



April 14, 2016

Ms. Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director
City of Sonora
94 North Washington Street
Sonora, CA 95370

Dear Ms. Kellogg:

Subject: 2016-17 Annual Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (o) (1), the City of Sonora 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 13, 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 determination:

Claimed Administrative Cost Allowance (ACA) of \$21,450 is not allowed. The Tuolumne County Auditor-Controller provided HSC section 34177 (l) (1) (E) requires these balances to be used prior to requesting Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Funds (RPTTF) distribution reports for the ROPS 15-16A and ROPS 15-16B periods. However, these reports do not reconcile to the Finance's authorized RPTTF amounts. Finance has been working with the CAC to resolve the issue; however, to date no resolution has been reached. Consequently, Finance is unable to calculate or approve the ACA for the ROPS 16-17 period. The Agency should continue to work with the CAC to resolve this issue.

Except for the item denied, 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 Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Funds (RPTTF).

The Agency's maximum approved RPTTF distribution for the reporting period is \$130,259 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. As 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:

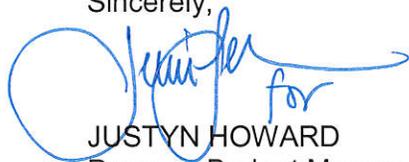
<http://www.dof.ca.gov/redevelopment/ROPS>

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 Michael Barr, Lead Analyst at (916) 445-1546.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Justyn Howard", with a large circular flourish on the left side. The signature is written over the printed name and title.

JUSTYN HOWARD
Program Budget Manager

cc: Ms. Karen Stark, Finance Director, City of Sonora
Ms. Deborah Russell, Auditor-Controller, Tuolumne 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)	\$ 127,055	\$ 3,204	\$ 130,259
Requested Administrative RPTTF	14,300	7,150	21,450
Total RPTTF requested for obligations on ROPS 16-17	141,355	10,354	\$ 151,709
Total RPTTF authorized	127,055	3,204	130,259
Total Administrative RPTTF requested	14,300	7,150	21,450
Administrative RPTTF denied	(14,300)	(7,150)	(21,450)
Total Administrative RPTTF authorized	0	0	0
Total RPTTF approved for distribution	127,055	3,204	\$ 130,259