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Mr. Chuck Dantuono, Director of Administrative Services
City of Highland
27215 Base Line Street
Highland, CA 92346

Dear Mr. Dantuono:

Subject: Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (m), the City of Highland Successor Agency (Agency) submitted a Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS 14-15B) to the California Department of Finance (Finance) on October 2, 2014 for the period of January 1 through June 30, 2015. Finance has completed its review of your ROPS 14-15B, which may have included obtaining clarification for various items.

Based on a sample of line items reviewed and application of the law, Finance made the following determinations:

Item No. 86 – Underpaid Pass Thru Payments payable to the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools in the amount of $6,313. Based on a review of the Prior Period Adjustment Report, this item has been paid, and no outstanding obligation exists. To the extent the Agency can provide suitable documentation, such as demand letters or accounting records to support the requested funding, the Agency may be able to obtain Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) funding on future ROPS.

During our review, which may have included obtaining financial records, Finance determined the Agency possesses funds that should 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. Our review indicates that $1,253,574 in Other Funds is available for funding enforceable obligations.

Therefore, with the Agency's concurrence, the funding source for the following items has been reclassified to Other Funds, and in the amounts specified below:

- Item Nos. 10, 11, and 15 – Various Professional Services. The Agency requests $14,000 from RPTTF; however, Finance is reclassifying $14,000 to Other Funds. These items are enforceable obligations for the ROPS 14-15B period. However, the obligations do not require payment from property tax revenues and the Agency has $1,253,574 in available Other Funds. Therefore, Finance is approving Other Funds in the amount of $14,000.

- Item No. 23 – Administrative Costs. The Agency requests $113,000 of Administrative Cost Allowance (ACA) RPTTF; however, Finance is reclassifying $93,487 to Other Funds. This item is an enforceable obligation for the ROPS 14-15B period. However, the obligation does not require payment from property tax revenues and the Agency has $1,253,574 in available Other Funds. Therefore, Finance is approving ACA RPTTF in the amount of $19,513 and the use of Other Funds in the amount of $93,487, totaling $113,000.

- Item No. 97 – Repayment of City of Highland Loan. The Agency requests $1,146,087 from RPTTF; however, Finance is reclassifying $1,146,087 to Other Funds. This item is an enforceable obligation for the ROPS 14-15B period. However, the obligation does not require payment from property tax revenues and the Agency has $1,253,574 in available Other Funds. Therefore, Finance is approving Other Funds in the amount of $1,146,087.

Pursuant to HSC section 34186 (a), successor agencies were required to report on the ROPS 14-15B form the estimated obligations and actual payments (prior period adjustments) associated with the January through June 2014 period. The amount of RPTTF approved in the table below reflects the prior period adjustment self-reported by the Agency.
HSC section 34186 (a) also specifies prior period adjustments self-reported by successor agencies are subject to review by the county auditor-controller (CAC) and the State Controller. Proposed CAC adjustments were not received in time for inclusion in this letter; therefore, the amount of RPTTF approved in the table below only reflects the prior period adjustment self-reported by the Agency.

Except for the item denied in whole or in part or items that have been reclassified, Finance is not objecting to the remaining items listed on your ROPS 14-15B. If you disagree with the determination with respect to any items on your ROPS 14-15B, 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 maximum approved RPTTF distribution for the reporting period is $1,307,254 as summarized in the Approved RPTTF Distribution Table below:

Approved RPTTF Distribution For the period of January through June 2015		
Total RPTTF requested for non-administrative obligations		2,525,855
Total RPTTF requested for administrative obligations		125,000
Total RPTTF requested for obligations on ROPS	**$**	**2,650,855**
Total RPTTF requested for non-administrative obligations		**2,525,855**
Denied Item		
Item No. 86		(6,313)
Total RPTTF for non-administrative obligations		**2,519,542**
Cash Balances - Items reclassified to other funding sources		
Item No. 10		(5,000)
Item No. 11		(3,000)
Item No. 15		(6,000)
Item No. 97		(1,146,087)
		(1,160,087)
Total RPTTF authorized for non-administrative obligations	**$**	**1,359,455**
Total RPTTF requested for administrative obligations		**125,000**
Reclassified Item		
Item No. 23		(93,487)
Total RPTTF authorized for administrative obligations	**$**	**31,513**
Total RPTTF authorized for obligations	**$**	**1,390,968**
ROPS 13-14B prior period adjustment		(83,714)
Total RPTTF approved for distribution	**$**	**1,307,254**

Please refer to the ROPS 14-15B schedule that was used to calculate the approved RPTTF amount:

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

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, 2015. This determination only applies 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 the 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 agency in the RPTTF.

Pursuant to HSC section 34177 (a) (3), only those payments listed on an approved ROPS may be made by the successor agency from the funds specified in the ROPS. However, if for whatever reason the Agency needs to make payments for approved obligations from another

funding source, HSC section 34177 (a) (4) requires the Agency to first obtain oversight board approval.

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 Nichelle Thomas, Supervisor or Alexander Watt, Lead Analyst at (916) 445-1546.

Sincerely,

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Ms. Linda Santillano, Property Tax Manager, San Bernardino County
California State Controller's Office