

December 17, 2013

Ms. Adela G. Gonzalez, City Manager
City of Soledad
248 Main Street
Soledad, CA 93960

Dear Ms. Gonzalez:

Subject: Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

This letter supersedes the California Department of Finance's (Finance) Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) letter dated November 15, 2013. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (m), the City of Soledad Successor Agency (Agency) submitted a Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS 13-14B) to Finance on October 3, 2013, for the period of January through June 2014. Finance issued a ROPS determination letter on November 15, 2013. Subsequently, the Agency requested a Meet and Confer session on one or more of the items denied by Finance. The Meet and Confer session was held on November 27, 2013.

Based on a review of additional information and documentation provided to Finance during the Meet and Confer process, Finance has completed its review of the specific items being disputed.

- Item Nos. 8 through 10, and 13 – Various Pass-Through Payment True-ups and Property Maintenance totaling \$366,208. Finance no longer denies these items. Finance initially denied these items as no documentation was provided to support the amounts claimed. During the Meet and Confer process, the Agency provided additional information and documents supporting the amounts requested for each of these items. Therefore, these items are enforceable obligations and are eligible for Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) funding on this ROPS.

In addition, per Finance's letter dated November 15, 2013, we continue to deny the following item not contested by the Agency during the Meet and Confer:

- Claimed administrative costs exceed the allowance by \$15,000. HSC section 34171 (b) limits the fiscal year 2013-14 administrative expenses to three percent of property tax allocated to the Agency or \$250,000, whichever is greater. The Monterey County Auditor-Controller's Office distributed \$140,000 administrative costs for the July through December 2013 period, thus leaving a balance of \$110,000 available for the January through June 2014 period. Although \$125,000 is claimed for administrative cost, only \$110,000 is available pursuant to the cap. Therefore, \$15,000 of excess administrative cost is not allowed.

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 items denied in whole or in part as enforceable obligations, Finance is not objecting to the remaining items listed on your ROPS 13-14B. The Agency's maximum approved RPTTF distribution for the reporting period is \$1,079,788 as summarized below:

Approved RPTTF Distribution Amount For the period of January through June 2014	
Total RPTTF requested for non-administrative obligations	1,089,916
Total RPTTF requested for administrative obligations	125,000
Total RPTTF requested for obligations	\$ 1,214,916
Total RPTTF approved for non-administrative obligations	1,089,916
Total RPTTF allowable for administrative obligations (see Admin Cost Cap table below)	110,000
Total RPTTF approved for obligations	1,199,916
ROPS III prior period adjustment	(120,128)
Total RPTTF approved for distribution	\$ 1,079,788
Administrative Cost Cap Calculation	
Total RPTTF for 13-14A (July through December 2013)	318,052
Total RPTTF for 13-14B (January through June 2014)	1,089,916
Total RPTTF for fiscal year 2013-14	1,407,968
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)	140,000
Allowable RPTTF distribution for administrative cost for ROPS 13-14B	110,000

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/)

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 section 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 Evelyn Suess, Dispute Resolution Supervisor, or Mary Halterman, Analyst, at (916) 445-1546.

Sincerely,



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