



# City of Gonzales

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## COUNTY CONSOLIDATED OVERSIGHT BOARD

### STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** January 22, 2026

**TO:** Consolidated Oversight Board Members

**FROM:** Mike Howard, Finance Director

**SUBJECT:** Consideration and Approval of Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule ('ROPS') 26-27 for the Period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027

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### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the County Consolidated Oversight Board:

- Receive the staff report;
- Accept and consider public comment; and
- Adopt A Resolution of the County Consolidated Oversight Board for the Successor Agency to the Former Gonzales Redevelopment Agency Approving the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule 26-27 for the Period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

### BACKGROUND

The Gonzales Redevelopment Agency was dissolved February 1, 2012. The Consolidated Oversight Board for the Successor Agency ("Successor Agency") to the Gonzales Redevelopment Agency ("Oversight Board") has been established pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 34179 to assist in the wind-down of the dissolved redevelopment agency.

Per Health and Safety Code § 34177 (l)(1), the Successor Agency is required to prepare a Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule ('ROPS') before each six-month fiscal period, which corresponds to equal

halves of a fiscal year (i.e., July through December and January through June). The ROPS is the basis for the Successor Agency's authority to make payments due for enforceable obligations.

## **REVIEW AND ANALYSIS**

Successor Agency staff has prepared ROPS 26-27 for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, which consists of several spreadsheets that are appended to the attached Exhibit "A" as Attachment '1'. There are no significant changes in the ROPS 26-27 from the approved ROPS 25-26.

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 34177 (m), the County Consolidated Oversight Board-approved ROPS for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 must be submitted to the County Auditor-Controller, County Administrative Officer, the State Controller and the State Department of Finance no later than February 1, 2026.

Upon approval of the ROPS by the County Consolidated Oversight Board, and pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 34177 (l)(2), a copy of this staff report and the attached resolution will be submitted to the County Auditor-Controller, County Administrative Officer, the State Controller and the State Department of Finance within the prescribed timeframe.

Approval of the attached Resolution will authorize the Successor Agency Director, or designee, to:

1. Post the ROPS for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 on the City's website;
2. Transmit the ROPS for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 to the County Auditor-Controller, County Administrative Officer, the State Controller, and the State Department of Finance within the timeframe prescribed by the Health and Safety Code; and
3. Make ministerial revisions to the ROPS which may include, but is not limited to, restating the information included within the ROPS in any format that may be requested by the State Department of Finance, take such other actions and execute such other documents as are necessary to effectuate the intent of the Resolution, and to implement the ROPS for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 on behalf of the Successor Agency, including authorizing and causing such payments.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL (CEQA) CLEARANCE**

The approval of the ROPS by the Oversight Board has been reviewed with respect to applicability of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, § 15000 *et seq.*, hereafter the "Guidelines"), and the City's environmental guidelines. The recommended action does not constitute a "project" for purposes of CEQA, as that term is defined by Guidelines § 15378, because this Resolution is an organizational or administrative activity that will not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment, per § 15378(b) (5) of the Guidelines.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 34177, the Successor Agency is legally required to continue to make payments due for enforceable obligations. The County Consolidated Oversight Board's approval of ROPS 25-26 will ensure that the Successor Agency has the authority to continue to pay its enforceable obligations. The recommended action does not, in itself, cause any new financial obligations

## **CONCLUSION**

It is recommended that the County Consolidated Oversight Board:

- Receive the staff report;
- Accept and consider public comment; and
- Adopt A Resolution of the County Consolidated Oversight Board for the Successor Agency to the Former Gonzales Redevelopment Agency Approving the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule 26-27 for the Period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Exhibit 'A' – Resolution with Attachment '1' Gonzales Successor Agency's ROPS 26-27 (July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027)

**Before the County Consolidated Oversight Board  
Successor Agency for the  
Former Gonzales Redevelopment Agency**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 34172(a) (1), the Gonzales Redevelopment Agency was dissolved February 1, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Consolidated Oversight Board for the Successor Agency (“Successor Agency”) to the Gonzales Redevelopment Agency (“Oversight Board”) has been established pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 34179 to assist in the wind-down of the dissolved redevelopment agency; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 34180 (g), County Consolidated Oversight Board approval is required for the establishment of each Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (“ROPS”); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 34177 (m), an “Oversight Board”-approved ROPS 26-27 for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 must be submitted to the County Auditor-Controller, County Administrative Officer, the State Controller and the State Department of Finance not later than February 1, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 34177, the Successor Agency is legally required to continue to make payments due for enforceable obligations; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Consolidated Oversight Board’s approval of ROPS 26-27 will ensure that the Successor Agency has the authority to continue to pay its enforceable obligations; and

**WHEREAS**, the approval of ROPS 26-27 has been reviewed with respect to applicability of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, §§ 15000 *et seq.*, hereafter the “Guidelines”), and the City’s environmental guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, the approval of ROPS 26-27 does not constitute a “project” for purposes of CEQA, as that term is defined by Guidelines § 15378, because the action is an organizational or administrative activity that will not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment, per § 15378(b) (5) of the Guidelines.

