

**Date:** January 28, 2019

To: Countywide Oversight Board

From: City of Brentwood Successor Agency

Subject: Resolution of the Countywide Oversight Board to the Successor Agencies of

the Redevelopment Agencies within Contra Costa County ("Countywide Oversight Board") adopting the Brentwood Successor Agency Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) for July 2019 – June 2020, and authorizing the City of Brentwood Director of Finance and Information Systems to make minor adjustments thereto as necessary to secure approval of the

ROPS by the State Department of Finance.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt a Resolution approving the Brentwood Successor Agency ("Successor Agency") Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) for July 2019 – June 2020, and authorizing the City of Brentwood Director of Finance and Information Systems to make minor adjustments thereto as necessary to secure approval of the ROPS by the State Department of Finance.

## **BACKGROUND**

By law, a successor agency is required to prepare a forward looking ROPS which reports one year of successor agency financial obligations, commonly referred to as "Enforceable Obligations". A successor agency may expend funds only for items on an approved ROPS. The ROPS presented for consideration covers the July 2019 – June 2020 time period.

Should the ROPS be approved by the Countywide Oversight Board, it will then be remitted to the State Department of Finance ("DOF") for their review. In the event of a dispute between the Successor Agency and the DOF regarding a line item on the ROPS the Successor Agency may request an additional review by the DOF, and has the opportunity to meet and confer on disputed items.

The Successor Agency is reporting excess funds at June 30, 2017 on the Cash Balance page of \$126,059 relating to \$124,779 of unspent investment earnings received and \$1,280 of unspent Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Funds (RPTTF) remaining. The RPTTF unspent funds were allocated for investment and trustee fees which came in slightly under projections. These remaining balances will serve to reduce the Successor Agency's future RPTTF allocations, as the DOF requires remaining funds to be spent prior to future RPTTF allocations.

The ROPS Detail Page includes a total of \$2,730,878 of enforceable obligations for the July 2019 – June 2020 time frame. Of the obligations listed, a total of \$2,479,278 is necessary to meet debt service payment obligations; \$1,600 is for investment/trustee related expenses; and \$250,000 is for the Successor Agency's annual administrative cost allowance. These expenses have all been consistently approved by the DOF on prior ROPS. In the future there will be a reconciliation of the RPTTF allocation that the Successor Agency receives for ROPS 19-20 against expenses which actually occur. Funds received for expenses listed on the ROPS which do not actually occur will be deducted from future RPTTF allocations. In this way, the Successor Agency is only provided sufficient funds to meet actual, rather than projected, expenses.

As mentioned above, the ROPS contains the administrative budget for the Successor Agency. The Successor Agency has arranged with the City of Brentwood to provide the staff services, office materials and equipment to administer the responsibilities of the Successor Agency. The Successor Agency's "administrative cost allowance", as defined and authorized pursuant to H&S Code Section 34171(b), is a minimum reimbursement of \$250,000 for the entire 2019/20 fiscal year. In accordance with H&S Code Section 34177(j)(1), the total estimated Successor Agency administrative costs for the 2019/20 fiscal year are expected to exceed this limit and therefore the administrative budget for ROPS 19-20 is \$250,000. Approval of the Administrative Budget will be considered in a separate item on today's agenda.

Attachments
Resolution
Exhibit "A" – Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule July 2019 - June 2020