

Kern County Employees' Retirement Association



Actuarial Valuation

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Dear Members of the Board:

At your request, we have made an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2006 of the Kern County Employees' Retirement Association (KCERA). The major findings of the valuation are contained in this report, which reflects the benefit provisions and contribution rates in effect as of December 31, 2006.

In preparing this report, we relied, without audit, on information (some oral and some in writing) supplied by the KCERA staff. This information includes, but is not limited to, statutory provisions, employee data and financial information. In our examination of these data, we have found them to be reasonably consistent and comparable with data used for other purposes. It should be noted that if any data or other information is inaccurate or incomplete, our calculations may need to be revised.

On the basis of the foregoing, we hereby certify that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, this report is complete and accurate and has been prepared in accordance with generally recognized and accepted actuarial principles and practices which are consistent with the principles prescribed by the Actuarial Standards Board (ASB) and the Code of Professional Conduct and Qualification Standards for Public Statements of Actuarial Opinion of the American Academy of Actuaries.

We further certify that all costs, liabilities, rates of interest, and other factors for the programs have been determined on the basis of actuarial assumptions and methods which are individually reasonable (taking into account the experience of the programs and reasonable expectations). The assumptions used in this report, as summarized in Appendix A, are based on the 2005 Experience Study report adopted by the Board on April 12, 2006. These assumptions are the same as our December 31, 2005 report except for the deferral age for vested termination. The Retirement Board has the final decision regarding the appropriateness of the assumptions. The emerging costs will vary from those presented in this report to the extent that actual experience differs from that projected by the actuarial assumptions.



Actuarial computations presented in this report are for purposes of determining the recommended funding amounts for the Association. Actuarial computations under GASB Statements No. 25 and 27 are for purposes of fulfilling financial accounting requirements and are found in Section 7 of this report. The computations for these two purposes may differ as disclosed in our report. The calculations in this report have been made on a basis consistent with our understanding of the Association's funding requirements and goals, as well as of GASB Statements No. 25 and 27. Determinations for purposes other than meeting these requirements may be significantly different from the results contained in this report. Accordingly, additional determinations may be needed for other purposes. Any distribution of the enclosed report must be in its entirety including this cover letter, unless prior written consent is obtained from Milliman.

Milliman's work product was prepared exclusively for the use or benefit of KCERA for a specific and limited purpose. It is a complex, technical analysis that assumes a high level of knowledge concerning KCERA's operations, and uses KCERA's data, which Milliman has not audited. Any third party recipient of Milliman's work product who desires professional guidance should not rely upon Milliman's work product, but should engage qualified professionals for advice appropriate to its own specific needs.

We would like to express our appreciation to Anne Holdren, Executive Director of the Association, and to members of her staff, who gave substantial assistance in supplying the data on which this report is based.

We respectfully submit the following report, and we look forward to discussing it with you.

We, Daniel R. Wade and Karen I. Steffen are members of the American Academy of Actuaries, Enrolled Actuaries and Fellows of the Society of Actuaries, and meet the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the actuarial opinion contained herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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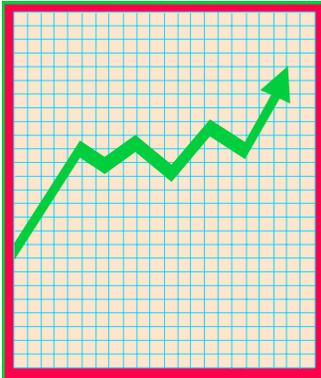
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Section 1: Summary of the Findings



Before delving into the finer points of this report, it may be instructive to take a high level look at the results. The following chart presents a summary of the calculated Employer contribution rates as of last year (the top line) and this year (the bottom line). The numbers in between explain the changes that have occurred during the year. The rate shown for the General Members include the costs for the District General members as well as those employed by the County.

Overview:

	Employer Contribution Rate	
	General Members	Safety Members
2005 Valuation	30.11%	37.69%
Benefit Changes	N/A	N/A
Experience Changes	-0.36%	1.13%
Assumption Changes	<u>0.36%</u>	<u>0.41%</u>
2006 Valuation (prior to application of CCR)	30.11%	39.23%
Application of CCR	<u>-2.49%</u>	<u>-3.71%</u>
2006 Valuation after application of CCR	27.62%	35.52%

A brief summary of each of the changes is shown below.