**WHEREAS**, all of the prerequisites with respect to the approval of this Resolution have been met.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Consolidated Oversight Board for the Successor Agency to the Gonzales Redevelopment Agency, as follows:

**Section 1.** The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are a substantive part of this Resolution.

**Section 2.** The establishment of the Successor Agency’s ROPS 26-27 covering the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, which is attached hereto as Attachment ‘1’, is approved.

**Section 3.** The Successor Agency Director, or designee, is hereby authorized to: i) post ROPS 26-27 on the City’s website; ii) transmit ROPS 26-27 to the County Auditor-Controller, the County Administrative Officer, the State Controller and the State Department of Finance for their review within the timeframe prescribed by the Health and Safety Code; and iii) make ministerial revisions to ROPS 26-27 which may include, but is not limited to restating the information included within ROPS 26-27 in any format that may be requested by the State Department of Finance, take such other actions and execute such other documents as are necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution, and to implement ROPS 26-27 on behalf of the Successor Agency, including authorizing and causing such payments.

**Section 4.** This Resolution shall take effect upon the date of its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the County Consolidated Oversight Board at a regular meeting held on the 22nd day of January 2026 by the following vote to wit:

**AYES: BOARD MEMBERS:**

**NOES: BOARD MEMBERS:**

**ABSENT: BOARD MEMBERS:**

**ABSTAIN: BOARD MEMBERS:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Board Clerk

**ATTACHMENT '1'**

**SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE  
GONZALES REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE 26-27  
(July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027)**

**Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS 26-27) - Summary**  
**Filed for the July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 Period**

Successor Agency: Gonzales

County: Monterey

Current Period Requested Funding for Enforceable Obligations (ROPS Detail)	26-27A Total (July - December)	26-27B Total (January - June)	ROPS 26-27 Total
<b>A Enforceable Obligations Funded as Follows (B+C+D)</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
B Bond Proceeds	-	-	-
C Reserve Balance	-	-	-
D Other Funds	-	-	-
<b>E Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) (F+G)</b>	\$ 583,326	\$ 531,599	\$ 1,114,925
F RPTTF	533,326	531,599	1,064,925
G Administrative RPTTF	50,000	-	50,000
<b>H Current Period Enforceable Obligations (A+E)</b>	\$ 583,326	\$ 531,599	\$ 1,114,925

**Certification of Oversight Board Chairman:**

Pursuant to Section 34177 (o) of the Health and Safety code, I hereby certify that the above is a true and accurate Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for the above named successor agency.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Name Title

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature Date

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**Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS 26-27) - Report of Cash Balances**  
**July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024**  
(Report Amounts in Whole Dollars)

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 34177 (l), Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) may be listed as a source of payment on the ROPS, but only to the extent no other funding source is available or when payment from property tax revenues is required by an enforceable obligation.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
		<b>Fund Sources</b>					
		<b>Bond Proceeds</b>		<b>Reserve Balance</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>RPTTF</b>	
	<b>ROPS 23-24 Cash Balances (07/01/23 - 06/30/24)</b>	Bonds issued on or before 12/31/10	Bonds issued on or after 01/01/11	Prior ROPS RPTTF and Reserve Balances retained for future period(s)	Rent, grants, interest, etc.	Non-Admin and Admin	<b>Comments</b>
1	<b>Beginning Available Cash Balance (Actual 07/01/23)</b> RPTTF amount should exclude "A" period distribution amount.		5,808			(548,756)	
2	<b>Revenue/Income (Actual 06/30/24)</b> RPTTF amount should tie to the ROPS 23-24 total distribution from the County Auditor-Controller		1,064,346		16,392	1,182,569	
3	<b>Expenditures for ROPS 23-24 Enforceable Obligations (Actual 06/30/24)</b>		1,057,527		16,392	1,171,173	
4	<b>Retention of Available Cash Balance (Actual 06/30/24)</b> RPTTF amount retained should only include the amounts distributed as reserve for future period(s)						
5	<b>ROPS 23-24 RPTTF Prior Period Adjustment</b> RPTTF amount should tie to the Agency's ROPS 23-24 PPA form submitted to the CAC		No entry required			160	
6	<b>Ending Actual Available Cash Balance (06/30/24)</b> C to F = (1 + 2 - 3 - 4), G = (1 + 2 - 3 - 4 - 5)	\$-	\$12,627	\$-	\$-	\$(537,520)	

**Gonzales**  
**Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS 26-27) - Notes**  
**July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027**

