



March 17, 2016

Ms. Carolyn Galloway-Cooper, Finance Director
City of Buellton
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P.O. Box 1819
Buellton, CA 93427

Dear Ms. Galloway-Cooper:

Subject: 2016-17 Annual Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (o) (1), the City of Buellton Successor Agency (Agency) submitted a Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 (ROPS 16-17) to the California Department of Finance (Finance) on January 26, 2016. Finance has completed its review of the ROPS 16-17.

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

Item Nos. 1 through 5 – Visitor's Bureau property maintenance costs totaling \$4,900 from Administrative Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) funding are no longer obligations of the Agency. The Visitor's Bureau property was listed in the Agency's Long-Range Property Management Plan (LRPMP) as a governmental use asset, to be transferred to the City of Buellton (City). Finance approved the Agency's LRPMP on December 30, 2015. Therefore, the property should be transferred to the City in accordance with the approved LRPMP, and the costs associated with the property are no longer Agency obligations. As such, Visitor's Bureau property maintenance costs totaling \$4,900 are not eligible for funding.

Item No. 6 – Administrative Costs totaling \$40,906 are not allowed. Pursuant to HSC section 34171 (b) (4), the Agency's 2016-17 Administrative Cost Allowance (ACA) cannot exceed 50 percent of the distributed RPTTF in the preceding fiscal year. The Agency did not receive RPTTF in the preceding fiscal year. Consequently, the Agency is not eligible for ACA funding on ROPS 16-17.

If you disagree with Finance's determination with respect to any items on your ROPS 16-17, 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 zero as summarized in the Approved RPTTF Distribution table on page 4 (See Attachment).

ROPS distributions will occur twice annually, one distribution for the July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 (ROPS A period), and one distribution for the January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017 (ROPS B period) based on Finance's approved amounts. Since Finance's determination is for the entire ROPS 16-17 period, the Agency is authorized to receive up to the maximum approved RPTTF through the combined ROPS A and B period distributions.

On the ROPS 16-17 form, the Agency reported cash balances and activity for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Finance performs a review of the Agency's self-reported cash balances on an ongoing basis. 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 enforceable obligations, HSC section 34177 (l) (1) (E) requires these balances to be used prior to requesting RPTTF.

In addition, on the ROPS 16-17 form, the Agency was not required to report the estimated obligations versus actual payments (prior period adjustment) associated with the July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 period (ROPS 15-16A). The Agency will report actual payments for ROPS 15-16A and ROPS 15-16B on the ROPS 18-19 form pursuant to HSC section 34186 (a) (1). A prior period adjustment will be applied to the Agency's ROPS 18-19 RPTTF distribution. Therefore, the Agency should retain any unexpended ROPS 15-16A and ROPS 15-16B RPTTF

Please refer to the ROPS 16-17 schedule used to calculate the total RPTTF approved for distribution:

<http://www.dof.ca.gov/redevelopment/ROPS>

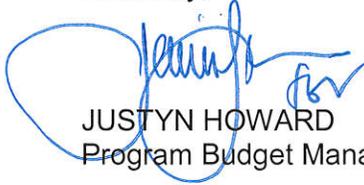
Absent a Meet and Confer, this is Finance's determination related to the enforceable obligations reported on your ROPS for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. This determination only applies to items when funding was requested for the 12-month period. Finance's determination is effective for 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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Please direct inquiries to Wendy Griffe, Supervisor, or Jonathan Cox, Lead Analyst, at (916) 445-1546.

Sincerely,



JUSTYN HOWARD
Program Budget Manager

cc: Mr. Marc P. Bierdzinski, City Manager, City of Buellton
Mr. Ed Price, Division Chief Property Tax Division, Santa Barbara County

Attachment

Approved RPTTF Distribution			
For the period of July 2016 through June 2017			
	ROPS A Period	ROPS B Period	Total
Requested RPTTF (excluding administrative obligations)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Requested Administrative RPTTF	22,903	22,903	45,806
Total RPTTF requested for obligations on ROPS 16-17	22,903	22,903	\$ 45,806
RPTTF requested	0	0	0
RPTTF authorized	0	0	\$ 0
Administrative RPTTF requested	22,903	22,903	45,806
<u>Denied Items</u>			
Item No. 1	(600)	(600)	(1,200)
Item No. 2	(200)	(200)	(400)
Item No. 3	(1,000)	(1,000)	(2,000)
Item No. 4	(300)	(300)	(600)
Item No. 5	(350)	(350)	(700)
Administrative RPTTF after Finance adjustments	20,453	20,453	40,906
Administrative costs in excess of the cap (see Administrative Cost Allowance Cap table below)	(20,453)	(20,453)	(40,906)
Administrative RPTTF authorized	0	0	0
Total RPTTF approved for distribution	0	0	\$ 0

Administrative Cost Allowance Cap Calculation		
Actual RPTTF distributed for fiscal year 2015-16	\$	0
Less sponsoring entity loan and Administrative RPTTF		0
Actual RPTTF distributed for 2015-16 after adjustment		0
Administrative cap for 2016-17 per HSC section 34171 (b)		0
ROPS 16-17 Administrative RPTTF after Finance adjustments		40,906
Administrative Cost Allowance in excess of the cap	\$	(40,906)