



July 11, 2012

TO REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

As part of our ongoing effort to work with Successor Agencies on the implementation of Assembly Bill 26, First Extraordinary Session (ABx1 26), the Department of Finance (Finance) would like to advise you of several new responsibilities and deadlines implemented by the recently enacted Assembly Bill 1484 (AB 1484, Chapter 26, Statutes of 2012). Specifically, AB 1484 establishes a catch-up process for revenues distributed in 2011-12. Going forward, AB 1484 expands the review time and creates a meet-and-confer process for future substantial's and processes. The measure also establishes incentives for compliance and penalties for noncompliance effective July 2012. These changes are described below, and Finance's website will continue to be updated to provide the most current information available.

2011-12 Catch-Up Process

AB 1484 establishes a catch-up process for the distribution of 2011-12 property taxes associated with the dissolution of redevelopment agencies. The timeline is short to ensure that the allocation of last year's revenues is quickly resolved.

- By July 9, 2012, county auditor-controllers must calculate the amount of residual property tax revenue that Successor Agencies owe to cities, counties, special districts, and K-14 schools (collectively known as Affected Taxing Entities) for the period covered by the January 2012 through June 2012 Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS). These calculations are based on the information reported by the Successor Agencies on the January 2012 through June 2012 ROPS.
- By July 12, 2012, Successor Agencies must remit to the county auditor-controller the residual property tax revenue identified in the aforementioned billing.
- By July 16, 2012, county auditor-controllers must distribute to the Affected Taxing Entities the residual property tax revenue remitted by the Successor Agencies.

2012-13 and Future Processes

AB 1484 extends the time available for Finance to review Successor Agency submittals. In addition, for each submittal, it creates the option of a meet-and-confer process for Agencies to appeal Finance decisions beginning with the first deliverable for 2012-13. These new procedures will provide significantly more opportunities to discuss the specific details of each Agency's submittals.

- By August 1, 2012, Housing Successor Agencies must provide Finance a list of all housing assets transferred to it by the Successor Agency since February 1, 2012. A template for Housing Successor Agencies to use in reporting this information will soon be posted on the Finance website. AB 1484 provides Finance 30 days to review the list, and to question any transfers.

- By September 1, 2012, Successor Agencies must provide Finance with an Oversight Board-approved ROPS covering the January 2013 through June 2013 period. Finance will have 45 days to review the ROPS, and to object to any items that do not meet the definition of an Enforceable Obligation.
- By October 1, 2012, Successor Agencies must provide Finance an Oversight Board-approved Due Diligence Review that has been prepared by a licensed accountant. This Due Diligence Review will list all encumbered and unencumbered low-and-moderate income housing fund (low-mod fund) assets, and will state whether or not those assets are encumbered by Enforceable Obligations. Finance has until November 9, 2012 to finalize its review of the submittals, and to determine which low-mod fund assets are not encumbered by Enforceable Obligations.
- By January 15, 2013, Successor Agencies must provide Finance a second Oversight Board-approved Due Diligence Review that has been prepared by a licensed accountant. This Due Diligence Review will list all encumbered and unencumbered assets of the Successor Agency that are from sources other than the low-mod fund. The Due Diligence Review also will state whether or not those assets are encumbered by Enforceable Obligations. Finance has until April 1, 2013 to finalize its review of the submittals, and to determine which assets are not encumbered by Enforceable Obligations.

Incentives and Penalties

Once a Successor Agency has complied with the July payment process and the asset transfer provision, AB 1484 provides certain benefits to the Successor Agencies, and also to the cities and counties that operate those Agencies. These benefits are as follows:

- The city or county may be eligible to receive repayment of sums loaned to their former redevelopment agency (RDA) more than two years after the former RDA was created. Under ABx1 26, loans made by a city or county to its former RDA more than two years after it was created are generally ineligible for repayment.
- The city or county may be eligible to receive title to certain real properties of the former RDA, and use those properties for purposes outlined in the redevelopment plan of the former RDA. Under ABx1 26, those real properties must be liquidated, with the sales proceeds distributed to the Affected Taxing Entities.
- The Successor Agency may be eligible to use for their intended purpose the proceeds from certain bonds that were not contractually obligated before ABx1 26 was enacted. Under current law, those bond proceeds only can be used to defease the bonds.

To help ensure that counties, cities, special districts, schools, and community colleges are receiving the appropriate level of revenues, AB 1484 allows strict civil penalties to be imposed if Successor Agencies fail to remit revenues on time. These civil penalties are as follows:

- The city or county that operates the Successor Agency shall be subject to civil penalties equal to: (a) 10 percent of the residual property tax owed the Affected Taxing Entities and (b) a monthly penalty of 1.5 percent of the amount owed the Affected Taxing Entities while the payments are late.

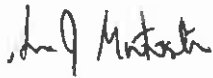
- The Successor Agency itself shall be subject to civil penalties equal to: (a) 10 percent of the residual property tax owed the Affected Taxing Entities and (b) a monthly penalty of 1.5 percent of the amount owed the Affected Taxing Entities while the payments are late.

The Successor Agency also would be prohibited from making any future ROPS payments while the owed amount is outstanding, other than those ROPS payments needed for bond debt service.

- The city or county that operates the Successor Agency shall be subject to interruption of their monthly Sales and Use Tax remittance from the Board of Equalization until the owed amounts are paid.

We hope this information is helpful. If you have follow up questions, you can reach Finance at (916) 445-1546.

Sincerely,



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