



October 11, 2012

Mr. David E. Witt, City Manager
City of La Mesa
8130 Allison Avenue
La Mesa, CA 91942

Dear Mr. Witt:

Subject: Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (m), the City of La Mesa Successor Agency (Agency) submitted a Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS III) to the California Department of Finance (Finance) on August 28, 2012 for the period of January through June 2013. Finance has completed its review of your ROPS III, which may have included obtaining clarification for various items.

HSC section 34171 (d) defines enforceable obligations. Based on our review and application of the law, Item No. 5 – a loan agreement between the City of La Mesa (City) and the Agency in the amount of \$5.3 million is not an enforceable obligation. The loan was used to purchase the land under the police station. HSC section 34171 (d) (2) states that agreements between the City and the Agency are not enforceable. Upon receiving a Finding of Completion from Finance, HSC section 34191.4 (b) may cause this item to be enforceable in future ROPS periods.

Although enforceable, Item No. 14 and 15 are considered administrative costs and have been reclassified.

Except for items denied in whole or in part as enforceable obligations as noted above, Finance is approving the remaining items listed in your ROPS III. If you disagree with the determination with respect to any items on your ROPS III, 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 Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) distribution for the reporting period is: \$335,321 as summarized below:

| Approved RPTTF Distribution Amount For the period of January through June 2013 | |
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| Total RPTTF funding requested for obligations | \$ 1,085,321 |
| Less: Six-month total for item(s) denied or reclassified as administrative cost | |
| Item No. 5 | 750,000 |
| Item No. 14 * | 48,585 |
| Item No. 15 * | 92,855 |
| Total approved RPTTF for enforceable obligations | \$ 193,881 |
| Plus: Allowable RPTTF distribution for administrative cost for ROPS III | 141,440 |
| Total RPTTF approved: | \$ 335,321 |

* Items reclassified as administrative costs

Pursuant to HSC section 34186 (a), successor agencies were required to report on the ROPS III form the estimated obligations and actual payments associated with the January through June 2012 period. The amount of RPTTF approved in the above table will be adjusted by the county auditor-controller to account for differences between actual payments and past estimated obligations. Additionally, these estimates and accounts are subject to audit by the county auditor-controller and the State Controller.

Please refer to the ROPS III schedule that was used to calculate the approved RPTTF amount:

<http://www.dof.ca.gov/redevelopment/ROPS/ROPS III Forms by Successor Agency/>.

All items listed on a future ROPS are subject to a subsequent review. An item included on a future ROPS may be denied even if it was not questioned from the preceding ROPS.

The amount available from the RPTTF is the same as the property tax increment that was available prior to enactment of ABx1 26 and AB 1484. This amount is not and never was an unlimited funding source. 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 successor agency in the RPTTF.

Please direct inquiries to Robert Scott, Supervisor or Jenny DeAngelis, Lead Analyst at (916) 445-1546.

Sincerely,


STEVE SZALAY
Local Government Consultant

cc: Ms. Sarah Waller-Bullock, Director of Finance, City of La Mesa
Mr. Juan Pérez, Senior Auditor and Controller Manager, San Diego County