



April 11, 2018

Ms. Patricia Rosenberg, Finance Director
City of Barstow
220 East Mountain View Street, Suite A
Barstow, CA 92311

Dear Ms. Rosenberg:

Subject: 2018-19 Annual Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (o) (1), the City of Barstow 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 31, 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 made the following determinations:

- The administrative costs claimed are within the fiscal year administrative cap pursuant to HSC section 34171 (b) (3). However, the Oversight Board (OB) has approved an amount that appears excessive, given the number and nature of the 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 necessary to successfully wind-down the Agency.
- On the ROPS 18-19 form, the Agency reported cash balances and activity for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 (ROPS 15-16). According to our review, the Agency has approximately \$33,845 in unexpended Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) from prior ROPS periods available to fund enforceable obligations on the ROPS 18-19. HSC section 34177 (l) (1) (E) requires these balances to be used prior to requesting RPTTF. Therefore, with the Agency's concurrence, the funding source for the following item has been reclassified as specified below:
 - Item No. 9 – Swimming Pool Loan in the amount of \$39,685 is partially reclassified. This item does not require payment from property tax revenues. Therefore, Finance is approving RPTTF in the amount of \$5,840, and Reserve Balances in the amount of \$33,845, totaling \$39,685.

Except for the items adjusted, Finance is not objecting to the remaining items listed on the ROPS 18-19. If the Agency disagrees with our determination with respect to any items on the ROPS 18-19, except items that are the subject of litigation disputing our previous or related determinations, the Agency 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 on our website:

[http://dof.ca.gov/Programs/Redevelopment/Meet And Confer/](http://dof.ca.gov/Programs/Redevelopment/Meet%20And%20Confer/)

The Agency's maximum approved RPTTF distribution for the reporting period is \$1,362,147 as summarized in the Approved RPTTF Distribution table on Page 4 (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.

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 San Bernardino 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.

Absent a Meet and Confer, 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. If a denial by Finance in a previous ROPS is currently the subject of litigation, the item will continue to be deemed denied until the matter is resolved.

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.

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Please direct inquiries to Nichelle Jackson, Supervisor, or Michael Barr, Lead Analyst, at (916) 322-2985.

Sincerely,



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Program Budget Manager

cc: Ms. Jacque Chamberlain, Accountant, City of Barstow
Ms. Linda Santillano, Property Tax Manager, San Bernardino County

Attachment

| Approved RPTTF Distribution | | | |
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| For the period of July 2018 through June 2019 | | | |
| | ROPS A Period | ROPS B Period | ROPS 18-19 Total |
| RPTTF Requested | \$ 1,175,097 | \$ 70,895 | \$ 1,245,992 |
| Administrative RPTTF Requested | 75,000 | 75,000 | 150,000 |
| Total RPTTF Requested | 1,250,097 | 145,895 | 1,395,992 |
| RPTTF Requested | 1,175,097 | 70,895 | 1,245,992 |
| <u>Adjustments</u> | | | |
| Item No. 9 | (33,845) | 0 | (33,845) |
| RPTTF Authorized | 1,141,252 | 70,895 | 1,212,147 |
| Administrative RPTTF Authorized | 75,000 | 75,000 | 150,000 |
| Total RPTTF Approved for Distribution | \$ 1,216,252 | \$ 145,895 | \$ 1,362,147 |