



November 9, 2015

Mr. Rudolf J. Livingston, Director of Finance  
City of Ojai  
401 S. Ventura Street  
Ojai, CA 93023

Dear Mr. Livingston:

Subject: Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (m) (1) (A), the City of Ojai 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 September 29, 2015. Finance has completed its review of the ROPS 15-16B.

Based on our review, Finance is approving all of the items listed on the ROPS 15-16B at this time.

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). 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 Agency's self-reported prior period adjustment.

In addition, Finance noted on the Agency's ROPS 14-15B prior period adjustment worksheet, the Agency's expenditures exceeded Finance's authorization for the following items:

- Non-Administrative RPTTF totaling \$118,875 – Item No. 8, \$92,875; and Item No. 9, \$26,000.

Pursuant to HSC section 34177 (a) (3), only those payments listed on a ROPS may be made by the Agency from the funds specified on the ROPS up to the amount authorized by Finance. HSC sections 34177 (a) (4) and 34173 (h) (1) 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.

Based on Finance's review of the Agency's prior period adjustment form, the Agency did not properly reflect the availability of admin RPTTF funds. It is Finance's understanding the Agency

was distributed \$125,000 for admin expenditures during 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's maximum approved RPTTF distribution for the reporting period is \$29,438 as summarized in the Approved RPTTF Distribution table below:

<b>Approved RPTTF Distribution</b>	
<b>For the period of January through June 2016</b>	
Total RPTTF requested for non-administrative obligations	0
Total RPTTF requested for administrative obligations	77,219
<b>Total RPTTF requested for obligations on ROPS 15-16B</b>	<b>\$ 77,219</b>
Total RPTTF authorized for non-administrative obligations	0
Total RPTTF authorized for administrative obligations	77,219
<b>Total RPTTF authorized for obligations</b>	<b>\$ 77,219</b>
Self-reported ROPS 14-15B prior period adjustment (PPA)	0
Finance adjustment to ROPS 14-15B PPA	(47,781)
Total ROPS 14-15B PPA	(47,781)
<b>Total RPTTF approved for distribution</b>	<b>\$ 29,438</b>

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.

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Sincerely,



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