DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

EDMUND G. BROWN JR. • GOVERNOR

915 L STREET ■ SACRAMENTO CA ■ 95814-3706 ■ WWW.DOF.CA.GOV

November 14, 2014

Mr. Brian Cochran, Finance Manager
City of Novato
922 Machin Ave
Novato, CA 94945

Dear Mr. Cochran:

Subject: Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (m), the City of Novato Successor Agency (Agency) submitted a Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS 14-15B) to the California Department of Finance (Finance) on October 1, 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.

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 and adjusted by Finance. Upon its review of the Agency's Prior Period Adjustment form, Finance noted that the Available RPTTF for Non-Admin approved obligations should have included the prior period adjustment of $312,061 from ROPS III as listed on the ROPS 13-14B final determination letter that offset the distribution by the county auditor-controller. After including $312,061 additional RPTTF funds available, the Agency's Prior Period Adjustment has increased from $0 to $92,515. 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. 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 and adjusted by Finance.

Except for the revision to the Agency's prior period adjustment, 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 Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Funds (RPTTF) distribution for the reporting period is $2,298,285 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 | | 2,329,673 |
| Total RPTTF requested for administrative obligations | | 61,127 |
| **Total RPTTF requested for obligations on ROPS** | **$** | **2,390,800** |
| | | |
| Total RPTTF authorized for non-administrative obligations | | 2,329,673 |
| Total RPTTF authorized for administrative obligations | | 61,127 |
| **Total RPTTF authorized for obligations** | **$** | **2,390,800** |
| Self-reported ROPS 13-14B prior period adjustment (PPA) | | 0 |
| Finance adjustment to ROPS 13-14B PPA | | (92,515) |
| Total ROPS 13-14B PPA | | (92,515) |
| **Total RPTTF approved for distribution** | **$** | **2,298,285** |

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 Beliz Chappuie, Supervisor or Chikako Takagi-Galamba, Manager at (916) 445-1546.

Sincerely,

JUSTYN HOWARD
Acting Program Budget Manager

cc: Ms. Cathy Capriola, Assistant City Manager, City of Novato
Mr. Roy Given, Director of Finance, Marin County
California State Controller's Office