



March 8, 2013

Ms. Sherri Holman, Treasurer/Finance Director
City of Fountain Valley
10200 Slater Avenue
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Dear Ms. Holman:

Subject: Other Funds and Accounts Due Diligence Review

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34179.6 (c), the City of Fountain Valley Successor Agency (Agency) submitted an oversight board approved Other Funds and Accounts (OFA) Due Diligence Review (DDR) to the California Department of Finance (Finance) on January 14, 2013. The purpose of the review was to determine the amount of cash and cash equivalents available for distribution to the affected taxing entities. Pursuant to HSC section 34179.6 (d), Finance has completed its review of your DDR, which may have included obtaining clarification for various items.

HSC section 34179.6 (d) authorizes Finance to adjust the DDR's stated balance of OFA available for distribution to the taxing entities. Based on our review of your DDR, the following adjustments were made:

- Asset transfers totaling \$6,528,260 are disallowed. The Wells Site Agreement in the amount of \$874,474 was between the City of Fountain Valley (City) and Ear Engineering Construction and Support Services; the former redevelopment agency (RDA) was not a party to the contract. Additionally, the Agency did not provide adequate supporting documentation to support the transfer of inactive project area funds to the City in the amount of \$5,655,513.
- The request to retain assets totaling \$9,192,600 is denied. The former RDA transferred marketable securities to the City, in the amount of \$6,017,600. According to HSC 34179.5 (1), cash and cash equivalents includes, but is not limited to, cash in hand, bank deposits, Local Agency Investment Fund deposits...marketable securities, commercial paper ...and any other money owned by the Agency.

The advance between the former RDA and the Housing Successor Agency in the amount of \$3,175,000 is also denied. Pursuant to HSC 34167.10 (a)(1), the definition of a city, county, or city and county includes, but is not limited to, any reporting entity of the city, county, or city and county for purposes of its comprehensive annual financial report or similar report, any component unit of the city, county, or city and county, and any entity controlled by the city, county, or city and county, or for which the city, county, or city and county is financial responsible or accountable.

If you disagree with Finance's adjusted amount of OFA balances available for distribution to the taxing entities, you may request a Meet and Confer within five business days of the date of this letter. The Meet and Confer process and guidelines are available at Finance's website below:

http://www.dof.ca.gov/redevelopment/meet_and_confer/

The Agency's OFA balance available for distribution to the affected taxing entities is \$35,339,669 (see table below).

| OFA Balances Available For Distribution To Taxing Entities | |
|---|----------------------|
| Available Balance per DDR: | \$ 19,618,809 |
| Finance Adjustments | |
| Add: | |
| Disallowed transfers | \$ 6,528,260 |
| Requested retained balance not supported | \$ 9,192,600 |
| Total OFA available to be distributed: | \$ 35,339,669 |

Absent a Meet and Confer request, 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

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city, county, or any other public agency. Determinations outlined in this letter do not in any way eliminate the Controller's authority.

Please direct inquiries to Nichelle Thomas, Supervisor or Alex Watt, Lead Analyst at (916) 445-1546.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Steve Szalay', with a date '1/2013' written below it.

STEVE SZALAY
Local Government Consultant

cc: Mr. Jim Simon, Consultant, RSG
Mr. Frank Davies, Property Tax Manager, Orange County
California State Controller's Office