

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE
COLORADO SPECIAL DISTRICTS
PROPERTY AND LIABILITY POOL**

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ARTICLE 1. Definitions

As used in this Pool Agreement, the following terms shall have the meaning hereinafter set out:

- 1.1 **BOARD**: Board of Directors of the Pool.
- 1.2 **CLAIM YEAR**: Any twelve consecutive month period established by the Board. The "initial" claim year is the first claim year established for the Pool.
- 1.3 **DIRECTOR**: A person serving on the Board.
- 1.4 **MEMBER**: A Special District which enters into this Pool Agreement. An "initial" member of the Pool is a member which obtains coverage through the Pool during the initial claim year.
- 1.5 **MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE**: That person who has been designated in writing by a Member as its representative to the Pool.
- 1.6 **POOL**: The Colorado Special Districts Property and Liability Pool established pursuant to the Constitution and the statutes of this state by this Pool Agreement.
- 1.7 **POOL AGREEMENT**: This Intergovernmental Agreement for the Colorado Special Districts Property and Liability Pool.
- 1.8 **SPECIAL DISTRICT**: A political subdivision of the State of Colorado that is a unit of local government pursuant to Article 13, Title 29, C.R.S., as amended, that is a public entity pursuant to 24-10-103(5), C.R.S., as amended, and that is eligible for membership in the Special District Association of Colorado according to the Association's bylaws as amended and in effect from time to time. "Special District" also includes any separate entity created by intergovernmental agreement authorized by Part 2, Article 1, Title 29, C.R.S., as amended, if at least one of the contracting entities is a special district and if all of the contracting entities are units of a local government pursuant to Article 13, Title 29, C.R.S., as amended, and are public entities pursuant to 24-10-103(5), C.R.S., as amended.
- 1.9 **SDA BOARD**: The Board of Directors of the Special District Association of Colorado.

ARTICLE 2. Creation of Pool

- 2.1 The Colorado Special Districts Property and Liability Pool is hereby formed by this Pool Agreement by Member Special Districts as a separate and independent governmental and legal entity pursuant to the provisions of Article XIV, Section 18(2) of the Colorado Constitution and

- 5.3 A Member may participate in the Pool for either or both of the following purposes:
1. The property and liability coverages authorized by sections 24-10-115.5 and 29-13-102, C.R.S., as amended, and risk management, claims handling and other functions and services related to such coverages;
 2. The workers' compensation coverages authorized by sections 8-44-101(1)(C) and (3) and 8-44-204, C.R.S., as amended, and risk management, claims handling, and other functions and services related to such coverages.
- 5.4 A Member who is participating in the Pool for one of the purposes set forth in Paragraph 5.3 of this Article may be authorized to participate in the Pool for the other of those purposes upon further compliance, as necessary, with Paragraph 5.1 of this Article and approval of the Board, subject to the payment of such sums and under such conditions as the Board in each case or from time-to-time establishes.

ARTICLE 6. Board of Directors and Officers

- 6.1 The Pool Board of Directors shall be composed of nine persons to be appointed by the SDA Board. Directors shall be appointed from among the Member Representatives, each from a different Member. At least one (1) Pool Director shall be appointed by the SDA Board from among the SDA directors. Pool Directors who are not SDA directors shall be appointed by the SDA Board from nominations received from Members. In no event may more than three Pool Directors be appointed from any one of the following types of special districts: Ambulance, Fire, Metropolitan, Park and Recreation, Sanitation, Water, Water and Sanitation, Hospital, or Library Districts. Nominations from the Members shall be submitted to the SDA Board at such time as the SDA Board may provide, and any nomination must be approved by the Board of Directors of the Member submitting the nomination.
- 6.2 The Executive Director of the SDA shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting Director on the Board.
- 6.3 Terms of the Directors shall be two-year, overlapping terms or until their successors have been appointed, except as provided herein. The term of office shall begin on a January 1, and end at midnight on a December 31, except that the Directors appointed to the first Board following the formation of the Pool shall begin their term prior to a January 1 if the SDA Board so directs. Directors may serve successive terms. The SDA Board shall appoint to the first Board following formation of the Pool, three Directors to serve one-year terms and four Directors to serve two year terms, with the successors of each appointed for two-year terms. Of the two additional persons to be appointed to the Board upon expansion of the Board from seven to nine persons, one shall be appointed to serve a one-year term and one shall be appointed to serve a two-year term, with the successors of each appointed for two-year terms; the terms of office of the two additional persons initially appointed may begin prior to a January 1 if the SDA Board so directs.

