



**County Workers' Compensation Pool**

Statutory Financial Statements

December 31, 2017 and 2016

(With Independent Auditor's Report Thereon)

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## **Independent Auditor's Report**

The Board of Directors  
County Workers' Compensation Pool

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying statutory financial statements of County Workers' Compensation Pool (the Pool), which comprise the statutory statements of admitted assets, liabilities, and members' surplus as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the related statutory statements of income, members' surplus and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Division of Insurance of the Department of Regulatory Agencies of the State of Colorado (the Division). Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Pool's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Pool's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### **Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles**

As described in Note 2 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by the Pool using accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Division, which is a basis of accounting other than



accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, to meet the requirements of the Division.

The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 2 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

#### **Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles**

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of County Workers' Compensation Pool as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, or the results of its operations or cash flows thereof for the years then ended.

#### **Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the admitted assets, liabilities and member's surplus of County Workers' Compensation Pool as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended with the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Division described in Note 2.

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Louisville, Colorado  
March 26, 2018

**COUNTY WORKERS' COMPENSATION POOL  
STATUTORY STATEMENTS OF ADMITTED ASSETS,  
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' SURPLUS  
DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>ADMITTED ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 760,112	\$ 1,662,558
Investments	<u>41,439,250</u>	<u>39,441,038</u>
<b>Total cash and investments</b>	42,199,362	41,103,596
Due from self-funded counties	132,119	89,663
Accrued interest receivable	<u>260,575</u>	<u>269,863</u>
<b>TOTAL ADMITTED ASSETS</b>	<u>\$42,592,056</u>	<u>\$ 41,463,122</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' SURPLUS</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Reserves for losses and loss adjustment expenses	\$22,920,465	\$ 20,171,049
Reserve for unallocated loss adjustment expenses	824,590	855,044
Surplus distribution payable	1,141,243	1,123,874
Deposits held for self-funded counties	250,000	250,000
Accounts payable	<u>42,788</u>	<u>26,020</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	25,179,086	22,425,987
<b>MEMBERS' SURPLUS</b>	<u>17,412,970</u>	<u>19,037,135</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' SURPLUS</b>	<u>\$42,592,056</u>	<u>\$ 41,463,122</u>

These statutory financial statements should be read only in connection with  
the accompanying notes to statutory financial statements.

**COUNTY WORKERS' COMPENSATION POOL**  
**STATUTORY STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND MEMBERS' SURPLUS**  
DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>UNDERWRITING INCOME</b>		
Member contributions written	\$ 11,364,917	\$11,318,778
Reinsurance and excess insurance ceded	<u>(897,877)</u>	<u>(899,372)</u>
<b>Net underwriting income</b>	<u>10,467,040</u>	<u>10,419,406</u>
<b>UNDERWRITING EXPENSES</b>		
Net losses and loss adjustment expense incurred	10,424,677	7,081,825
Unallocated loss adjustment expense incurred	878,494	728,332
Other underwriting expenses incurred	<u>758,815</u>	<u>738,638</u>
Total underwriting expenses incurred	<u>12,061,986</u>	<u>8,548,795</u>
<b>UNDERWRITING (LOSS) GAIN</b>	(1,594,946)	1,870,611
NET INVESTMENT INCOME	<u>889,993</u>	<u>886,134</u>
<b>NET (LOSS) INCOME BEFORE RETURN OF SURPLUS</b>	(704,953)	2,756,745
<b>RETURN OF SURPLUS</b>	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)
<b>MEMBERS' SURPLUS - BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	19,037,135	17,308,908
<b>CHANGES IN NONADMITTED ASSETS</b>	<u>80,788</u>	<u>(28,518)</u>
<b>MEMBERS' SURPLUS - END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 17,412,970</u>	<u>\$19,037,135</u>

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**COUNTY WORKERS' COMPENSATION POOL  
STATUTORY STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Contributions and assessments received from members (net of surplus returned)	\$ 10,382,286	\$ 10,343,004
Net loss and loss adjustment expenses paid	(8,545,876)	(8,673,581)
Reinsurance premiums paid	(897,877)	(899,372)
Other underwriting expenses paid	(369,905)	(740,192)
Investment income received	<u>899,281</u>	<u>1,312,736</u>
Net cash flow provided by operating activities	1,467,909	1,342,595
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Investments purchased	(5,867,683)	(11,770,215)
Proceeds from maturity and sales of investments	<u>3,497,328</u>	<u>10,847,241</u>
Net cash flow (used in) investing activities	<u>(2,370,355)</u>	<u>(922,974)</u>
<b>NET (DECREASE) / INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	(902,446)	419,621
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<u>1,662,558</u>	<u>1,242,937</u>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 760,112</u>	<u>\$ 1,662,558</u>

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**COUNTY WORKERS' COMPENSATION POOL**  
**NOTES TO STATUTORY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016

**NOTE 1: ORGANIZATION**

The County Workers' Compensation Pool (the Pool) was formed on January 1, 1985 by an intergovernmental agreement among certain counties in Colorado. The purpose of the Pool is to provide workers' compensation coverage for the employees of the member counties. 51 counties were members of the Pool, as of December 31, 2017 and 2016.