- **Benefit Changes:** There were no benefit changes that affected the Employer Contribution Rate for Regular Benefits. However, the Supplemental Retirement Benefit Reserve (SRBR) death benefit was increased from \$1,000 to \$3,000.
- **Experience During the Year:** Actual experience during 2006 lead to changes in the contribution rates, a decrease of 0.36% for General members and a 1.13% increase for Safety members from that expected based on the 2005 valuation. Some experience gains and losses are to be expected as part of the normal variation between actual and expected experience. The changes due to actual experience are described in further detail in the gain and loss summary, Exhibit 18, Section 6, and were well within a reasonable level of fluctuation.
- **Revised Milliman Assumptions:** The assumed deferral age for terminated participants with a vested benefit was changed from age 55 to age 50 for safety members and from age 62 to age 60 for general members. This revised assumption reflects the age at which members are entitled to full benefits.

- **COLA Contribution Reserve:** At the time of each annual actuarial valuation, any funds in the COLA Contribution Reserve (CCR) as of the valuation date are used to offset the required 2.0% COLA contributions for the subsequent fiscal year, commencing on July 1 following the valuation date. For the first time since the introduction of this policy, there is a positive CCR balance. The full amount of this reserve, as of December 31, 2006, will be used to offset COLA contributions for July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Summary of Recommendations

The following exhibit summarizes our recommendations to the Board. These are the recommended employer contribution rates for the fiscal year, commencing July 1, 2007, shown for each employer cost group. Member contributions, also effective July 1, 2007 are shown in Appendix D.

Funding Status

The Funded Ratio for the Regular Benefits remained flat, at 76%. The funding status for the SRBR approved benefits decreased from 154% in the 2005 valuation to 142% for this 2006 valuation. A funding ratio over 100% indicates the SRBR unallocated reserve assets are more than sufficient to meet the expected benefit obligations. The portion of the assets greater than the present value of the approved benefits is referred to as the Funding Excess Amount.

In accordance with the Board's funding policy, the funding status is measured using the Actuarial Value of Assets (AVA). As of December 31, 2006, the Market Value of Assets is 111% of the AVA. Thus, on a market value basis, the Funded Ratio for the Regular Benefit would be about 84% and the SRBR approved benefits would be about 157%.

The remainder of this section, as well as Sections 2-7, discusses KCERA's financial status as of December 31, 2006.

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Exhibit 1: Summary of Recommendations
(All dollar amounts in millions)

Employer Contribution	December 31, 2005	December 31, 2006	
		Before CCR	After CCR
General – County	30.00%	30.09%	27.65%
General – County -Court Employees only	26.06%	27.28%	24.84%
General - Kern County Water Agency	33.94%	35.00%	31.96%
General – Districts Electing 1997 MOU	33.13%	34.65%	31.61%
General – Districts Not Electing 1997 MOU	30.51%	31.81%	28.77%
General - Districts Adopting 3%@60 prospectively only	31.02%	30.06%	27.03%
Safety	37.69%	39.23%	35.52%
Total Plan	31.70%	32.26%	29.49%
Funded Status – Regular Benefits			
Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$2,861.9	\$3,109.0	
Actuarial Value of Assets	\$2,164.3	\$2,352.0	
UAAL	\$697.6	\$757.0	
Funded Percentage	75.6%	75.7%	
Funded Status – SRBR			
Present Value of Approved Benefits	\$58.3	\$64.3	
Actuarial Value of Assets	\$89.5	\$91.0	
Funding Excess Amount	(\$31.3)	(\$26.7)	
Funded Percentage	154%	141%	
Key Assumptions			
Interest Rate	8.00%	8.00%	
Wage Inflation	4.00%	4.00%	
Price Inflation	3.50%	3.50%	

