



March 19, 2018

Mr. William B. Avera, City Manager
City of Hollister
375 Fifth Street
Hollister, CA 95023

Dear Mr. Avera:

Subject: 2018-19 Annual Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (o) (1), the City of Hollister Successor Agency (Agency) submitted an annual Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 (ROPS 18-19) to the California Department of Finance (Finance) on January 25, 2018. Finance has completed its review of the ROPS 18-19.

Based on a sample of line items reviewed and application of the law, Finance is approving all of the items listed on the ROPS 18-19 at this time. However, Finance notes the following:

The administrative costs claimed are within the fiscal year administrative cap pursuant to HSC section 34171(b) (3), but the Oversight Board (OB) has approved an amount that appears excessive, given the number and nature of the other obligations listed on the ROPS. HSC section 34179 (i) requires the OB to exercise a fiduciary duty to the taxing entities. Therefore, Finance encourages the OB to apply adequate oversight when evaluating the administrative resources required to successfully wind-down the Agency.

The Agency's maximum approved Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) distribution for the reporting period is \$3,380,194 as summarized in the Approved RPTTF Distribution table on Page 3 (see Attachment).

RPTTF distributions occur biannually, one distribution for the July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 period (ROPS A period) and one distribution for the January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019 period (ROPS B period) based on Finance's approved amounts. Since this determination is for the entire ROPS 18-19 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 18-19 form, the Agency reported cash balances and activity for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Finance reviews the Agency's self-reported cash balances on an ongoing basis. The Agency should be prepared to submit financial records and bridging documents to support the cash balances reported upon request. HSC section 34177 (l) (1) (E) requires available balances to be used prior to requesting RPTTF.

Pursuant to HSC section 34186 (c), beginning October 1, 2018, the Agency will be required to report the estimated obligations versus actual payments (prior period adjustment) associated with the July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 period (ROPS 16-17) to the County Auditor-Controller for review. The Agency will report actual payments for ROPS 16-17 on ROPS 19-20. A prior period adjustment may be applied to the Agency's ROPS 19-20 RPTTF distribution. Therefore, the Agency should retain any unexpended RPTTF from the ROPS 16-17 period.

This is our final determination regarding the obligations listed on the ROPS 18-19. This determination only applies to items when funding was requested for the 12-month period.

The ROPS 18-19 form submitted by the Agency and this determination letter will be posted on our website:

<http://dof.ca.gov/Programs/Redevelopment/ROPS/>

This determination is effective for the ROPS 18-19 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 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 redevelopment dissolution law. Therefore, as a practical matter, the ability to fund the items on the ROPS with property tax increment is limited to the amount of funding available to the Agency in the RPTTF.

Please direct inquiries to Cindie Lor, Supervisor, or Satveer Ark, Lead Analyst, at (916) 322-2985.

Sincerely,



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Program Budget Manager

cc: Ms. Mary M. Paxton, Program Manager, City of Hollister
Mr. Joe Paul Gonzalez, Auditor Controller, San Benito County

Attachment

Approved RPTTF Distribution			
For the period of July 2018 through June 2019			
	ROPS A Period	ROPS B Period	ROPS 18-19 Total
RPTTF Requested	\$ 3,101,694	\$ 28,500	\$ 3,130,194
Administrative RPTTF Requested	125,000	125,000	250,000
Total RPTTF Requested	3,226,694	153,500	3,380,194
RPTTF Authorized	3,101,694	28,500	3,130,194
Administrative RPTTF Authorized	125,000	125,000	250,000
Total RPTTF Approved for Distribution	\$ 3,226,694	\$ 153,500	\$ 3,380,194