



October 29, 2013

Mr. Nathan Hamburger, Assistant Executive Director  
City of Agoura Hills  
30001 Ladyface Court  
Agoura Hills, CA 91301

Dear Mr. Hamburger:

Subject: Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (m), the City of Agoura Hills Successor Agency (Agency) submitted a Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS 13-14B) to the California Department of Finance (Finance) on September 17, 2013 for the period of January through June 2014. Finance has completed its review of your ROPS 13-14B, which may have included obtaining clarification for various items.

HSC section 34171 (d) defines enforceable obligations. Based on a sample of line items reviewed and application of the law, the following do not qualify as an enforceable obligation for the reasons specified:

- Claimed administrative costs exceed the allowance by \$15,175. HSC section 34171 (b) limits the fiscal year 2013-14 administrative expense to three percent of property tax allocated to the Agency or \$250,000, whichever is greater. As a result the Agency is eligible for \$250,000 for administrative expenses. The Los Angeles Auditor-Controller's Office distributed \$140,175 for the July through December 2013 period, thus leaving a balance of \$109,825 available for the January through June 2014 period. Although \$125,000 is claimed for administrative cost, only \$109,825 is available pursuant to the cap. Therefore, \$15,175 of excess administrative cost is not allowed.

In addition, Finance notes the oversight board has approved an amount that appears excessive, given the number and nature of the other obligations listed in the ROPS. HSC section 34179 (i) requires the oversight board to exercise a fiduciary duty to the taxing entities. Therefore, Finance encourages the oversight board to apply adequate "oversight" when evaluating the administrative resources required to successfully wind-down the Agency.

During our review, which may have included obtaining financial records, Finance determined the Agency possesses funds that are required to be used prior to requesting RPTTF. Pursuant to HSC section 34177 (l) (1) (E), RPTTF may be used as a funding source, but only to the extent no other funding source is available or when payment from property tax revenues is required by an enforceable obligation. The Agency provided financial records that displayed available balances from the Due Diligence Reviews totaling \$40,834.

Therefore, the funding source for the following item is being reclassified to the funding source and in the amount specified below:

- Item No. 1 – 2008 Tax Allocation bonds Series A-T in the amount of \$204,799 in RPTTF funds. During the review of the Fund Balance Report, Finance determined and the Agency agreed that \$40,834 retained funds remaining from the Due Diligence Reviews should be reclassified from RPTTF to Reserve funding. Therefore, Finance is approving RPTTF in the amount of \$163,965 and the use of reserves in the amount of \$40,834, totaling \$204,799.

Pursuant to HSC Section 34186 (a), successor agencies were required to report on the ROPS 13-14B form the estimated obligations and actual payments (prior period adjustments) associated with the January through June 2013 period. HSC Section 34186 (a) also specifies that the prior period adjustments self-reported by successor agencies are subject to audit by the county auditor-controller (CAC) and the State Controller. The amount of RPTTF approved in the table below includes the prior period adjustment resulting from the CAC's audit of the Agency's self-reported prior period adjustment.

Except for the items denied in whole or in part as enforceable obligations or for the items that have been reclassified, Finance is not objecting to the remaining items listed on your ROPS 13-14B. If you disagree with the determination with respect to any items on your ROPS 13-14B, 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/](http://www.dof.ca.gov/redevelopment/meet_and_confer/)

The Agency's maximum approved RPTTF distribution for the reporting period is \$409,461 as summarized below:

<b>Approved RPTTF Distribution Amount For the period of January through June 2014</b>	
Total RPTTF requested for non-administrative obligations	340,470
Total RPTTF requested for administrative obligations	125,000
<b>Total RPTTF requested for obligations</b>	<b>\$ 465,470</b>
<b>Total RPTTF requested for non-administrative obligations</b>	<b>340,470</b>
<u>Reclassified Items</u>	
Item No. 1	(40,834)
<b>Total RPTTF approved for non-administrative obligations</b>	<b>299,636</b>
<b>Total RPTTF requested for administrative obligations</b>	<b>125,000</b>
<b>Total RPTTF for administrative obligations</b>	<b>125,000</b>
<b>Total RPTTF allowable for administrative obligations (see Admin Cost Cap table below)</b>	<b>109,825</b>
<b>Total RPTTF approved for obligations</b>	<b>409,461</b>
ROPS III prior period adjustment (PPA)	0
<b>Total RPTTF approved for distribution</b>	<b>\$ 409,461</b>
<b>Administrative Cost Cap Calculation</b>	
Total RPTTF for 13-14A (July through December 2013)	833,745
Total RPTTF for 13-14B (January through June 2014)	340,470
<b>Total RPTTF for fiscal year 2013-14</b>	<b>1,174,215</b>
Allowable administrative cost for fiscal year 2013-14 (Greater of 3% or \$250,000)	250,000
Administrative allowance for 13-14A (July through December 2013)	140,175
<b>Allowable RPTTF distribution for administrative cost for ROPS 13-14B</b>	<b>109,825</b>

Pursuant to HSC section 34177 (l) (1) (E), agencies are required to use all available funding sources prior to RPTTF for payment of enforceable obligations. Beginning with the ROPS 13-14B period, Finance required successor agencies to identify fund balances for various types of funds in its possession. During our ROPS 13-14B review, Finance requested financial records to support the fund balances reported by the Agency; however, Finance was unable to reconcile the financial records to the amounts reported. As a result, Finance will continue to work with the Agency after the ROPS 13-14B review period to properly identify the Agency's fund balances. If it is determined the Agency possesses fund balances that are available to pay approved obligations, the Agency should request the use of these fund balances prior to requesting RPTTF in ROPS 14-15A.

Please refer to the ROPS 13-14B schedule that was used to calculate the approved RPTTF amount:

[http://www.dof.ca.gov/redevelopment/ROPS/ROPS 13-14B Forms by Successor Agency/.](http://www.dof.ca.gov/redevelopment/ROPS/ROPS%2013-14B%20Forms%20by%20Successor%20Agency/)

Absent a Meet and Confer, this is Finance's final determination related to the enforceable obligations reported on your ROPS for January 1 through June 30, 2014. This determination applies only to items where funding was requested for the six month period. Finance's determination is effective for this time period only and should not be conclusively relied upon for future periods. All items listed on a future ROPS are subject to a subsequent review and may be denied even if it was or was not denied on this ROPS or a preceding ROPS. The only

exception is for those items that have received a Final and Conclusive determination from Finance pursuant to HSC 34177.5 (i). Finance's review of items that have received a Final and Conclusive determination 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 that was available prior to enactment of ABx1 26 and AB 1484. This amount is not and never was an unlimited funding source. Therefore, as a practical matter, the ability to fund the items on the ROPS with property tax is limited to the amount of funding available to the successor agency in the RPTTF.

To the extent proceeds from bonds issued after December 31, 2010 exist and are not encumbered by an enforceable obligation pursuant to HSC section 34171 (d), HSC section 34191.4 (c)(2)(B) requires these proceeds be used to defease the bonds or to purchase those same outstanding bonds on the open market for cancellation.

Please direct inquiries to Kylie Le, Supervisor or Michael Barr, Lead Analyst at (916) 445-1546.

Sincerely,



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cc: Ms. Christy Pinuelas, Director of Finance, City of Agoura Hills  
Ms. Kristina Burns, Manager, Los Angeles County Department of Auditor-Controller  
California State Controller's Office