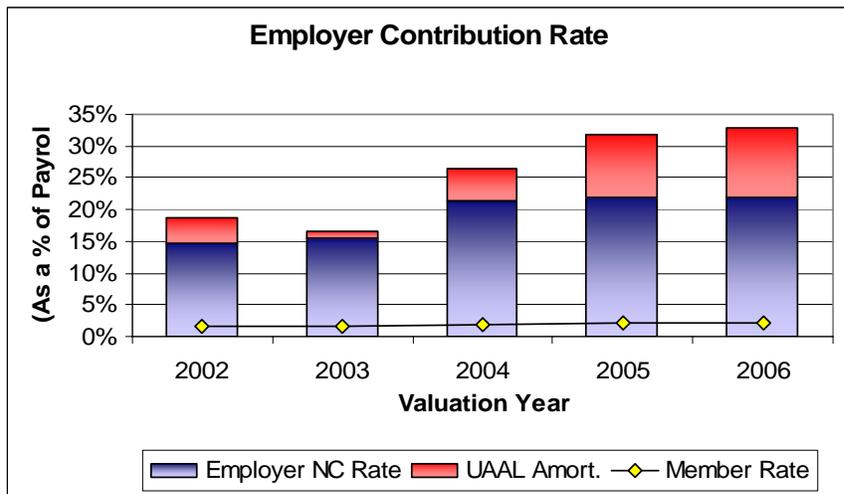
Employer Contribution Rate

Under the Board's current funding objectives, the total calculated Employer contribution rate is 32.26% of payroll, prior to the application of the CCR credits. This is equal to the payment of the normal cost rate plus a 29-year amortization of the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL). It should be noted that the 32.26% is a weighted average for all KCERA employers and for both General and Safety members. The actual percent of payroll to be contributed by each employer for each member varies by their benefits and member contributions. See Exhibits 14-17 for normal cost rates by employer groups and class.

After application of the credit for the CCR, the total weighted employer contribution rate is 29.49%.

The new rates are effective for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007. The 32.26% contribution rate (29.49% employer contribution plus 2.77% for the CCR credits) is adequate to maintain the funding of the retirement system based on the current actuarial methods and assumptions and satisfies the funding policy objectives that call for the UAAL to be paid off by December 31, 2035. See Exhibit 17 for the total employer contribution rates by group and class.

A historical perspective of the total Employer contribution rate is shown in the following graph.



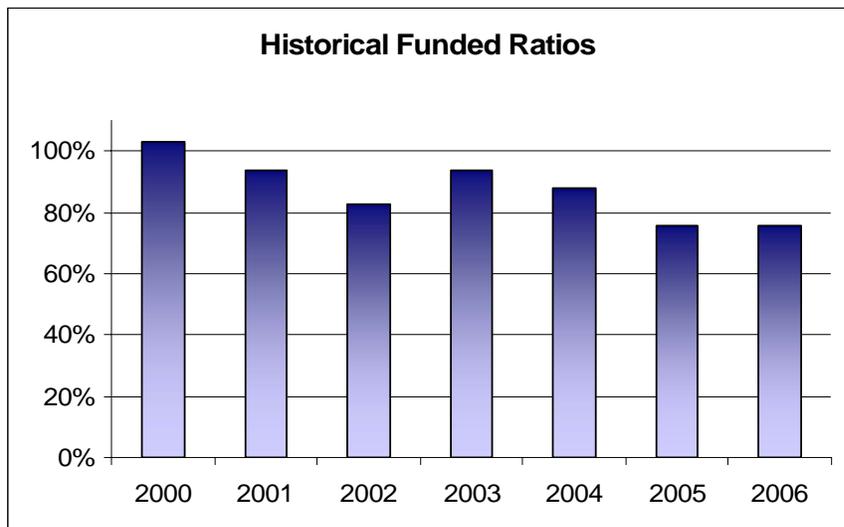
Member Rates

The member contribution rates are projected to average about 2.3% of pay for contributory cost groups. This rate should increase over time as new members contribute at a higher rate and for a longer period of time. See the description of changes in member contribution rates in Appendix B.

Funding Progress

One measure of the funding adequacy of the plan is the Funded Ratio which compares the value of the Actuarial Value of Assets (net of certain non-valuation reserves) to the Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL), for all KCERA employers combined. KCERA's Funded ratio increased rapidly in the last half of the 1990s, reaching 103.3% in 2000. However, due primarily to asset losses early in this decade, the Funded Ratio has decreased significantly since then. Currently, the Funded Ratio is 75.7%; that is, the actuarial value of the Valuation Assets of \$2.4 billion is about 24% less than the actuarial accrued liabilities of \$3.1 billion.

