



October 11, 2012

Mr. Richard Loomis, Finance Director
City of Pinole
2131 Pear Street
Pinole, CA 94564

Dear Mr. Loomis:

Subject: Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (m), the City of Pinole 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 a sample of line items reviewed and application of the law, the following do not qualify as an enforceable obligation:

Item No. 38 – Temporary Cash-flow Borrowing Agreement in the amount of \$1 million. Pursuant to HSC section 34183.5, the July true-up process was to distribute the amount of residual property tax revenue to affecting taxing entities based on the amount approved by Finance on the January through June 2012 ROPS. This is a loan from the City to the Agency to make the July true-up payment to the county auditor-controller. Therefore, this item does not qualify as an enforceable obligation and is not eligible for Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) funding.

Except for the 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 \$1,986,013 as summarized below:

Approved RPTTF Distribution Amount For the period of January through June 2013	
Total RPTTF funding requested for obligations	\$ 2,906,683
Less: Six-month total for item denied Item 38	1,047,133
Total approved RPTTF for enforceable obligations	<u>\$ 1,859,550</u>
Plus: Allowable RPTTF distribution for administrative cost for ROPS III	126,463
Total RPTTF approved:	\$ 1,986,013

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 Nichelle Thomas, Supervisor or Wendy Griffe, Lead Analyst at (916) 445-1546.

Sincerely,



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Local Government Consultant

cc: Ms. Belinda Espinosa, City Manager, City of Pinole
Mr. Bob Campbell, Auditor-Controller, Contra Costa County