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May 22, 2015

Mr. Andy Okoro, Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance
City of Norco
2870 Clark Avenue
Norco, CA 92860

Dear Mr. Okoro:

Subject: Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

This letter supersedes the California Department of Finance's (Finance) Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) letter dated April 13, 2015. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (m), the City of Norco Successor Agency (Agency) submitted a Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS 15-16A) to Finance on February 27, 2015, for the period of July through December 2015. Finance issued a ROPS determination letter on April 13, 2015. Subsequently, the Agency requested a Meet and Confer session on one or more of the determinations made by Finance. The Meet and Confer session was held on April 22, 2015.

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 determinations being disputed.

- Item Nos. 4, 5, 6, 20 and 21 – Debt service payments totaling \$3,392,179 for ROPS 15-16A. Finance no longer denies these items. Pursuant to HSC section 34171 (d) (1) (A), successor agencies are permitted to hold a reserve for debt service payments when required by the bond indenture or when the next property tax allocation will be insufficient to pay all obligations due under the provisions of the bond for the next payment due in the following half of the calendar year. During the Meet and confer process, the Agency provided additional information to support that the requested reserve is pursuant to the bond indenture. Therefore, these items are approved for the amount requested or \$3,392,179.

In addition, per Finance's letter dated April 13, 2015, we continue to make the following determinations not contested by the Agency during the Meet and Confer:

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 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.

Based on Finance's review of the Agency's prior period adjustment form, the Agency did not properly reflect the reporting of encumbered RPTTF Non-Admin for debt service on the prior period adjustments form. Item Nos. 4, 5, 6 the Agency received half of the fiscal years total debt service payment during the July through December 31, 2014 period (ROPS 14-15A). It is Finance's understanding the Agency expended \$1,470,563 and encumbered \$229,149 for January through June 30, 2015 period (ROPS 14-15B). Therefore, the amount of RPTTF approved in the table below reflects the prior period adjustment self-reported by the Agency and Finance's suggested adjustment. The Agency should continue to work with the CAC to resolve the PPA differences.

Except for the items denied in whole or in part, Finance is not objecting to the remaining items listed on your ROPS 15-16A.

The Agency's maximum approved RPTTF distribution for the reporting period is \$2,562,915 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	3,448,137
Total RPTTF requested for administrative obligations	125,000
Total RPTTF requested for obligations on ROPS	\$ 3,573,137
Total RPTTF requested for non-administrative obligations	3,448,137
Total RPTTF authorized for non-administrative obligations	\$ 3,448,137
Total RPTTF requested for administrative obligations	125,000
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Total RPTTF authorized for obligations	\$ 3,573,137
Self-reported ROPS 14-15A prior period adjustment (PPA)	(1,239,371)
Finance's suggested adjustment to ROPS 14-15A PPA	229,149
Total ROPS 14-15A PPA	(1,010,222)
Total RPTTF approved for distribution	\$ 2,562,915

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 Evelyn Suess, Dispute Resolution Supervisor, or Danielle Brandon, Analyst, at (916) 445-3274.

Sincerely,



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