Year	Market Value	Valuation Assets	Accrued Liability	Funding Ratio
2000	\$ 1,619	\$ 1,435	\$ 1,389	103.3%
2001	\$ 1,511	\$ 1,508	\$ 1,612	93.6%
2002	\$ 1,385	\$ 1,570	\$ 1,899	82.7%
2003	\$ 2,016	\$ 1,928	\$ 2,059	93.6%
2004	\$ 2,225	\$ 2,013	\$ 2,336	86.1%
2005	\$ 2,396	\$ 2,164	\$ 2,862	75.6%
2006	\$ 2,782	\$ 2,352	\$ 3,109	75.7%



Assets

For the fiscal year ending December 31, 2006, we estimate that KCERA earned 15.83%, net of all expenses, on its market value of assets.

KCERA uses an asset-smoothing method in the determination of valuation assets used in the calculation of UAAL contribution. Under this method, the market value returns are smoothed over a five-year period. Due to the recognition of prior losses, the return on the actuarial valuation assets was lower, returning 8.05%.

Allocation of Assets and Cost Sharing

Currently, both the normal cost and UAAL portions of the employer contribution rate are calculated separately for each cost group. Cost sharing in setting the normal cost rate occurs across all General members, regardless of employer, and is based on the expected future benefit accruals.

Member contribution rates vary widely between different employer groups. Beginning with the 2005 valuation, the Court employees, formerly reported as part of the larger County General membership, are reported as a separate employer group, since they are now paying a higher member rate than the other County General members. These higher member contributions are viewed as member contributions towards the employer's cost and thus would not normally impact the value of benefits. However, since these higher contributions are also refundable to the member, the value of future refunds is greater. Unless a separate cost group, which requires a separate accounting of reserve funds, is set up for the Court employees, the cost sharing with other County General members is assumed to continue. Therefore, only those higher member contributions actually made as of the valuation date will be reflected in the probability of refund payments for the Court employees.

The Board's funding policy creates certain cost groups for determining the UAAL contribution rates. The UAAL contribution rate varies by General, District and Safety cost groups. To determine the UAAL amount by cost group, the valuation assets are allocated by these different employer cost groups. Currently the reserve funds are separated between the County General members, the Districts in aggregate, and the County Safety members.

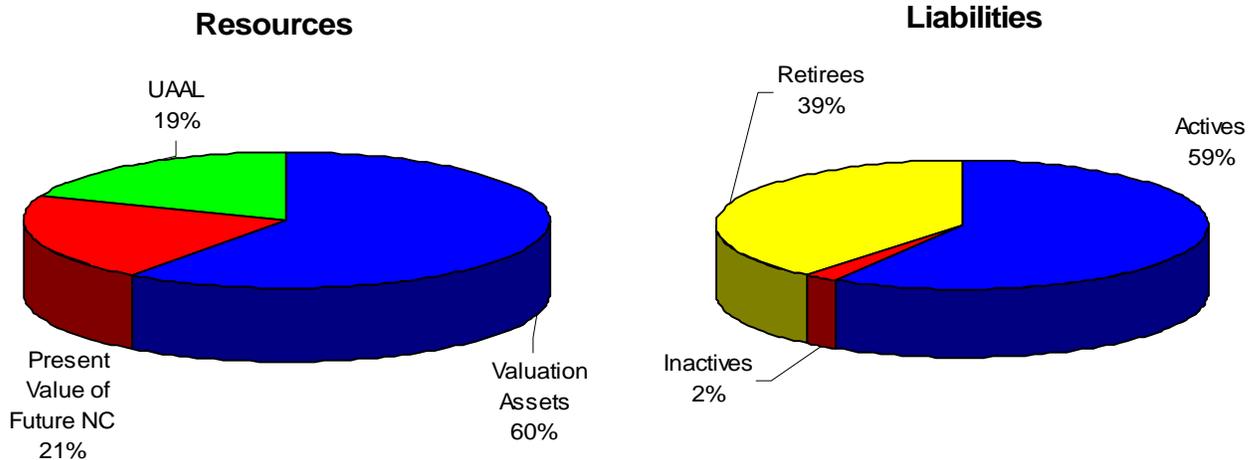
However, the Retired Member Reserves are not separated between the County and the District General members. Starting with the 2004 valuation, those assets are allocated based on the value of the total actuarial value of benefits for those two groups. Thus, the final allocation of the actuarial value of assets can not be determined until the valuation of liabilities has been determined.

In addition, the portion of the SRBR fund allocated to the 0.5% COLA benefits under the Ventura settlement is not allocated among cost groups. Those funds have also been allocated based on the value of the total actuarial value of the 0.5% benefits for those three major cost groups.

