CALIFORNIA TAX CREDIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

Project Staff Report 2007 First Round June 6, 2007

Project Number CA-2007-084

Project Name Hillview Ridge Apartments

Site Address: Executive Parkway

Oroville, CA 95965 County: Butte

Census Tract: 27

Applicant Information

Applicant: Oroville Pacific Associates, a California L.P.

Contact: Caleb Roope

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General Partner Type: For Profit

Information

Set-Aside: Rural

Housing Type: Large Family

Geographic Area: N/A

Eligible Basis

Requested: \$14,249,053 Actual: \$14,249,053 Maximum Permitted: \$15,967,680

Adjustments to Threshold Basis Limit:

Required to Pay Prevailing Wages Local Impact Fees

3 or More Energy Efficiency/Resource Conservation/Indoor Air Quality Features

 Tax Credit Amounts
 Federal/Annual
 State/Total

 Requested:
 \$1,159,018
 \$4,189,220

 Recommended:
 \$1,159,018
 \$4,189,220

Project Information

Construction Type: New Construction

Federal Subsidy: HOME
Total # of Units: 72
Total # Residential Buildings: 9

Income/Rent Targeting

Federal Set-Aside Elected: 40%/60%
% & No. of Tax Credit Units: 100% - 71 units

Breakdown by %: 10% @ 30%, 25% @ 50%, 50% @ 55%

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Selection Criteria	Max. Possible Points	Requested Points	Points Awarded
Cost Efficiency/Credit Reduction/Public Funds Maximum 20 points	20	20	20
☐ Cost Efficiency	18	10	10
Credit Reduction	20	2	2
Public Funds	18	8	8
Owner / Management Characteristics Maximum 9 points	9	9	9
☐ General Partner Experience	6	6	6
Management Experience	3	3	3
Negative Points			
Housing Needs Maximum 10 points	10	10	10
Site Amenities Maximum 15 points	15	15	15
Within 500 feet of a regular bus stop or rapid transit system stop	4	4	4
Rural project within ½ mile of public park or community center open to general public	3	3	3
Rural project within ½ mile of public library	3	3	3
Rural project within 1 mile of a full-scale grocery store w/staples, fresh meat/produce	3	3	3
Rural Large Family project within ½ mile of public school project children may attend	3	3	3
Rural project within 1 mile of medical clinic or hospital	3	3	3
Rural project within ½ mile of a pharmacy	2	2	2
Service Amenities Maximum 10 points	10	10	10
After school programs of an ongoing nature for school age children	5	5	5
Educational classes (e.g. ESL, Computer training, etc. and aren't same as After School)	5	5	5
Sustainable Building Methods Maximum 8 points	8	8	8
Flow restrictors for kitchen & bath faucets or water-saving fixtures	1	1	1
CRI Green-label, low-VOC carpet and pad	1	1	1
Bathroom fans in all bathrooms w/humidistat, timer and outdoor exhaust	2	2	2
Recycled materials incorporated into: concrete, carpet, road base or landscape	1	1	1
Construction Indoor Air Quality Management plan	2	2	2
Project has nonsmoking buildings or contiguous sections within a building	1	1	1
Lowest Income Maximum 52 points	52	52	52
Basic Targeting Basic Targeting	50	50	50
Deeper Targeting – at least 10% of units @ 30% AMI or less	2	2	2
Readiness to Proceed Maximum 20 points	20	20	20
State credit substitution Maximum 2 points		2	2
Total Points	146	146	146

Tie-Breaker InformationTie-Breaker Categories Apply to this Project: **Yes**First: Housing Type **Large Family**Second: Calculated Ratio per Regulation 10325(c)(12)

89.912%

Uni	it Type & Number	2006 Rents for 1 st Round 2007 % of Area Median Income	Proposed Rent	
			(including utilities)	
3	Two-Bedrooms	30%	\$342	
7	Two-Bedrooms	50%	\$571	
14	Two-Bedrooms	55%	\$628	
4	Three-Bedrooms	30%	\$396	
12	Three-Bedrooms	50%	\$660	
23	Three-Bedrooms	55%	\$726	
1	Four-Bedrooms	30%	\$441	
2	Four-Bedrooms	50%	\$736	
5	Four-Bedrooms	55%	\$809	
1	Three-Bedroom	Manager's Unit	\$0	

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The general partner(s) or principal owner(s) are Central Valley Coalition for Affordable Housing, Roope, LLC, and W.R. Spann, LLC.

The project developer is Pacific West Communities, Inc.

The management agent is WNC & Associates, Inc.

The market analyst is M.E. Shay & Co.

The Local Reviewing Agency, the City of Oroville, has completed a site review of this project and strongly supports this project.

