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Ms. Colleen O'Donoghue, Assistant Finance Director
City of Costa Mesa
77 Fair Drive
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Dear Ms. O'Donoghue:

Subject: Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (m), the City of Costa Mesa Successor Agency (Agency) submitted a Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS 15-16A) to the California Department of Finance (Finance) on February 25, 2015 for the period of July 1 through December 31, 2015. Finance has completed its review of your ROPS 15-16A, which may have included obtaining clarification for various items.

Based on our review, we are approving all of the items listed on your ROPS 15-16A at this time.

However, we noted the total outstanding balance for the Promissory Note Payable for the City/County Loan (Item No. 6). The outstanding balance should be updated every 6-months to reflect the outstanding balance for the current ROPS period. It is our understanding the Agency inadvertently reported the incorrect balance; the Agency confirmed via email that the total remaining obligation for this item is $9,598,926.

Pursuant to HSC section 34186 (a), successor agencies were required to report on the ROPS 15-16A form the estimated obligations and actual payments (prior period adjustments) associated with the July through December 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 Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) approved in the table below includes the prior period adjustment resulting from the CAC's review of the Agency's self-reported prior period adjustment.

The Agency's maximum approved RPTTF distribution for the reporting period is $1,021,435 as summarized in the Approved RPTTF Distribution table below:

Approved RPTTF Distribution For the period of July through December 2015		
Total RPTTF requested for non-administrative obligations		980,405
Total RPTTF requested for administrative obligations		125,000
Total RPTTF requested for obligations on ROPS	**$**	**1,105,405**
Total RPTTF authorized for non-administrative obligations		980,405
Total RPTTF authorized for administrative obligations		125,000
Total RPTTF authorized for obligations	**$**	**1,105,405**
ROPS 14-15A prior period adjustment		(83,970)
Total RPTTF approved for distribution	**$**	**1,021,435**

Please refer to the ROPS 15-16A 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 July 1 through December 31, 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 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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Program Budget Manager

cc: Mr. Steve Dunivent, Finance Director, City of Costa Mesa
Mr. Frank Davies, Property Tax Manager, Orange County
California State Controller's Office