Actuarial Balance Sheet

The first step in the valuation process is to compare the total actuarial value of assets of KCERA with its total liabilities for all cost groups. In this analysis, KCERA's resources equal the assets currently on hand, at the actuarial value, and also expected future contributions by both the employers and members. Liabilities reflect benefits already earned in the past and those expected to be earned in the future by current members. This relationship is shown in the following chart. The AAL is the total of the benefit liabilities less expected future normal cost contributions.

Comparing the current and future resources to the current and future liabilities, we then determine the annual contribution amount for the coming fiscal year.



SRBR

The Supplemental Retirement Benefit Reserve (SRBR) is a separate reserve allocation of the KCERA actuarial value of assets. Additions are made to the SRBR if “Excess Earnings” occurs and the SRBR receives regular annual interest credits. The benefits payable from the SRBR is limited to the funds available in the SRBR.

As part of the Ventura legal settlement in 2001, a portion of the SRBR funds, \$64.7 million, was set aside to be used to pay for the additional 0.5% COLA benefits to retired members. The actuarial value of this special allocation of the SRBR fund on December 31, 2006 is \$77.3 million. The remaining SRBR funds are equal to \$91.0 million.

The Board measures the future SRBR benefits under three scenarios:

- a) Approved benefits: Represents the value of the SRBR benefits approved by the Board as of the valuation date and does not include any future additional SRBR benefits to either retired or active members.
- b) Target benefits: The Board has established a measurement under a policy commonly referred to as the “20/20” policy where the value of certain approved benefits: death benefits, SRBR1 and SRBR2 are valued along with a 20% additional reserve for future experience. The SRBR3 benefits are projected for both active and retired members for the next 20 years.
- c) Future benefits: this represents the actuarial value as of the valuation of all levels of SRBR benefits to all current retired and active members.

The following chart indicates the funding ratio of the SRBR benefits under these three measurements as of December 31, 2006:

	<u>Funded Percentage</u>
Approved Benefits	141.5%
Target Benefits, including 20% reserve amounts	104.3%
Future Benefits	81.6%

The SRBR Funded Percentage decreased since the 2005 valuation for two reasons. First, the Retirement Board approved an increase in the death benefit from \$1,000 to \$3,000. Second, actual inflation was higher than expected.

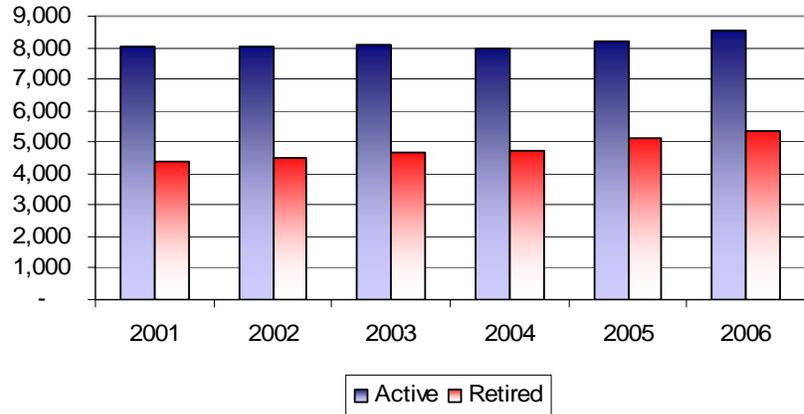
Detailed information on the SRBR benefits is described in Section 8 of this report.

Member Information

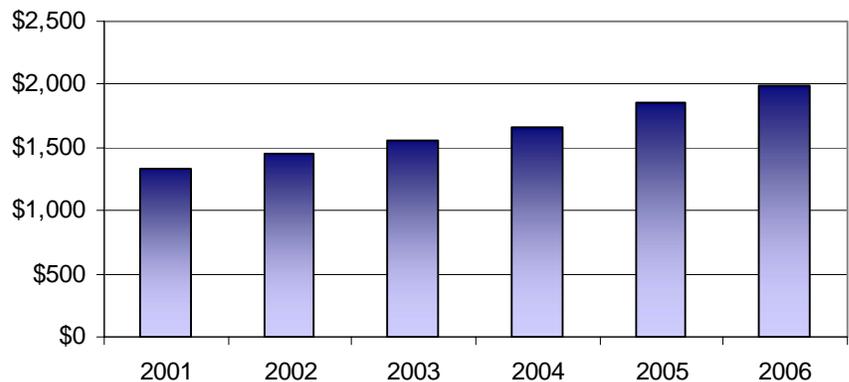
The number of active members included in the valuation increased by 4.3% from 8,195 in 2005 to 8,547 in 2006.

