

Oversight Board for Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency (RASA)

Meeting Date: 6/4/12

Report Type: Discussion

Title: Department of Finance Comments on Recognized Obligation Payment Schedules for January – June 2012 and July – December 2012

Recommendation: Receive and file an oral report regarding communications received from the State Department of Finance on the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedules for January – June 2012 and July – December 2012.

Contact: **Leslie Fritzsche**, RASA staff person and Downtown Redevelopment Manager, City of Sacramento Economic Development Department, (916) 808-5450

Issue: This oral report will cover the State Department of Finance (DOF) review of both of the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule, January – June 2012 and July – December 2012. Staff has been in regular contact with DOF and as of Thursday, May 24th anticipated receiving an approval letter. On May 31st, the attached letter was received indicating only two disallowed areas: the first a loan to the City for the Railyards and second, environmental remediation on Agency-owned property where there is no existing contract.

Attachments:

Attachment 1 – DOF Approval Letter



May 30, 2012

Leslie Fritzsche
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City of Sacramento
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Dear Ms. Fritzsche:

Subject: Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule Approval Letter

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (l) (2) (C), the City of Sacramento (City) Successor Agency submitted Recognized Obligation Payment Schedules (ROPS) to the California Department of Finance (Finance) on May 22, 2012 for period of the January to June 2012 and May 21, 2012 for the period of July to December 2012. Finance is assuming appropriate oversight board approval. Finance has completed its review of your ROPS, which may have included obtaining clarification for various items.

Finance is approving the items listed in your ROPS except for the following:

January through June 2012 ROPS

HSC section 34171 (d) lists enforceable obligation (EO) characteristics. Based on a sample of line items reviewed and application of the law, the following do not qualify as EOs:

- Form A, page 1, item 26 in the amount of \$537,276 is a loan with the City. HSC section 34171 (d) (2) states that agreements, contracts, or arrangements between the city, county, or city and county that created the redevelopment agency and the former redevelopment agency are not enforceable obligations.
- Form B, page 3, items no. 146, 148 through 152, 154, 155, 157, 158, 160, and 162 in the amount of \$4.5 million for environmental remediation to land. No documents were provided to support the amounts.

July through December 2012 ROPS

HSC section 34171 (d) lists enforceable obligation (EO) characteristics. Based on a sample of line items reviewed and application of the law, the following do not qualify as EOs:

- Form B, page 1, item no. 21 in the amount of \$537,276 is a loan with the City. HSC section 34171 (d) (2) states that agreements, contracts, or arrangements between the city, county, or city and county that created the redevelopment agency and the former redevelopment agency are not enforceable obligations.
- Form A, page 1, items no. 95 through 105 in the amount of \$4.5 million for environmental remediation to land. No documentation was provided to support the amounts.

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This is our determination with respect to any items funded from the Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) for the June 1, 2012 property tax allocations. If your oversight board disagrees with our determination with respect to any items not funded with property tax, any future resolution of the disputed issue may be accommodated by amending the ROPS for the appropriate time period. Items not questioned during this review are subject to a subsequent review, if they are included on a future ROPS. If an item included on a future ROPS is not an enforceable obligation, Finance reserves the right to remove that item from the future ROPS, even if it was not removed from the preceding ROPS.

Please refer to Exhibit 12 at http://www.dof.ca.gov/assembly_bills_26-27/view.php for the amount of RPTTF that was approved by Finance based on the schedule submitted.

As you are aware the amount of available RPTTF is the same as the property tax increment that was available prior to ABx1 26. 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 in the RPTTF.

Please direct inquiries to Robert Scott, Supervisor or Derk Symons, Lead Analyst at (916) 322-2985.

Sincerely,



MARK HILL
Program Budget Manager

cc: Ms. Kim Le, Senior Accounting Manager, Sacramento County