



October 20, 2012

Mr. Rene M. Visé, Administrative Services Director
City of Santa Maria
110 East Cook Street, Room 6
Santa Maria, CA 93454

Dear Ms. Visé:

Subject: Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (m), the City of Santa Maria successor agency (Agency) submitted a Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS III) to the California Department of Finance (Finance) on August 30, 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.

Based on our review, we are approving all of the items listed on your ROPS III at this time.

Although the requested administrative funding is within the cap pursuant to HSC section 34171 (b), it appears excessive given no funding was requested for any other obligations. Administrative costs allowed should be limited to activities directly related to the Agency and any overestimation in funds should cause adjustments to future RPTTF distributions pursuant to HSC section 34186 (a).

The Agency's maximum approved Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) distribution for the reporting period is: \$125,000 as summarized below:

Approved RPTTF Distribution Amount	
For the period of January through June 2013	
Total RPTTF funding requested for obligations	\$ 0
Plus: Allowable RPTTF distribution for administrative cost for ROPS III	125,000
Total RPTTF approved:	\$ 125,000

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 Derk Symons, Lead Analyst at (916) 445-1546.

Sincerely,



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Local Government Consultant

cc: Mr. Rick Haydon, City Manager, City of Santa Maria
Mr. Ed Price, Division Chief Property Tax Division, County of Santa Barbara