



November 19, 2015

Ms. Christa Elms, Interim Finance Director
City of Blythe
235 North Broadway
Blythe, CA 92225

Dear Ms. Elms:

Subject: Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (m) (1) (A), the City of Blythe Successor Agency (Agency) submitted a Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for the period January 1 through June 30, 2016 (ROPS 15-16B) to the California Department of Finance (Finance) on October 5, 2015. Finance has completed its review of the ROPS 15-16B.

Based on a sample of line items reviewed and application of the law, Finance made the following determinations:

- Item No. 7 – 2000B Tax Allocation Bonds, debt service payment in the amount of \$52,212 has been partially reclassified. It is our understanding the six-month amount is the final debt service payment due for the 2000B Tax Allocation Bonds. The Agency confirmed that it has \$44,199 in bond reserve account balance available for this payment. Therefore, Finance is reclassifying \$44,199 to Bond Proceeds funding and approving \$8,013 in Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) funding.
- Item No. 34 – Litigation costs in the amount of \$41,496 have been reclassified to the administrative cost allowance (ACA), and therefore, claimed administrative costs exceed the allowance by \$41,496. Pursuant to HSC section 34171 (d) (1) (F) (i), legal expenses related to civil actions, including writ proceeding, contesting the validity of the dissolution law, or challenging acts taken pursuant to the dissolution law shall only be payable out of the ACA.

Additionally, HSC section 34171 (b) (2) limits fiscal year 2015-16 administrative expenses to three percent of the RPTTF funds allocated to the Redevelopment Obligation Retirement Fund for the fiscal year or \$250,000. The Riverside County Auditor-Controller distributed \$125,000 administrative costs for the July through December 2015 period, thus leaving a balance of \$125,000 available for the January through June 2016 period (only for ROPS B series). Although \$125,000 is claimed for ACA, Item No. 34 for litigation costs in the amount of \$41,496 is considered general administrative cost and should be counted toward the cap. Therefore, \$41,496 of excess administrative cost is not allowed.

Additionally, Finance noted the Agency altered obligation description for Item No. 31 and reused it for a different obligation. The Agency requested funding for the RPTTF shortfall that occurred during ROPS I and II periods using Item No. 31. The Agency had to use Bond Proceeds funding to pay its debt service due May 2012. Therefore, the requested amount of \$500,000 is eligible for RPTTF funding and Finance is approving the requested amount. However, Item No. 31 was previously used to request funding for the RPTTF shortfall that occurred during ROPS III period, and this obligation was fully funding during ROPS 13-14A. Pursuant to HSC section 34177 (a) (2), documents are to be provided in a manner of Finance's choosing. Finance would like to remind the Agency that item numbers may only be used once and new obligations of the Agency should be listed with the next available sequential item number.

Pursuant to HSC section 34186 (a) (1), the Agency was required to report on the ROPS 15-16B form the estimated obligations versus actual payments (prior period adjustment) associated with the January through June 2015 period (ROPS 14-15B). HSC section 34186 (a) (1) also specifies the prior period adjustment self-reported by the Agency is subject to review by the county auditor-controller (CAC). 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 15-16B. If you disagree with Finance's determination with respect to any items on your ROPS 15-16B, except for those items which are the subject of litigation disputing Finance's previous or related determinations, 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 \$2,487,702 as summarized in the Approved RPTTF Distribution table below:

Approved RPTTF Distribution For the period of January through June 2016	
Total RPTTF requested for non-administrative obligations	2,509,573
Total RPTTF requested for administrative obligations	125,000
Total RPTTF requested for obligations on ROPS 15-16B	\$ 2,634,573
Total RPTTF requested for non-administrative obligations	2,509,573
<u>Reclassified Items</u>	
Item No. 7	(44,199)
Item No. 34	(41,496)
	(85,695)
Total RPTTF authorized for non-administrative obligations	\$ 2,423,878
Total RPTTF requested for administrative obligations	125,000
<u>Reclassified Item</u>	
Item No. 34	41,496
Administrative costs in excess of the cap (see Admin Cost Cap table below)	(41,496)
Total RPTTF authorized for administrative obligations	\$ 125,000
Total RPTTF authorized for obligations	\$ 2,548,878
ROPS 14-15B prior period adjustment	(61,176)
Total RPTTF approved for distribution	\$ 2,487,702

Administrative Cost Cap Calculation	
Total RPTTF for 15-16A (July through December 2015)	1,120,540
Total RPTTF for 15-16B (January through June 2016)	1,903,588
Total RPTTF for fiscal year 2015-2016	3,024,128
Administrative cost cap for fiscal year 2015-16 (Greater of 3% of Total RPTTF or \$250,000)	250,000
Administrative allowance for ROPS 15-16A (July through December 2015)	(125,000)
Remaining administrative cost cap for ROPS 15-16B	125,000
ROPS 15-16B administrative obligations after Finance adjustments	(166,496)
Administrative costs in excess of the cap	\$ (41,496)

On the ROPS 15-16B form, the Agency reported cash balances and activity for the period January 1 through December 31, 2015. Finance will perform a review of the Agency's self-reported cash balances on an ongoing basis. Please be prepared to submit financial records and bridging documents to support the cash balances reported upon request. If it is determined the Agency possesses cash balances that are available to pay approved obligations, HSC section 34177 (l) (1) (E) requires these balances be used prior to requesting RPTTF.

Please refer to the ROPS 15-16B schedule used to calculate the total RPTTF approved for distribution:

<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 January 1 through June 30, 2016. This determination only applies to items when 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 ROPS periods. All items listed on a future ROPS are subject to review and may be denied even if it was not denied on this ROPS or a preceding ROPS. The only exception is for items that have received a Final and Conclusive determination from Finance pursuant to HSC section 34177.5 (i). Finance's review of Final and Conclusive items 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 available prior to the enactment of the redevelopment dissolution statutes. 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.

Please direct inquiries to Cindie Lor, Supervisor, or Satveer Ark, Lead Analyst at (916) 445-1546.

Sincerely,



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cc: Ms. Pam Elias, Chief Accountant Property Tax Division, Riverside County