

December 17, 2014

Mr. Sage Sangiacomo, Assistant City Manager
City of Ukiah
300 Seminary Ave
Ukiah, CA 95482

Dear Mr. Sangiacomo:

Subject: Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

This letter supersedes the California Department of Finance's (Finance) Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) letter dated November 5, 2014. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (m), the City of Ukiah Successor Agency (Agency) submitted a Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS 14-15B) to Finance on September 27, 2014, for the period of January through June 2015. Finance issued a ROPS determination letter on November 7, 2014. 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 19, 2014.

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.

- 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 Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) approved in the table on the following page 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 audit by the county auditor-controller (CAC) and the State Controller. Proposed CAC adjustments were not received in time for inclusion in this letter. However, during our initial review, Finance reduced the total available Administrative RPTTF from \$69,685 to zero. This adjustment was made to properly reflect the spending of total distributed Administrative RPTTF, which should be \$30,000 and not \$125,000 as reported for Item No. 17 by the Agency. As such, Finance adjusted the agency reported prior period adjustment on the ROPS 14-15B by \$69,685 from \$224,985 to \$155,300.

During the Meet and Confer, the Agency requested an additional reduction of \$25,315 to the prior period adjustment for administrative expenses in excess of the \$30,000 during the January through June 2014 (ROPS 13-14B) period. Finance will make the adjustment to the self-reported amount. Pursuant to HSC section 34171 (b), the Agency was approved to spend a combined total of \$250,000 towards administrative costs

during the 2013-14 fiscal year. Finance approved the agency to spend \$220,000 during the July through December (ROPS 13-14A) period; however, the Agency only expended \$93,811. Therefore, the total expended by the Agency towards administrative costs for the fiscal year was \$149,126 and within the annual administrative cost allowance. Therefore, the prior period adjustment will be reduced to a total of \$129,985 (\$224,985 - \$69,685 - \$25,315) as reflected in the table below.

In addition, per Finance's letter dated November 5, 2014, we continue to make the following determinations not contested by the Agency during the Meet and Confer:

- Item No. 12 – Fiscal consulting in the amount of \$15,000 is partially denied. Only \$3,900 of the requested amount was supported with third party invoices. As such, RPTTF requested in the amount of \$11,100 is denied.

Except for the item denied in whole or in part, Finance is not objecting to the remaining items listed on your ROPS 14-15B. The Agency's maximum approved RPTTF distribution for the reporting period is \$605,745 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	621,830
Total RPTTF requested for administrative obligations	125,000
Total RPTTF requested for obligations on ROPS	\$ 746,830
Total RPTTF requested for non-administrative obligations	621,830
<u>Denied Item</u>	
Item No. 12	(11,100)
Total RPTTF authorized for non-administrative obligations	\$ 610,730
Total RPTTF requested for administrative obligations	125,000
Total RPTTF authorized for administrative obligations	\$ 125,000
Total RPTTF authorized for obligations	\$ 735,730
Self-reported ROPS 13-14B prior period adjustment (PPA)	(224,985)
Finance adjustment to ROPS 13-14B PPA	95,000
Total ROPS 13-14B PPA	(129,985)
Total RPTTF approved for distribution	\$ 605,745

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. During the ROPS 14-15B review, Finance requested financial records to support the cash balances reported by the Agency. The Agency was able to support the amounts reported except the amounts reported in bond proceeds. Finance will continue to work with the Agency after the ROPS 14-15B review period to resolve any remaining issues as described above. If it is determined the Agency possesses additional cash balances that are available to pay approved obligations, the Agency should request the use of these cash balances prior to requesting RPTTF in ROPS 15-16A.

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

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

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 Evelyn Suess, Dispute Resolution Supervisor, or Danielle Brandon, Analyst, at (916) 445-1546.

Sincerely,



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