

April 2, 2015

Mr. Rene L. Mendez, City Manager
City of Gonzales
P. O. Box 647
Gonzales, CA 93926

Dear Mr. Mendez:

Subject: Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (m), the City of Gonzales Successor Agency (Agency) submitted a Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS 15-16A) to the California Department of Finance (Finance) on February 24, 2015 for the period of July 1, 2015 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 a sample of line items reviewed and application of the law, Finance made the following determinations:

- Item No. 10 – Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund (LMIHF) loan repayment for purposes of the Supplemental Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (SERAF) in the amount of \$31,902 is not allowed. HSC section 34191.4 (b) (2) (A) allows this repayment to be equal to one-half of the increase between the ROPS residual pass-through distributed to the taxing entities in that fiscal year and the ROPS residual pass-through distributed to the taxing entities in the fiscal year 2012-13 base year.

According to the County Auditor-Controller's report, the amount distributed to the taxing entities for fiscal year 2012-13 and 2014-15 are zero and \$140,333, respectively. Therefore, pursuant to the repayment formula, the maximum repayment amount authorized for fiscal year 2015-16 is \$70,167. Therefore, of the \$102,069 requested for LMIHF loan repayment, \$31,902 is not allowed.

- Item No. 20 – City loan repayment in the amount of \$278,316 is not allowed at this time. The Agency received a Finding of Completion on June 4, 2013. As such, the Agency may place loan agreements between the former redevelopment agency and sponsoring entity on the ROPS, as an enforceable obligation, provided the oversight board makes a finding the loan was for legitimate redevelopment purposes per HSC section 34191.4 (b) (1). Additionally, HSC section 34191.4 (b) (2) (A) specifies this repayment to be equal to one-half of the increase between the ROPS residual pass-through distributed to the taxing entities in that fiscal year and the ROPS residual pass-through distributed to the taxing entities in the fiscal year 2012-13 base year.

According to the County Auditor-Controller's report, the ROPS residual pass-through amount distributed to the taxing entities for fiscal year 2012-13 and 2014-15 are zero and \$140,333, respectively. Pursuant to the repayment formula outlined in HSC section 34191.4 (b) (2) (A), the maximum repayment amount authorized for 2015-16 is \$70,167. Therefore, the \$278,316 requested is not eligible for funding on this ROPS. The Agency may be eligible for additional funding on a future ROPS.

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. Proposed CAC adjustments were not received in time for inclusion in this letter; therefore, the amount of Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) approved in the table below only reflects the prior period adjustment self-reported by the Agency.

In addition, Finance noted the following during our review:

- On the ROPS 14-15A Prior Period Adjustment worksheet, the Agency's expenditures exceeded Finance's authorization for the following items:
 - Other Funds totaling \$259,524 – Item Nos. 3, 6, 13, 14, and 15

Per HSC section 34177 (a) (3), only those payments listed on ROPS may be made by the Agency from the funds specified on the ROPS. However, these items were determined to be enforceable obligations for the ROPS 14-15A period. Therefore, Finance is increasing the Agency's authorization for the ROPS 14-15A period to ensure that authorization is consistent with expenditures for the approved enforceable obligations. As these Other Funds were previously expended, the increase in authorization should not result in increased expenditures, but should merely allow the Agency to reconcile actual expenditures to the authorization.

HSC sections 34177 (a) (4) and 34173 (h) provide mechanisms when Agency payments must exceed the amounts authorized by Finance. Please ensure the proper expenditure authority is received from your Oversight Board and Finance prior to making payments on enforceable obligations.

Except for the items denied in whole or in part, Finance is not objecting to the remaining items listed on your ROPS 15-16A. If you disagree with the determination with respect to any items on your ROPS 15-16A, 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 \$934,041 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	1,119,259
Total RPTTF requested for administrative obligations	125,000
Total RPTTF requested for obligations on ROPS	\$ 1,244,259
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Total RPTTF requested for non-administrative obligations	1,119,259
Denied Items	
Item No. 10	(31,902)
Item No. 20	(278,316)
	(310,218)
Total RPTTF authorized for non-administrative obligations	\$ 809,041
Total RPTTF authorized for administrative obligations	\$ 125,000
Total RPTTF authorized for obligations	\$ 934,041
ROPS 14-15A prior period adjustment	0
Total RPTTF approved for distribution	\$ 934,041

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 15-16A review, Finance requested financial records to support the cash balances reported by the Agency. The Agency provided accounting records reflecting a negative balance; however, this is inconsistent with the cash balances that should be held by the Agency based upon RPTTF received. As a result, Finance will continue to work with the Agency after the ROPS 15-16A review period to properly identify the Agency's cash balances. If it is determined the Agency possesses 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 15-16B.

Please refer to the ROPS 15-16A 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 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 Kylie Oltmann, Supervisor or Brian Dunham, Lead Analyst at (916) 445-1546.

Sincerely,



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