In carrying out this function, the Pool collects contributions from the member counties, verifies claims for workers' compensation benefits submitted by member counties' employees and pays legitimate claims and other pool expenses.

**NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Division of Insurance of the Department of Regulatory Agencies of the State of Colorado, which vary in some respects from generally accepted accounting principles. The more significant differences are as follows:

1. Certain assets, such as excess recoveries receivable and prepaid expenses are designated as "non-admitted assets" and are excluded from the statement of admitted assets, liabilities and members' surplus by a charge to surplus.
2. Investments are carried at amortized cost instead of fair value.

The Pool has not determined the effect of the aforementioned variances between statutory insurance accounting practices and generally accepted accounting principles.

**Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Division of Insurance of the Department of Regulatory Agencies of the State of Colorado requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Investments**

Investments are carried at amortized cost. Realized gains and losses are determined using the specific identification method. The amortization of bond premiums and the accrual of bond discounts is calculated using the straight line method.

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**NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

The Pool evaluates investments for impairment on an ongoing basis. When the following circumstances exist, the Pool classifies the impairment as "other than temporary" and writes the investment value down to fair value:

1. Fair value has been 10% or more below cost for 6 months.
2. There is not sufficient evidence supporting a projected increase in fair value above cost in the near term.
3. The Pool does not have the ability and/or intent to hold the investment until its fair value recovers.

The Pool evaluated its investments at December 31, 2017 and determined that there were no "other than temporary" impairments requiring adjustments in the financial statements.

**Member Contributions**

Annual contributions are recognized on the monthly pro rata basis in relation to the period of coverage provided, which coincides with the Pool's fiscal year. Contributions for prior claims years, if required, are recognized when assessed.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

For the purpose of the statements of cash flows, the Pool considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

**Reserves for Losses and Loss Adjustment Expenses**

The coverage offered by the Pool is on an occurrence basis, which provides for payment of claims that occur during the period of coverage regardless of when the claim is received.

Insurance losses and related adjustment expense are charged to operations as incurred. The reserves for losses and loss adjustment expenses (both allocated and unallocated) are determined based upon case basis evaluations and actuarial projections by the Pool's actuary, which includes a provision for incurred but not reported losses. The actuarial projections of ultimate losses on reported claims and the estimate of claims incurred but not reported are based on the Pool's experience and workers' compensation insurance industry data. Losses are reported net of estimated amounts recoverable from excess insurance and self-funded counties. Adjustments to the probable ultimate liability for losses and loss adjustment expenses are made continually based on subsequent developments and experience and are included in operations as incurred.

**Income Taxes**

The Pool provides an essential government function to its members as described in Section 115 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code) and is considered to be exempt from Federal income taxes pursuant to the Code. Therefore, the accompanying financial statements do not include a provision for income taxes.

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**NOTE 3: CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

The Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act (PDPA) requires that all units of local government and entities such as the Pool, deposit cash in eligible public depositories. Eligibility is determined by state regulators. Amounts on deposit in excess of federal insurance levels must be collateralized. The eligible collateral is determined by the PDPA. PDPA allows the institution to create a single collateral pool for all public funds. These uninsured public deposits are to be maintained by another institution or held in trust. The fair value of the collateral must be at least equal to the aggregate uninsured deposits.

The Colorado Division of banking is required by statute to monitor the naming of eligible depositories and reporting of the uninsured deposits and assets maintained in the collateral pools. The PDPA requires that the fair value of the collateral must exceed 102% of the uninsured deposits.

At December 31, 2017, the Pool's cash deposits had a bank balance of \$548,219 which is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), up to \$250,000. Any balance in excess of \$250,000 is collateralized as required by the PDPA. The carrying balance of cash deposits as of December 31, 2017 is \$170,497.

At December 31, 2016, the Pool's cash deposits had a bank balance of \$368,951 which is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), up to \$250,000. Any balance in excess of \$250,000 is collateralized as required by the PDPA. The carrying balance of cash deposits as of December 31, 2016 is \$72,604.

