

Agenda Report

DATE:

January 27, 2020

TO:

CONTRA COSTA COUNTYWIDE OVERSIGHT BOARD TO THE

SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

OF WALNUT CREEK

FROM:

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT - FINANCE

SUBJECT:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION

PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

Successor Agency Staff has prepared the attached Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS), for the ROPS period from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 (ROPS 20-21). This ROPS is the fourteenth period report prepared for the Successor Agency of the Walnut Creek Redevelopment Agency and is the fifth annual ROPS to be prepared as required by the State Department of Finance (DOF) with passage into law of SB 107 effective September 22, 2015.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the attached Resolution authorizing the July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS 20-21) which includes the administrative budget.

DISCUSSION:

The ROPS includes the debt service payments, administrative costs, and the maximum repayment allowed for the approved reimbursement agreement to repay past advances. Unless otherwise noted, the items on this ROPS are the same as those submitted on the ROPS 19-20 (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020) which was approved by the Oversight Board on January 28, 2019. Except for items adjusted based on review and application of the law, the DOF approved all (remaining) items listed on the ROPS 19-20. Cash Balances were available to fund the items approved on the ROPS 19-20, therefore Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) distributions to the Successor Agency by the County Auditor-Controller were not necessary.

The City of Walnut Creek Successor Agency balance of past advances made by the City of Walnut Creek to the former Redevelopment Agency in the amount of \$274,544 (line 23, page 3) is included as an enforceable obligation on the ROPS. Per review of information and documentation provided to the Department of Finance (DOF) during the Meet and Confer process conducted in late 2014, the DOF indicated that provided there were residual balances available pursuant to HSC Section 34191.4 (b), the Successor agency may request funding on

future ROPS. A request to use available Cash Balances to fund the repayment amount is included on ROPS 20-21.

Recognized Obligation Payments Schedule July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

Per provisions of SB 107 passed into law on September 22, 2015 and effective immediately, beginning with fiscal year July 1, 2016 through at least June 30, 2021, ROPS will be submitted annually on February 1 of each year. DOF will issue determinations on the annual ROPS by April 1. Annual ROPS can only be amended once and no later than October 1. As of July 1, 2018, the local Oversight Board has been replaced with a Countywide Oversight Board.

As required under Health and Safety Code section 34177 and 34180, staff of the Successor Agency to the Walnut Creek Redevelopment Agency has prepared the fourteenth Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS 20-21). The deadline for submission of ROPS 20-21 to the DOF is February 1, 2020. Funding (provided all available cash balances have been exhausted) will come from property tax apportionment which the County Controller is required to make to the Successor Agency by June 2020 and January 2021.

The proposed ROPS includes all obligation for balance needed for the payment of debt service for the entire (fiscal) year of 2020-21, direct staff and legal services costs for performance of those responsibilities through June 2021, the administrative costs to the County Auditor and repayment of the balance of past advances made by the City of Walnut Creek to the former Redevelopment Agency for a total of \$533,985.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

The actions set forth in the recommended accompanying resolution, as summarized above, are exempt under Guideline 15378(b)(4) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in that the actions do not constitute a "project," but instead are required to continue a governmental funding mechanism for enforceable obligations of the former Redevelopment Agency and to perform statutorily mandated unwinding of the assets, liabilities and functions of the former Redevelopment Agency pursuant to the Dissolution Act. A notice of exemption will be filed with the County Clerk in accordance with the CEQA guidelines.

DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1:

ROPS

Attachment 2:

Resolution Approving ROPS

OVERSIGHT BOARD TO THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE WALNUT CREEK REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ACTION RECOMMENDED:

Approval of the attached Resolution approving the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) which covers the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

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