ARTICLE 8. Powers and Duties of the Board of Directors

- 8.1 The business and affairs of the Pool shall be managed by the Board which shall exercise all the authority and powers and discharge all the duties of the Pool, except as is otherwise provided in this Pool Agreement.
- 8.2 In addition to all other powers of the Board set out in this Pool Agreement, the Board shall have the power to:
1. Exercise all powers necessary to carry out the purposes of the Pool.
 2. Retain agents, independent contractors and employees necessary to administer and achieve the purposes of the Pool, including, but not limited to, attorneys, accountants, investigators, experts, consultants, and others.
 3. Purchase, sell, encumber, and lease real property, and purchase, sell, encumber or lease equipment, machinery, and personal property.
 4. Invest money as allowed for the Pool by Colorado statutes or by lawful regulations adopted pursuant to Colorado statutes, as from time-to-time amended.
 5. Purchase excess insurance, stop-loss insurance, and reinsurance as the Board deems prudent.
 6. Adopt and adjust the coverages provided through the Pool.
 7. Adopt and adjust contributions to the Pool.
 8. Enter into contracts including, but not limited to, contracts for risk management, claim adjustment, and brokerage services.
 9. Reimburse Directors for reasonable and approved expenses, including expenses incurred in attending Board meetings, and pay compensation to each Director for his or her services in a sum not to exceed the maximum sum which may by statute be paid as compensation for services of directors on Colorado special district boards of directors.
 10. Purchase fidelity bonds from an insurance company approved by the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Colorado to do business in Colorado.
 11. Establish reasonable and necessary loss reduction, prevention and risk management policies and procedures to be followed by the Members.
 12. Appoint committees from time to time as the Board considers desirable.

shall be established by the Board. Notice of the dissolution and plan for disbursement of assets and payment of the remaining obligations of the Pool shall be mailed to the Insurance Commissioner of Colorado at least ninety (90) days prior to the effective date of the dissolution. The plan for disbursement of assets and payment of the remaining obligations of the Pool shall not take effect until approved by the Insurance Commissioner of Colorado. Upon dissolution of the Pool, the assets of the Pool not used or needed for the purposes of the Pool, as determined by the Board and subject to approval by the Insurance Commissioner of Colorado, shall be distributed exclusively to Special Districts which are members of the Pool prior to dissolution to be used for one or more public purposes.

9.2 Meetings of the Members shall be held as follows:

- a. Members shall meet at least once annually at a time and place to be set by the Board, with notice mailed to each Member at least thirty (30) days in advance.
- b. Special meetings may be called by the Board upon its own motion and shall be called by the Board upon written request of thirty (30) percent of the Members, with notice mailed to each Member at least thirty (30) days in advance.
- c. The president of the Pool shall preside at the meetings; a vice president of the Pool shall preside in the absence of the president.
- d. Twenty (20) percent of the Members shall constitute a quorum to do business.
- e. Proxy voting shall be allowed, pursuant to such procedures as the Board may determine.
- f. Each Member shall be entitled to one vote on each issue, to be cast by its Member Representative.
- g. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Pool Agreement, any amendment to the Pool Agreement, except an amendment relating to dissolution of the Pool, may be adopted without a meeting if an approval in writing, setting forth the amendment approved, is signed by the Member Representatives of at least two thirds (2/3) of the Members. The approval may be executed in counterparts.

ARTICLE 10. Obligations of Members

10.1 Each Member shall have the obligation to:

- a. Pay all contributions or other payments to the Pool at such times and in such amounts as shall be established by the Board. Any delinquent payments shall be paid with interest pursuant to a policy established by the Board and uniformly applied.

may be distributed among the Members and former Members, subject to Paragraph 15.1, pursuant to the following:

1. Any such distribution may be in the form of credits against future contributions or in the form of payments, or a combination thereof, as the Board may determine.
2. Money distributed for any claim year shall be distributed only to those Members and former Members which were Members during that claim year and shall be distributed in order of claim year contribution, with Members and former Members of the initial claim year to receive the initial credits.
3. The amount which may be distributed for any claim year shall be established by the Board which shall have discretion as to the amount and timing of any distribution. That amount may not exceed the net sum of (i) the net income of the Pool for that claim year less (ii) the portion of the Pool's net income which equals the amount of the excess loss reserve of the claim year prior to the claim year (which is subject to the distribution) which was taken into income in that claim year plus (iii) the excess loss reserve for the claim year which is subject to the distribution.
4. For the purpose of this paragraph 11.2, the term "excess loss reserves" means the amount by which the amounts credited to loss reserves and charged to operating expenses in any claim year exceed the actual losses (including loss adjustment expenses) for that claim year.
5. The amount established by the Board for a claim year pursuant to paragraph c., above, shall be distributed among each Member and former Member which was a Member during that claim year based on the ratio which each Member's and former Member's contribution (excluding any surplus contribution) for the claim year bears to the total contributions (excluding surplus contributions) for the claim year and less the contributions of former Members which are not eligible for a distribution pursuant to Paragraph 15.1.
6. Excess surplus funds contributed by Members and former Members may be distributed only among such contributing Members or former Members, subject to the five year membership requirement of Paragraph 15.1. The Board has discretion to determine, from time to time, the amount and timing of any distribution of such funds. The amount established by the Board shall be distributed among each Member and eligible former Member based on the ratio which each Member's and former Member's surplus contribution bears to the total amount of surplus funds contributed to the Pool by Members and former Members.
7. No distribution of excess funds, including excess surplus funds contributed by Members, shall be made to any Member or former Member which owes any amount to the Pool until the amount so owed is paid, and any amount so owed may be deducted from the distribution to the Member or former Member.

employee of the Pool. The Pool shall obtain bonds for all Directors, officers, committee members, and employees who handle or have access to Pool funds, in an amount which the Board deems appropriate but no less than the minimum amount deemed necessary by the Insurance Commissioner of Colorado.