**Investments**

Colorado statutes specify investment instruments meeting defined rating and risk criteria in which local governments, and entities such as the Pool, may invest. The Pool has adopted an investment policy which is more restrictive and limits investments to:

- Obligations of the United States and certain U.S. government agency securities
- Bankers' acceptances of certain banks
- Commercial paper
- Local government investment pools
- Any other investment authorized in Part 6 of C.R.S., Title 24, Article 75 regarding investments of public funds as approved by the Board of Directors.

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**NOTE 3: CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

The Pool owned the following investments as of December 31, 2017.

	<b>Carrying Amount</b>	<b>REMAINING MATURITY (in Months)</b>		
		<b>12 or Less</b>	<b>13 to 24</b>	<b>25 to 60</b>
Negotiable certificates of deposit	\$ 16,476,809	\$ 1,350,000	\$2,317,693	\$ 12,809,116
Corporate debt securities	24,962,441	856,047	14,276,538	9,829,856
Local government investment pool	<u>423,053</u>	<u>423,053</u>	-	-
	<u>\$ 41,862,303</u>	<u>\$ 2,629,100</u>	<u>\$16,594,231</u>	<u>\$ 22,638,972</u>

The Pool owned the following investments as of December 31, 2016.

	<b>Carrying Amount</b>	<b>REMAINING MATURITY (in Months)</b>		
		<b>12 or Less</b>	<b>13 to 24</b>	<b>25 to 60</b>
Negotiable certificates of deposit	\$ 12,324,277	\$ 266,285	\$ 1,350,000	\$ 10,707,992
Corporate debt securities	27,116,761	1,256,289	2,359,821	23,500,651
Local government investment pool	<u>606,426</u>	<u>606,426</u>	-	-
	<u>\$ 40,047,464</u>	<u>\$ 2,129,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,709,821</u>	<u>\$ 34,208,643</u>

As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Pool had invested \$423,053 and \$606,426, respectively, in the Colorado Local Government Liquid Asset Trust (the Trust), an investment vehicle established for local government entities in Colorado to pool surplus funds. The State Securities Commissioner administers and enforces all State statutes governing the Trust. The Trust operates similarly to a money market fund and each share is equal in value to \$1.00.

Two separate Certificates of Deposit with a total face amount of \$500,000 are on joint deposit with the Division of Insurance of the State of Colorado at December 31, 2017 and 2016.

Total cash and investments as of December 31, 2017 and 2016 are summarized as follows:

	<b><u>2017</u></b>	<b><u>2016</u></b>
Cash deposits	\$ 337,059	\$ 1,056,132
Investments	<u>41,862,303</u>	<u>40,047,464</u>
	<u>\$ 42,199,362</u>	<u>\$ 41,103,596</u>

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**NOTE 3: CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

A summary of the amortized cost and fair value of the Pool's investments at December 31, 2017 and 2016, by contractual maturity, is as follows:

	<b>2017</b>	
	<b>Amortized Cost</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>
Maturity:		
Due in one year or less	\$ 2,206,047	\$ 2,209,457
Due after one through five years	<u>39,233,203</u>	<u>38,960,785</u>
	<u>\$ 41,439,250</u>	<u>\$ 41,170,242</u>
	<b>2016</b>	
	<b>Amortized Cost</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>
Maturity:		
Due in one year or less	\$ 1,522,574	\$ 1,522,083
Due after one through five years	<u>37,918,464</u>	<u>37,747,623</u>
	<u>\$ 39,441,038</u>	<u>\$ 39,269,706</u>

The Pool's investments at December 31, 2017 and 2016 are summarized below:

	<b>2017</b>			
	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
Negotiable certificates of deposit	\$ 16,476,809	\$ 7,109	\$ 218,755	\$ 16,265,163
Corporate debt securities	<u>24,962,441</u>	<u>42,280</u>	<u>99,642</u>	<u>24,905,079</u>
	<u>\$ 41,439,250</u>	<u>\$ 49,389</u>	<u>\$ 318,397</u>	<u>\$ 41,170,242</u>
	<b>2016</b>			
Negotiable certificates of deposit	\$ 12,324,277	\$ 50,118	\$ 128,093	\$ 12,246,302
Corporate debt securities	<u>27,116,761</u>	<u>68,980</u>	<u>162,337</u>	<u>27,023,404</u>
	<u>\$ 39,441,038</u>	<u>\$ 119,098</u>	<u>\$ 290,430</u>	<u>\$ 39,269,706</u>

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**NOTE 3: CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

