

March 25, 2015

Ms. Kim Namba, Administrative Services Manager  
Santa Cruz County  
979 17th Avenue  
Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Dear Ms. Namba:

Subject: Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (m), the Santa Cruz County Successor Agency (Agency) submitted a Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS 15-16A) to the California Department of Finance (Finance) on February 18, 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 a sample of line items reviewed and application of the law, Finance made the following determinations:

Item Nos. 3 and 6 through 11 – Various debt service obligations have been reclassified from Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) funding to Reserve Balances funding totaling \$5,534,699. In ROPS 14-15B, the Agency requested and received RPTTF totaling \$5,534,699 to retain for use on certain September 2015 debt service obligations. As such, the Agency must use \$5,534,699 of Reserve Balances, derived from ROPS 14-15B RPTTF, on ROPS 15-16A debt service obligations prior to requesting RPTTF. Therefore, with the Agency's concurrence, the funding source for the following ROPS 15-16A debt service obligations have been reclassified from RPTTF to Reserve Balances in the amounts specified below:

| Item No. | Debt Service Obligation                    | Requested RPTTF     | Amount Reclassified to Reserve Balances |
|----------|--|---------------------|---|
| 3        | 2000 Tax Allocation Bond (TAB), Series A   | \$ 553,925          | \$ 553,925                              |
| 6        | 2005 TAB, Series A                         | 1,173,328           | 1,173,328                               |
| 7        | 2005 TAB, Series B                         | 827,923             | 827,923                                 |
| 8        | 2007 Taxable Housing Refunding TAB         | 374,284             | 374,284                                 |
| 9        | 2007 Refunding TAB, Series A – Housing     | 149,848             | 149,848                                 |
| 10       | 2007 Refunding TAB, Series A – Non-housing | 420,696             | 420,696                                 |
| 11       | 2009 TAB, Series A                         | 2,305,131           | 2,034,695                               |
|          | <b>Total</b>                               | <b>\$ 5,805,135</b> | <b>\$ 5,534,699</b>                     |

During our review, which may have included obtaining financial records, Finance determined the Agency possesses funds that should be used prior to requesting RPTTF. Pursuant to HSC section 34177 (l) (1) (E), RPTTF may be used as a funding source, but only to the extent no other funding source is available or when payment from property tax revenues is required by an enforceable obligation. The Agency provided financial records that displayed available Reserve Balances totaling \$99,347.

Therefore, with the Agency's concurrence, the funding source for the following item has been partially reclassified from RPTTF to Reserve Balances in the amount specified below:

Item No. 70 – 2010-11 Supplemental Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund Loan in the amount of \$99,347. The Agency requests RPTTF in the amount of \$445,596 for Item No. 70 and it was determined to be an enforceable obligation for the ROPS 15-16A period. However, the Agency has available Reserve Balances and the obligation does not require payment from RPTTF. Therefore, Item No. 70 is partially reclassified from RPTTF to Reserve Balances in the amount of \$99,347.

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. 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.

Except for the items that have been reclassified, 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/](http://www.dof.ca.gov/redevelopment/meet_and_confer/)

The Agency's maximum approved RPTTF distribution for the reporting period is \$6,725,049 as summarized in the Approved RPTTF Distribution table on the next page:

| <b>Approved RPTTF Distribution</b>                               |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| <b>For the period of July through December 2015</b>              |                      |
| Total RPTTF requested for non-administrative obligations         | 12,491,513           |
| Total RPTTF requested for administrative obligations             | 125,000              |
| <b>Total RPTTF requested for obligations on ROPS</b>             | <b>\$ 12,616,513</b> |
| <b>Total RPTTF requested for non-administrative obligations</b>  | <b>12,491,513</b>    |
| <u>Reclassified Items</u>  |                      |
| Item No. 3   | (553,925)            |
| Item No. 6   | (1,173,328)          |
| Item No. 7   | (827,923)            |
| Item No. 8   | (374,284)            |
| Item No. 9   | (149,848)            |
| Item No. 10  | (420,696)            |
| Item No. 11  | (2,034,695)          |
|  | <u>(5,534,699)</u>   |
| <u>Cash Balances - Item reclassified to Reserve Balances</u>     |                      |
| Item No. 70  | (99,347)             |
| <b>Total RPTTF authorized for non-administrative obligations</b> | <b>\$ 6,857,467</b>  |
| <b>Total RPTTF requested for administrative obligations</b>      | <b>125,000</b>       |
| <b>Total RPTTF authorized for administrative obligations</b>     | <b>\$ 125,000</b>    |
| <b>Total RPTTF authorized for obligations</b>                    | <b>\$ 6,982,467</b>  |
| ROPS 14-15A prior period adjustment                              | (257,418)            |
| <b>Total RPTTF approved for distribution</b>                     | <b>\$ 6,725,049</b>  |

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 Wendy Griffe, Supervisor or Erika Santiago, Lead Analyst at (916) 445-1546.

Sincerely,



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