



October 31, 2013

Mr. James Riley, Director of Administrative Services  
City of Lake Elsinore  
130 South Main Street  
Lake Elsinore, CA 92530

Dear Mr. Riley:

Subject: Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (m), the City of Lake Elsinore Successor Agency (Agency) submitted a Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS 13-14B) to the California Department of Finance (Finance) on September 26, 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 enforceable obligations for the reasons specified:

- Item No. 38 – Contract for Auditing Services in the amount of \$50,000. This item is considered general administrative cost. Therefore the \$10,000 requested for this ROPS period has been reclassified to RPTTF Admin.
- Administrative costs claimed for Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) exceed the allowance by \$36,049. HSC section 34171 (b) limits the 2013-14 administrative expenses to three percent of property tax allocated to the Agency or \$250,000, whichever is greater.

Allowable administrative cost amount for fiscal year 2013-14	\$321,180
Administrative costs distributed for July through December 2013	193,223
Administrative costs claimed for January through June 2014	164,006
Overage	\$ 36,049

Based upon a review of the Fund Balances form and the information provided by the Agency, Finance made the following adjustments. These adjustment do not impact RPTTF

- Beginning Available Fund Balance (Actual 01/01/13) – Bonds Issued on or before December 31, 2010 in the amount of zero. Based upon information provided in the October 15, 2013 e-mail from the Agency, this amount should be \$4,710,573 and has been reclassified from reserve balances.

- Beginning Available Fund Balance (Actual 01/01/13) – Bonds Issued on or after January 1, 2011 in the amount of zero. Based upon information provided in the October 15, 2013 e-mail from the Agency, this amount should be \$5,518,803 and has been reclassified from reserve balances.

Pursuant to HSC Section 34186 (a), successor agencies were required to report the estimated obligations and actual payments (prior period adjustments) associated with the January through June 2013 period. The amount of RPTTF approved in the table below includes the prior period adjustment that was self-reported by the Agency. 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. Any proposed CAC adjustments were not received in time for inclusion in this letter. Therefore, the amount of RPTTF approved in the table below includes only the prior period adjustment that was self-reported by the Agency.

Except for the item 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 \$5,251,523 as summarized below:

<b>Approved RPTTF Distribution Amount For the period of January through June 2014</b>	
Total RPTTF requested for non-administrative obligations	5,133,566
Total RPTTF requested for administrative obligations	154,006
<b>Total RPTTF requested for obligations</b>	<b>\$ 5,287,572</b>
<b>Total RPTTF requested for non-administrative obligations</b>	<b>5,133,566</b>
<u>Reclassified Items</u>	
Item No. 38	(10,000)
<b>Total RPTTF approved for non-administrative obligations</b>	<b>5,123,566</b>
<b>Total RPTTF requested for administrative obligations</b>	<b>154,006</b>
<u>Reclassified Items</u>	
Item No. 38	10,000
<b>Total RPTTF for administrative obligations</b>	<b>164,006</b>
<b>Total RPTTF allowable for administrative obligations</b>	<b>127,957</b>
<b>Total RPTTF approved for obligations</b>	<b>5,251,523</b>
ROP III prior period adjustment	-
<b>Total RPTTF approved for distribution</b>	<b>\$ 5,251,523</b>

<b>Administrative Cost Cap Calculation</b>	
Total RPTTF for 13-14A (July through December 2013)	5,582,426
Total RPTTF for 13-14B (January through June 2014)	5,123,567
Less approved unfunded obligations from prior periods	-
<b>Total RPTTF for fiscal year 2013-14</b>	<b>10,705,993</b>
Allowable administrative cost for fiscal year 2013-14 (Greater of 3% or \$250,000)	321,180
Administrative allowance for 13-14A (July through December 2013)	193,223
<b>Allowable RPTTF distribution for administrative cost for ROPS 13-14B</b>	<b>127,957</b>

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 Beliz Chappuie, Supervisor or Anna Kyumba, Lead Analyst at (916) 445-1546.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mr. Grant Yates, Executive Director, City of Lake Elsinore  
Ms. Pam Elias, Chief Accountant Property Tax Division, Riverside County  
California State Controller's Office