Retired member counts and average retirement benefit amounts continue to increase steadily. For 2006, there were 5,355 retired members and beneficiaries with an average benefit of \$1,989 per month. This represents a 4.3% increase in count and a 7.1% increase in the average monthly benefit.

Membership Count

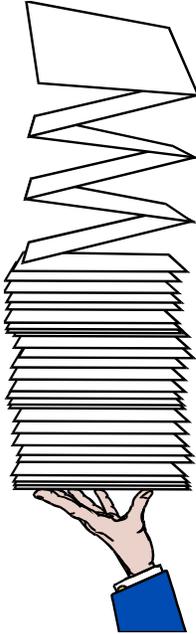


Average Monthly Retirement Benefit



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Section 2: Scope of the Report



In reading our cover letter, please pay particular attention to the guidelines employed in the preparation of this report. We also comment on the sources and reliability of both the data and the actuarial assumptions upon which our findings depend. Those comments are the basis for our certification that this report is complete and accurate to the best of our knowledge and belief.

A summary of the findings resulting from this valuation is presented in the previous section. Section 3 describes the assets and investment experience of KCERA. The assets and investment income are presented in Exhibits 2-4. Exhibits 5-7 develop the Actuarial Value of Assets as of December 31, 2006.

Section 4 describes the benefit obligations of KCERA. Exhibit 8 is the Actuarial Balance Sheet. Additional analysis on the change in UAAL is also provided in this section.

Section 5 discusses the Member contribution rates.

Section 6 discusses the County contributions needed to fund the benefits under the actuarial cost method in use.

Section 7 discloses the information required under Statement No. 25 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

Section 8 provides the valuation of the SRBR funds and benefit obligations.

Section 9 illustrates the expected level of benefit payments to be paid to current members.

This report includes several appendices:

- Appendix A A summary of the actuarial procedures, and assumptions used to estimate liabilities and contributions.
- Appendix B A summary of the current benefit structure, as determined by the provisions of governing law on December 31, 2006.
- Appendix C Schedules of valuation data classified by various categories of plan members.
- Appendix D Member contribution rates by plan.
- Appendix E A glossary of actuarial terms used in this report.

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Section 3: Assets



In many respects, an actuarial valuation can be thought of as an inventory process. The inventory is taken as of the actuarial valuation date which, for this valuation, is December 31, 2006. On that date, the assets available for the payment of retirement benefits are appraised. These assets are compared with the actuarial liabilities, which are generally well in excess of the actuarial assets. The purpose of the valuation is to determine what future contributions by the members and employers are needed to pay all expected future benefits.

This section of the report deals with the determination of assets used for funding purposes. In the next section, the actuarial liabilities will be discussed. Sections 5 and 6 deal with the process for determining required contributions based on the relationship between the actuarial assets and the actuarial liabilities. A historical summary of the KCERA's assets is presented below:

All dollar amounts in millions

December 31	Market Value of <u>Total Assets</u>	Actuarial Value		<u>Total</u>	Market Value as Percentage of Actuarial <u>Value</u>
		<u>Non-Valuation Reserves*</u>	<u>Valuation Assets</u>		
1997	\$ 1,306.9		\$ 1,113.9		
1998	1,449.4		1,203.7		
1999	1,673.4		1,325.9		
2000	1,618.7		1,434.9		
2001	1,511.3	\$163.6	1,508.3	\$1,671.9	90%
2002	1,384.9	91.6	1,570.3	1,661.9	83%
2003	2,016.2	114.0	1,927.6	2,041.6	99%
2004	2,224.9	119.5	2,012.5	2,132.0	104%
2005	2,395.6	113.5	2,164.3	2,277.8	105%
2006	2,781.8	158.2	2,352.0	2,510.2	111%

**Non-valuation reserves are the SRBR funds not allocated to the 0.5% COLA, the Contingency Reserve and the COLA Contribution Reserve, if any.*

On December 31, 2006, the total market value of the fund was \$2.78 billion. The actuarial value of the fund was determined to be \$2.51 billion, including the non-valuation reserves. The Market Value of Assets includes all plan assets including those allocated to the Supplemental Retiree Benefit Reserve, the Contingency Reserve and the COLA Contribution Reserve, if any. The Actuarial Value of Valuation Assets of \$2.35 billion, includes only those assets that are taken into account in

determining employer contribution rates for the Regular Benefits. These exclude the unallocated portion of the Supplemental Retiree Benefit Reserve, the Contingency Reserve and the COLA Contribution Reserve, if any.

