To Taxing Entities	
Available Balance per DDR:	\$ (615,836)
Finance Adjustments	
Requested retained balance not supported:	950,000
Total LMIHF available to be distributed:	\$ 334,164

This is Finance's final determination of the LMIHF balances available for distribution to the taxing entities. HSC section 34179.6 (f) requires successor agencies to transmit to the county auditor-controller the amount of funds identified in the above table within five working days, plus any interest those sums accumulated while in the possession of the recipient.

If funds identified for transmission are in the possession of the successor agency, and if the successor agency is operated by the city or county that created the former redevelopment agency, then failure to transmit the identified funds may result in offsets to the city's or the county's sales and use tax allocation, as well as its property tax allocation. If funds identified for transmission are in the possession of another taxing entity, the successor agency is required to take diligent efforts to recover such funds. A failure to recover and remit those funds may result in offsets to the other taxing entity's sales and use tax allocation or to its property tax allocation. If funds identified for transmission are in the possession of a private entity, HSC 34179.6 (h) (1) (B) states that any remittance related to unallowable transfers to a private party may also be subject to a 10 percent penalty if not remitted within 60 days.

Failure to transmit the identified funds will also prevent the Agency from being able to receive a finding of completion from Finance. Without a finding of completion, the Agency will be unable to take advantage of the provisions detailed in HSC section 34191.4. Specifically, these provisions allow certain loan agreements between the former redevelopment agency (RDA) and the city, county, or city and county that created the RDA to be considered enforceable obligations. These provisions also allow certain bond proceeds to be used for the purposes in which they were sold and allows for the transfer of real property and interests into the Community Redevelopment Property Trust Fund once Finance approves the Agency's long-range property management plan.

In addition to the consequences above, willful failure to return assets that were deemed an unallowable transfer or failure to remit the funds identified above could expose certain individuals to criminal penalties under existing law.

Pursuant to HSC section 34167.5 and 34178.8, the California State Controller's Office (Controller) has the authority to claw back assets that were inappropriately transferred to the city, county, or any other public agency. Determinations outlined in this letter and Finance's Housing Assets Transfer letter dated August 20, 2012 do not in any way eliminate the Controller's authority.

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Please direct inquiries to Beliz Chappuie, Supervisor or Mindy Patterson, Lead Analyst at (916) 445-1546.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Szalay', with a stylized flourish above the name.

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