At December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Pool had the following unrealized losses, which are considered temporary, therefore the underlying securities were not impaired:

<u>Description of securities</u>	<u>Less than 12 months</u>		<u>2017 12 Months or Greater</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	Unrealized		Unrealized		Unrealized	
	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>losses</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>losses</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>losses</u>
Negotiable certificates of deposit	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,011,244	\$ 218,756	\$13,011,244	\$ 218,756
Corporate debt securities	<u>605,254</u>	<u>793</u>	<u>19,123,443</u>	<u>98,849</u>	<u>19,728,697</u>	<u>99,642</u>
	<u>\$605,254</u>	<u>\$ 793</u>	<u>\$ 32,134,687</u>	<u>\$ 317,605</u>	<u>\$32,739,941</u>	<u>\$ 318,398</u>

  

<u>Description of securities</u>	<u>Less than 12 months</u>		<u>2016 12 Months or Greater</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	Unrealized		Unrealized		Unrealized	
	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>losses</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>losses</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>losses</u>
Negotiable certificates of deposit	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,351,907	\$ 128,093	\$ 7,351,907	\$ 128,093
Corporate debt securities	<u>841,688</u>	<u>1,923</u>	<u>18,226,057</u>	<u>160,414</u>	<u>19,067,745</u>	<u>162,337</u>
	<u>\$841,688</u>	<u>\$ 1,923</u>	<u>\$ 25,577,964</u>	<u>\$ 288,507</u>	<u>\$26,419,652</u>	<u>\$ 290,430</u>

Proceeds from the sales, calls and maturities of debt securities during 2017 and 2016 were approximately \$3,497,328 and \$10,847,241, respectively. Gross gains of \$11,340 and \$16,083 were realized on those sales and calls during 2017 and 2016. Gross losses of \$59,632 and \$29,704 were realized on those sales and calls during 2017 and 2016.

**NOTE 4: RESERVES FOR LOSSES AND LOSS ADJUSTMENT EXPENSES**

Components of the reserve for losses and loss adjustment expenses are as follows at December 31, 2017 and 2016:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Reported	\$ 15,539,927	\$ 13,181,227
Incurred but not reported	<u>7,380,538</u>	<u>6,989,822</u>
	<u>\$ 22,920,465</u>	<u>\$ 20,171,049</u>

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**NOTE 4: RESERVES FOR LOSSES AND LOSS ADJUSTMENT EXPENSES**  
(CONTINUED)

Changes in this liability for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 were as follows:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Reserves for losses and loss adjustment expenses at beginning of year	\$ 21,026,093	\$ 21,877,845
Incurred losses and loss adjustment expenses:		
Provision for insured events of the current year	9,800,322	9,117,735
Increase (Decrease) in provision for insured events of prior years	<u>1,502,849</u>	<u>(1,307,578)</u>
Total incurred losses and loss adjustment expenses	11,303,171	7,810,157
Payments, net of recoveries		
Losses and loss adjustment expenses attributable to insured events of the current year	3,176,669	3,358,371
Losses and loss adjustment expenses attributable to insured events of prior years	<u>5,407,540</u>	<u>5,303,538</u>
Total payments	<u>8,584,209</u>	<u>8,661,909</u>
Reserve for losses and loss adjustment expenses at year end	<u>\$ 23,745,055</u>	<u>\$ 21,026,093</u>
Reserves for losses and loss adjustment expenses	\$ 22,920,465	\$ 20,171,049
Reserves for unallocated loss adjustment expenses	<u>824,590</u>	<u>855,044</u>
	<u>\$ 23,745,055</u>	<u>\$ 21,026,093</u>

As a result of changes in estimates of insured events in prior years, the provision for losses and loss adjustment expenses increased in 2017 by \$1,502,849 as a result of higher than anticipated losses and related expenses.

As a result of changes in estimates of insured events in prior years, the provision for losses and loss adjustment expenses decreased in 2016 by \$1,307,578 as a result of lower than anticipated losses and related expenses.

The reserve for losses and loss adjustment expenses is based upon actuarial projections prepared by the Pool's independent actuary and provided to the Division of Insurance annually. However, there exists a range of variability around the best estimate of the ultimate cost of settling all Pool claims. While management's estimate of the ultimate cost of settling all Pool claims as of December 31, 2017 and 2016 is \$23,745,055 and \$21,026,093, respectively, which includes unallocated loss adjustment expenses of \$824,590 and \$855,044, respectively, the actual cost of settling all remaining claims may be more or less than the reserves for losses and loss adjustment expenses as of December 31, 2017 and 2016.