Item #	Notes/Comments
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 Report of Prior Period Adjustments  
 ROPS 23-24 Period (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024)  
 (Report Amounts in Whole Dollars)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	AA	AB
Item #	Project Name	SA Reported Non-RPTTF Expenditures						SA Reported RPTTF Expenditures										SA Comments	CAC Reported RPTTF Expenditures							CAC Comments	
		Bond Proceeds		Reserve Balance		Other Funds		RPTTF				Admin RPTTF				RPTTF and Admin RPTTF PPA	RPTTF			Admin RPTTF			RPTTF and Admin RPTTF PPA				
		Authorized	Actual	Authorized	Actual	Authorized	Actual	Authorized	Available	Lesser of Authorized / Available	Actual	Difference	Authorized	Available	Lesser of Authorized / Available	Actual	Difference		Total Difference (M+R)	Lesser of Authorized / Available	Actual	Difference	Lesser of Authorized / Available	Actual	Difference		Total Difference
		-	-	-	-	-	-	1,063,129	1,063,129	1,063,129	1,062,969	160	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	-	160		1,063,129	1,062,969	160	125,000	125,000	-	160	
5	Continuing Disclosure	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,440	160	-	-	-	-	-	-		2,600	2,440	160	-	-	-	-	
6	Securities Servicing	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		3,000	3,000	-	-	-	-	-	
23	2015 Tax Allocation Bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-	702,653	702,653	702,653	702,653	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		702,653	702,653	-	-	-	-	-	
24	2016 Tax Allocation Bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-	354,876	354,876	354,876	354,876	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		354,876	354,876	-	-	-	-	-	



Transmitted via e-mail

March 7, 2025

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### **2025-26 Annual Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule**

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (o) (1), the City of Gonzales Successor Agency (Agency) submitted an annual Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 (ROPS 25-26) to the California Department of Finance (Finance) on February 3, 2025. Finance has completed its review of the ROPS 25-26.

Based on a sample of line items reviewed and application of the law, Finance approves all the items listed on the ROPS 25-26 at this time. However, Finance notes the following:

- The administrative costs claimed are within the fiscal year administrative cap pursuant to HSC section 34171 (b) (3). However, Finance notes the Oversight Board (OB) 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.

Pursuant to HSC section 34186, successor agencies are required to report differences between actual payments and past estimated obligations (prior period adjustments) for the July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 (ROPS 22-23) period. The ROPS 22-23 prior period adjustment (PPA) will offset the ROPS 25-26 Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) distribution. The amount of RPTTF authorized includes the PPA resulting from the County Auditor-Controller's review of the PPA form submitted by the Agency.

The Agency's maximum approved RPTTF distribution for the reporting period is \$1,180,767, as summarized in the Approved RPTTF Distribution table (see Attachment).

RPTTF distributions occur biannually, one distribution for the July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 period (ROPS A period), and one distribution for the January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026 period (ROPS B period), based on Finance's approved amounts. Since this determination is for the entire ROPS 25-26 period, the Agency is authorized to receive up to the maximum approved RPTTF through the combined ROPS A and B period distributions.

This is our final determination regarding the obligations listed on the ROPS 25-26. This determination only applies to items when funding was requested for the 12-month period. If a determination by Finance in a previous ROPS is currently the subject of litigation, the item will continue to reflect the determination until the matter is resolved.

The ROPS 25-26 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 25-26 period only and should not be conclusively relied upon for future ROPS periods. All items listed on a future ROPS are subject to Finance's review and may be adjusted even if not adjusted 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 the 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.

Please direct inquiries to [RedevelopmentAdministration@dof.ca.gov](mailto:RedevelopmentAdministration@dof.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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Chief, Office of State Audits and Evaluations

cc: Mike Howard, Finance Director, City of Gonzales  
Patty Ruiz, Auditor-Controller Analyst I, Monterey County  
Jennifer Forsyth, Countywide Oversight Board Representative

<b>Approved RPTTF Distribution July 2025 through June 2026</b>			
	<b>ROPS A</b>	<b>ROPS B</b>	<b>Total</b>
RPTTF Requested	\$ 530,976	\$ 532,751	\$ 1,063,727
Administrative RPTTF Requested	120,000	0	120,000
<b>Total RPTTF Requested</b>	<b>650,976</b>	<b>532,751</b>	<b>1,183,727</b>
<b>RPTTF Authorized</b>	<b>530,976</b>	<b>532,751</b>	<b>1,063,727</b>
<b>Administrative RPTTF Authorized</b>	<b>120,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>120,000</b>
ROPS 22-23 Prior Period Adjustment (PPA)	(2,960)	0	(2,960)
<b>Total RPTTF Approved for Distribution</b>	<b>\$ 648,016</b>	<b>\$ 532,751</b>	<b>\$ 1,180,767</b>