



October 10, 2012

Mr. Errin Briggs, Program Manager
County of Santa Barbara
123 East Anapamu
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Dear Mr. Briggs:

Subject: Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (m), the County of Santa Barbara successor agency (Agency) submitted a Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS III) to the California Department of Finance (Finance) on August 27, 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 3 – The El Embarcadero Phase II Construction Project is not an enforceable obligation. The construction contract was let on June 26, 2012 in the amount of \$238,000 committing stranded bond proceeds to fund the expenditures. HSC section 34163 (b) prohibits the Agency from entering into a contract with any entity after June 27, 2011. Because the contract was let after the June 27, 2011, the contract is void. Upon receiving a Finding of Completion from Finance, these items may become enforceable pursuant to HSC section 34191.4 (c). Until then, they are not enforceable obligations and not authorized for payment.

Except for item denied in whole or in part as an enforceable obligation 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: \$467,641 as summarized below:

Approved RPTTF Distribution Amount	
For the period of January through June 2013	
Total RPTTF funding requested for obligations	\$ 342,641
Less: Six-month total for item(s) denied or reclassified as administrative cost	0
Total approved RPTTF for enforceable obligations	\$ 342,641
Plus: Allowable RPTTF distribution for administrative cost for ROPS III	125,000
Total RPTTF approved:	\$ 467,641

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/](http://www.dof.ca.gov/redevelopment/ROPS/ROPS%20III%20Forms%20by%20Successor%20Agency/).

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,



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cc: Mr. Mark Paul, Deputy Director of Finance and Administration, Santa Barbara County
Mr. Robert W. Geis, CPA, Auditor-Controller, Santa Barbara County