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April 15, 2016

Mr. Peter Grant, City Manager
City of Cypress
5275 Orange Avenue
Cypress, CA 90630

Dear Mr. Grant:

Subject: 2016-17 Annual Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (o) (1), the City of Cypress Successor Agency (Agency) submitted a Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 (ROPS 16-17) to the California Department of Finance (Finance) on January 25, 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. 2 and 11 – The Agency requested the current scheduled payment for the Restated and Re-entered Repayment Agreement in the amount of $2,110,825 under Item No. 2. The Agency also requested $5,870,483 under Item No. 11; this item represents the shortfall for amounts approved for the past due amounts as part of ROPS 15-16B in which sufficient Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) funding was not available to fund the full amount approved. Per the Agency's request on April 14, 2016, Finance has lowered the amount requested by $120,825 to $7,860,483 for Item Nos. 2 and 11. Specifically, Finance is approving $2,110,825 for Item No. 2 and approving $5,749,658 for Item No. 11, a total of $7,860,483.

- Item No. 10 – Litigation expenditures totaling $50,000 requested for the ROPS 16-17 period have been reclassified to the Administrative Cost Allowance (ACA). Pursuant to HSC 34171 (d) (1) (F) (i), legal expenses contesting the validity of dissolution law, or challenging acts taken pursuant to the dissolution laws shall only be payable out of the ACA. This item relates to costs incurred by the Agency in challenging Finance's ROPS determinations. Therefore, this item is considered a general administrative cost and has been reclassified to the Agency's ACA.

Except for the item that has been reclassified, Finance is not objecting to the remaining items listed on your 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/

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.

The Agency's maximum approved RPTTF distribution for the reporting period is $8,454,130 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 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 future RPTTF distribution. Therefore, the Agency should retain any difference in unexpended 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.

Please direct inquiries to Nichelle Thomas, Supervisor, or Alexander Watt, Lead Analyst at (916) 445-1546.

Sincerely,

for

JUSTYN HOWARD
Program Budget Manager

cc: Mr. Matt Burton, Director of Finance & Administrative Services, City of Cypress
Mr. Frank Davies, Property Tax Manager, Orange County

## Attachment

| Approved RPTTF Distribution<br>For the period of July 2016 through June 2017 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | ROPS A Period | ROPS B Period | Total |
| Requested RPTTF (excluding administrative obligations) | $ 2,983,798 | $ 5,539,622 | $ 8,523,420 |
| Requested Administrative RPTTF | 25,100 | 26,435 | 51,535 |
| **Total Requested RPTTF on ROPS 16-17** | $ 3,008,898 | $ 5,566,057 | **$ 8,574,955** |
| Adjustment to Agency Requested RPTTF | | | |
| Item No .11 | (120,825) | 0 | (120,825) |
| **Total RPTTF Requested** | 2,862,973 | 5,539,622 | **8,402,595** |
| Reclassified Item | | | |
| Item No. 10 | (25,000) | (25,000) | (50,000) |
| **Total RPTTF authorized** | 2,837,973 | 5,514,622 | **$ 8,352,595** |
| **Total Administrative RPTTF requested** | 25,100 | 26,435 | **51,535** |
| Reclassified Item | | | |
| Item No. 10 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 50,000 |
| **Total Administrative RPTTF authorized** | 50,100 | 51,435 | **$ 101,535** |
| **Total RPTTF approved for distribution** | 2,888,073 | 5,566,057 | **$ 8,454,130** |