



February 6, 2013

Mr. Jim DellaLonga, Senior Project Manager  
City of Garden Grove  
11222 Acacia Parkway  
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Dear Mr. DellaLonga:

Subject: Approval of Final and Conclusive Enforceable Obligation

On November 20, 2012, the City of Garden Grove Successor Agency (Agency) submitted a petition to the California Department of Finance (Finance) requesting written confirmation that Item No. 19 – Waterpark Hotel Disposition and Development Agreement (DDA) as approved in the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for the period of January through June 2013 (ROPS III), is final and conclusive, based on the following criteria set forth in Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177.5 (i):

- The enforceable obligation submitted for review provides for an irrevocable commitment of property tax revenue.
- The allocation of the property tax revenue is expected to occur over time.
- The enforceable obligation was approved on a previous ROPS.

Finance has completed its review of your request, which included obtaining clarification and additional supporting documentation. Pursuant to the criteria outlined in HSC section 34177.5 (i), we are pleased to inform you that Item No. 19 – Waterpark Hotel DDA as listed on the approved ROPS III, is final and conclusive. Finance's review of the Waterpark Hotel DDA in future ROPS will be limited to confirming the scheduled payments as required by the obligation.

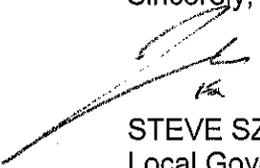
Finance's review of the property tax revenue is limited to the January through June 2012 ROPS, July through December 2012 ROPS, and ROPS III periods. Consequently, this final and conclusive determination does not guarantee a certain level of funding, nor is it approval for an irrevocable assurance of Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) necessary to satisfy the obligation. The amount available from the RPTTF is not and never was an unlimited funding source. Therefore, the ability to fund any item approved as final and conclusive, as well as other items approved on a ROPS with property tax, is limited to the amount of funding available to the Agency in the RPTTF.

Please be further advised that there may be activities included in the enforceable obligation described in this letter that are permissive that the Agency may no longer have the statutory authority to carry out. This final and conclusive determination neither grants additional authority to the Agency nor does it authorize acts contrary to law. Additionally, any amendments to the above item are not subject to this final and conclusive determination; this final and conclusive determination is only valid for the Waterpark Hotel DDA.

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Sincerely,



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