ARTICLE 13. Withdrawal of Members

- 13.1 Any Member may withdraw from the Pool by giving written notice to the Board of its intent to withdraw at least sixty (60) days prior to the Member's coverage renewal date. A Member which has different renewal dates for different coverages must give such written notice at least sixty (60) days prior to the first renewal date following any January 1. Unless a different date is agreed to by the Board and the Member, the withdrawal shall be effective on the Member's coverage renewal date but, if the Member has different renewal dates for different coverages, the withdrawal shall be effective the latest renewal date following the written notice of withdrawal. After the notice of withdrawal is given, no coverage will be renewed but all coverages will remain in effect only until their respective expiration dates.
- 13.2 Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, any Member which dissolves or which is consolidated with another Special District shall be considered a withdrawn Member with the same rights and obligations under this agreement as any other withdrawn Member, such withdrawal to be effective on the date of dissolution or consolidation, as the case may be. Notwithstanding paragraph 15.1 and under the following circumstances only, a Special District shall receive the credits against its future contributions to the Pool otherwise allocable to a dissolved or consolidated Member pursuant to paragraph 11.2:
1. If the Special District was formed by a consolidation which included such a Member, the Special District assumed all rights of that Member under this agreement, and the Special District is a Member no later than one year after the effective date of the consolidation; or,
 2. If the Special District assumed all rights of a dissolved Member under this agreement, and the Special District is a Member no later than one year after the effective date of the dissolution.

A Special District entitled to receive such credits of a dissolved or consolidated Member shall not be obligated for any liabilities to the Pool of the dissolved or consolidated Member in excess of the amount of such credits.

ARTICLE 14. Expulsion of Members

- 14.1 A Member which fails to make a contribution or other payment due to the Pool shall be automatically expelled from the Pool on the sixtieth (60) day following the due date, unless time for payment is extended by the Board and payment is made within any extended period. A notice of failure to make a contribution or other payment due to the Pool shall be mailed to the Member at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of automatic expulsion. If payment is not made within

shall remain subject to all conditions of coverage and obligations of a Member which are in effect at the time of withdrawal. A withdrawn or expelled Member shall have no right to vote on any matter pending before the Pool membership.

- 15.4 No withdrawn or expelled Member may be adversely affected by any change in the Pool Agreement or other Pool documents adopted subsequent to the effective date of the Member's withdrawal or expulsion.
- 15.5 Unless disapproved by an affected excess carrier or reinsurer, the Pool shall offer a withdrawing or expelled Member, no later than forty-five (45) days after the expulsion or Board's receipt of the written notice of withdrawal, at least twenty-four (24) months extended reporting period on any claims-made coverage provided through the Pool, at a cost reasonably calculated by the Board and subject to any contracts existing at the time of withdrawal or expulsion.

ARTICLE 16. Miscellaneous

- 16.1 This document constitutes an intergovernmental agreement among those Special Districts which become Members of the Pool. The terms of this agreement may be enforced in court by the Pool or by any of its Members. The consideration for the duties herewith imposed on the Members to take certain actions and to refrain from certain other actions shall be based upon the mutual promises and agreements of the Members set forth herein.
- 16.2 A certified or attested copy of the resolution of approval for each Member shall be attached to the Member's Pool Agreement on file with the Pool.
- 16.3 Except to the extent of the limited financial contributions to the Pool agreed to herein or such additional obligations as may come about through amendments to this Pool Agreement, the contracting parties intend in the creation of the Pool to establish an organization to operate only within the scope herein set out and have not otherwise created as between Member and Member any relationship of surety, indemnification or responsibility for the debts of or claims against any other Member.
- 16.4 The provisions of this Pool Agreement and of the other documents referred to herein, and the assets of the Pool, are for the benefit of the Members of the Pool only, and no other persons or entities shall have any rights or interest in this Pool Agreement or in any of the other documents referred to herein, or in any such assets, as a third party beneficiary or otherwise. The assets of the Pool shall not be subject to attachment, garnishment, or any equitable proceeding.
- 16.5 It is the intention of the Members that the Pool and any income of the Pool not be subject to taxation, and the Members shall cooperate in such respects, including amending this Pool Agreement, as reasonably necessary to establish and maintain the non-taxable status of the Pool.

Date: December 6, 2016

Attest:

By: 
Title: Secretary