



October 31, 2014

Ms. Diane Perkin, Director of Administrative Services Department
City of Lakewood
5050 Clark Avenue
Lakewood, CA 90712

Dear Ms. Perkin:

Subject: Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (m), the City of Lakewood Successor Agency (Agency) submitted a Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS 14-15B) to the California Department of Finance (Finance) on September 19, 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 our review, we are approving all of the items listed on your ROPS 14-15B at this time.

The administrative costs claimed are within the fiscal year administrative cap pursuant to HSC section 34171 (b). However, Finance notes the oversight board has approved an amount that appears excessive, given the number and nature of the obligations listed on 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 should be used prior to requesting Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund. 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 Other Funds totaling \$73,057.

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

- Item No. 2 – 1999 Tax Allocation Bonds Series A. The Agency requests \$48,165 of RPTTF; however, Finance is reclassifying entire \$48,165 to Other Funds. This item is an enforceable obligation for the ROPS 14-15B period. However, the obligation does not strictly require payment from property tax revenues and the Agency has a total of \$73,057 in available Other Funds.

- Item No. 3 – 2003 Tax Allocation Bonds Series A. The Agency requests \$28,540 of RPTTF; however, Finance is reclassifying \$24,892 to Other Funds. This item is an enforceable obligation for the ROPS 14-15B period. However, the obligation does not strictly require payment from property tax revenues and the Agency has a total of \$73,057 in available Other Funds. Therefore, Finance is approving RPTTF in the amount of \$3,648 and the use of Other Funds in the amount of \$24,892 (\$73,057 - \$48,165), totaling \$28,540.

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. HSC section 34186 (a) also specifies 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 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 \$216,969 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	167,387
Total RPTTF requested for administrative obligations	125,000
Total RPTTF requested for obligations on ROPS	\$ 292,387
Total RPTTF requested for non-administrative obligations	167,387
<u>Cash Balances - Items reclassified to other funding sources</u>	
Item No. 2	(48,165)
Item No. 3	(24,892)
	(73,057)
Total RPTTF authorized for non-administrative obligations	\$ 94,330
Total RPTTF requested for administrative obligations	125,000
Total RPTTF authorized for administrative obligations	\$ 125,000
Total RPTTF authorized for obligations	\$ 219,330
ROPS 13-14B prior period adjustment	(2,361)
Total RPTTF approved for distribution	\$ 216,969

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 Cindie Lor, Supervisor or Veronica Green, Lead Analyst at (916) 445-1546.

Sincerely,



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