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**NOTE 4: RESERVES FOR LOSSES AND LOSS ADJUSTMENT EXPENSES**  
 (CONTINUED)

Certain member counties have been partially self-funded. These counties are responsible for their own claims up to a maximum per claim liability, as follows:

	Years <u>Self-Funded</u>	Per Claim <u>Maximum</u>
Pueblo	1990 - 1992	\$ 200,000
Pueblo	1993 - 2017	\$ 225,000
Summit	1996 - 2009	\$ 100,000
Summit	2010 - 2017	\$ 150,000

Amounts in excess of these per claim maximums will be paid by the Pool.

The Pool maintains minimum deposits from these counties and bills these counties as claims and expenses are paid on their behalf. An estimate of the total claims and expenses attributable to each of these counties was made by the Pool's independent actuary. As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively, approximately \$3,554,654 and \$3,238,371 had been reflected as a reduction to the reserves for losses and loss adjustment expenses. The Pool recorded a membership contribution from the participating counties of \$1,166,766 and \$1,102,131 in 2017 and 2016, respectively.

The Pool has purchased annuities from several life insurance companies in settlement with various claimants. Although management believes they have acquired these annuity policies from solvent carriers, a contingent liability in the amount of \$223,629 and \$233,352 as of December 31, 2017 and 2016 existed if the life insurance companies could not meet their annuity payment obligations.

**NOTE 5: INSURANCE CONTRACTS**

**Excess of Loss**

The Pool has entered into excess of loss contracts to limit large losses. For 2017 and 2016, the Pool's exposure on individual claims paid is \$875,000. The excess insurer has an obligation under the contracts to pay in excess of this retention amount up to statutory limits.

**NOTE 6: MEMBERS' SURPLUS**

The Pool is required by the Division of Insurance of the State of Colorado to maintain a minimum statutory surplus of \$300,000. The Pool allocates contributions, paid losses, and underwriting expenses by claim year and, accordingly, may make assessments or distributions to counties which were members during a claim year. Distributions can be made as adjustments of future contributions or as direct payments. The Pool declared \$1,000,000 as a return of surplus to members for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016.

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**NOTE 7: ADMINISTRATIVE AND CLAIMS SERVICING AGREEMENTS**

The Pool has entered into an agreement with County Technical Services, Inc. (CTSI), a nonprofit corporation, to provide administrative services to the Pool. Fees for such services were \$638,648 and \$616,458 in 2017 and 2016, respectively. Additionally, CTSI provides claims administration services for the Pool. Fees for such services were \$908,948 in 2017 and \$920,570 in 2016. CTSI is considered a related-party for purposes of these financial statements.

**NOTE 8: FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. It establishes a hierarchy for fair value measurements based upon inputs to the valuation and the degree to which they are observable or not observable in the market. The three levels in the hierarchy are as follows

- Level 1 - Inputs to the valuation are based upon quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that are accessible as of the measurement date.
- Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation include quoted prices in either markets that are not active, or in active markets for similar assets or liabilities, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable, and inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data.
- Level 3 - Inputs to the valuation are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used by the Pool.

- Bonds: Valued at the amortized cost of shares held by the Pool at year end.
- Local government investment pool: Valued at cash equivalent.

Financial assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis are reflected in the Pool's statement of admitted assets, liabilities and members' surplus at December 31, 2017 as follows:

	Assets:			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Negotiable certificates of deposit	\$ 16,265,163	-	-	\$16,265,163
Corporate debt securities	24,905,079	-	-	24,905,079
Local government investment pool	<u>423,053</u>	-	-	<u>423,053</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 41,593,295</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$41,593,295</u>

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**NOTE 8: FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)**

Financial assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis are reflected in the Pool's statement of admitted assets, liabilities and members' surplus at December 31, 2016 as follows:

	Assets:			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Negotiable certificates of deposit	\$ 12,246,302	-	-	\$ 12,246,302
Corporate debt securities	27,023,404	-	-	27,023,404
Local government investment pool	<u>606,426</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>606,426</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>\$ 39,876,132</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 39,876,132</u></u>

**NOTE 9: CONCENTRATIONS**

The business plan of the Pool calls for contributions to be allocated and spread out among members to avoid concentrations. There were no contributions from individual members during the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 that exceeded 10% of total contributions.

**NOTE 10: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

As part of the administrative services provided to the Pool, CTSI has evaluated events subsequent to December 31, 2017 through March 26, 2018, which is the issuance date of this report. There were no material events noted in the subsequent period that would have impacted the results reported herein or in the Pool's results going forward.