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Mr. Errin Briggs, Successor Agency Program Manager
Santa Barbara County
123 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Dear Mr. Briggs:

Subject: 2016-17 Annual Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (o) (1), the Santa Barbara County 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 26, 2016. Finance has completed its review of the ROPS 16-17.

Based on our review, Finance is approving all of the items listed on the ROPS 16-17 at this time.

The Agency's maximum approved Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) distribution for the reporting period is $1,411,984 as summarized in the Approved RPTTF Distribution table on page 3 (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.

Please direct inquiries to Wendy Griffe, Supervisor, or Jonathan Cox, Lead Analyst, at (916) 445-1546.

Sincerely,

for

JUSTYN HOWARD
Program Budget Manager

cc: Ms. Katie Roth, Division Chief, Advanced & Specialty Accounting, Santa Barbara County
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)	$ 1,098,442	$ 282,442	$ 1,380,884
Requested Administrative RPTTF	15,395	15,705	31,100
Total RPTTF requested for obligations on ROPS 16-17	**1,113,837**	**298,147**	**$ 1,411,984**
RPTTF authorized	1,098,442	282,442	1,380,884
Administrative RPTTF authorized	15,395	15,705	31,100
Total RPTTF approved for distribution	**1,113,837**	**298,147**	**$ 1,411,984**