Project Financing

Estimated Total Project Cost: \$18,630,126 Per Unit Cost: \$258,752 Construction Cost Per Sq. Foot: \$158

Construction Financing		Permanent Financing		
Source	Amount	Source	Amount	
SunAmerica	\$6,783,932	SunAmerica	\$1,900,000	
City of Oroville	\$1,900,000	City of Oroville	\$1,900,000	
Deferred Developer Fee	\$1,445,518	Deferred Developer Fee	\$924,000	
Deferred Costs	\$157,000	Investor Equity	\$13,906,126	
Investor Equity	\$8,343,676	TOTAL	\$18,630,126	

Determination of Credit Amount(s)

Requested Eligible Basis:	\$14,249,053
130% High Cost Adjustment:	Yes
Applicable Fraction:	100%
Qualified Basis Credit Reduction (2%)	\$284,982
Qualified Basis:	\$13,964,071
Applicable Rate:	8.30%
Total Maximum Annual Federal Credit:	\$1,159,018
Total State Credit:	\$4,189,220
Approved Developer Fee in Project Cost	\$1,927,358
Approved Developer Fee in Eligible Basis:	\$1,400,000
Tax Credit Factor:	\$0.88100

Applicant requests and staff recommends annual federal credits of \$1,159,018 and total state credits of \$4,189,220, based on a qualified basis of \$13,964,071 and a funding shortfall of \$13,906,126.

Cost Analysis and Line Item Review

The requested eligible basis \$14,249,053 is below TCAC's threshold basis limit \$15,967,680. The basis limit was increased by the following extraordinary features: projects that are required to pay state or federal prevailing wages, local development impact fees, and the adjustment for projects with 3 or more energy efficiency/resource conservation/indoor air quality items, for exceeding Title 24 by at least 15%, for using a Minimum Efficiency Report Value (MERV) 8 or higher air filter for HVAC systems that introduce outside air, where at least 75% of the construction and demolition waste (measured by either weight or volume), using at least four recycled products listed in the Construction, Flooring, or Recreation section of the California Integrated Waste Management Board's Recycled Content Products Database. Staff analysis of project costs to determine reasonableness found all fees to be within TCAC's underwriting guidelines and TCAC limitations.

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Annual operating expenses exceed the minimum operating expenses established in the Regulations, and the project pro forma shows a positive cash flow from year one.

Staff has calculated federal tax credits based on 8.30% of the qualified basis. Applicants are cautioned to consider the expected federal rate when negotiating with investors. TCAC's financial evaluation at project completion will determine the final allocation.

Special Issues/Other Significant Information: None

Legal Status: Staff has reviewed the Applicant's responses to the questions contained in the Legal Status portion of the Application. No information was disclosed that raised any question regarding the financial viability or legal integrity of the applicant.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Committee make a preliminary reservation of tax credits, in the following amount(s) contingent upon standard conditions and any additional conditions imposed by the Committee:

Federal/Annual **\$1,159,018**

State/Total **\$4,189,220**

Standard Conditions

An application for a carryover allocation must be submitted by October 31, 2007, as required by regulation section 10328(d), together with the applicable allocation fee and all required documentation. The time for meeting the "10%" test and submitting related documentation will be no later than six (6) months after the date of the executed carryover allocation (as defined by IRC Section 42 and IRS Notices). The applicant must ensure the project meets all Additional Threshold Requirements for the housing type of the proposed project.

The applicant must submit all documentation required for a Final Reservation no later than February 1 of the year that the building(s) must be placed in service pursuant to Section 42(h)(E)(i) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The applicant shall provide the Committee a Final Reservation application providing the documentation for the project set forth in Section 10322(i)(1) of these regulations. Failure to provide the documentation at the time required may result in rescission of the Credit reservation and cancellation of a carryover allocation.

TCAC makes the preliminary reservation only for the project specified above in the form presented, and involving the parties referred to in the application. No changes in the development team or the project as presented will be permitted without the express approval of TCAC.

The applicant must pay TCAC a performance deposit and allocation fee calculated in accordance with regulation. The performance deposit must be paid by cashier's check within 20 calendar days of any preliminary reservation. The allocation fee must be paid within a time period specified in the preliminary reservation letter. The allocation fee will be due prior to execution of a carryover allocation or issuance of tax forms, whichever comes first. Additionally, TCAC requires the project owner to pay a monitoring fee before issuance of tax forms.

As project costs are preliminary estimates only, staff recommends that a reservation be made in the amount of federal credit and state credit shown above on condition that the final project costs be supported by itemized lender approved costs and certified costs after the buildings are placed in service.

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All unexpended funds in reserve accounts established for the project must remain with the project to be used for the benefit of the property and/or its residents, except for the portion of any accounts funded with deferred developer fees.

All fees charged to the project must be within TCAC limitations. Fees in excess of these limitations will not be considered when determining the amount of credit when the project is placed-in-service.

The applicant/owner shall be subject to underwriting criteria set forth in Section 10327 of the regulations through the final feasibility analysis performed by TCAC at placed-in-service.

Credit awards are contingent upon applicant's acceptance of any revised total project cost, qualified basis and tax credit amount determined by TCAC in its final feasibility analysis.

If points were awarded for service amenities, the applicant will be required to provide such amenity or amenities identified in the application, for a minimum period of ten years and at no cost to the tenants.

Applicants that received points for sustainable building methods (energy efficiency) must submit the certification required by Section 10325(c)(8) at project completion.

Applicants that received increases (exceptions to limits) in the threshold basis limit under Section 10327(c)(5) must submit the certification required by Section 10322(i)(2)(P) at project completion.

Additional Conditions:

Applicants that received 20 points for readiness to proceed must meet ALL of the following requirements. The applicant must be ready to begin construction within 150 days of the Credit Reservation which is November 2, 2007, as evidenced by submission, within that time of, recorded deeds of trust for all construction financing, payment of all construction lender fees, issuance of building permits and notice to proceed delivered to the contractor. Failure to meet this timeline will result in rescission of the Credit Reservation.

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