Financial Exhibits

Exhibit 2 presents a Statement of Plan Net Assets and Exhibit 3 presents a Statement of Changes in Plan Net Assets. Exhibit 4 shows the determination of the asset gains and losses over each six-month period for the past five years. It describes the allocation of KCERA's assets by the various reserve values determined for accounting purposes as reported to us by KCERA. Exhibit 5 computes the Market Stabilization Reserve from the smoothed gains and losses over the past five years.

Exhibits 2-4 are taken directly from data furnished to us by KCERA in their annual financial report. We have accepted these tables for use in this report without audit, but we have reviewed them for reasonableness and consistency with previous reports.

Actuarial Asset Method

The actuarial asset method computes the expected market value of assets based on the prior year's market value of assets, the actual cash flow of contributions and benefit payments, and the assumed investment rate of return. The current assumed rate of return, as recommended for this valuation, is 8.00%, net of all expenses. The difference between the actual market value and the computed expected market value is smoothed, or recognized over a five-year period.

Actuarial Value of Assets

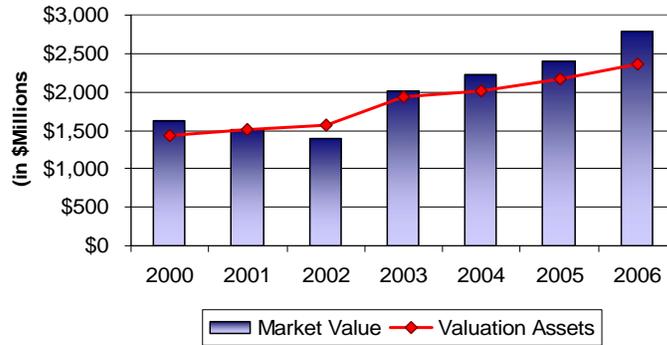
The development of the December 31, 2006 actuarial value of assets is shown in Exhibit 5. Note the smoothing process has not recognized much of the investment gains since 2003. The result is an actuarial value of assets that is significantly lower than the market value.

The Market Stabilization Reserve is the portion of prior year's asset gains or losses not recognized in the Actuarial Value of Assets.

Valuation Reserves

Valuation Assets are the actuarial value of the fund, less the value of any reserves which have been set aside for current liabilities and special benefits that are to be funded outside of the actuarially determined contribution rates. These are the Contingency Reserve, the SRBR Reserve not allocated to the 0.50% COLA and the COLA Contribution Reserve, if any. Exhibit 6 shows the allocation of the Actuarial Value of Assets by accounting reserve accounts and then determines the total value of the Valuation Reserves.

Applicable Valuation Assets



Allocation of Assets

Exhibit 7 reconciles the beginning of the year assets to the end of the year on both the market value and the actuarial value basis.

The allocation of valuation assets by cost group is shown in Exhibit 8.

Interest Crediting Policy

In 2003, the Retirement Board established a policy to determine the crediting of interest to reserves under KCERA. Interest credits are based on the smoothed actuarial value of assets and are determined for each six-month calendar year period ending June 30 and December 31. This is a brief summary of the order of precedence if interest credits remain to be allocated:

1. Credit the Contingency Reserve until it is equal to 1% of the market value of assets.
2. Credit the Valuation Reserves (Member Deposit, Employer Advance, COLA and Retired Member reserves) and the SRBR Reserves and the COLA Contribution Reserve (CCR), if any, at a rate equal to one-half of the assumed valuation interest rate.
3. Credit the Contingency Reserve until it is equal to 2% of the market value of assets.
4. Credit the CCR with a dollar amount equal to the 2% COLA contributions payable by all employers for the six-month period ending on the date of the interest determination.
5. Any remaining interest credits are split 50/50 to the SRBR (the unallocated portion of the SRBR reserve, not the portion set aside for the 0.5% COLA benefits) and all the Valuation Reserves, excluding the assets set aside for the 0.5% COLA benefits, but including the CCR fund amount, if any, at the beginning of the interest determination period.

Thus, for purposes of crediting interest, the CCR is treated the same as the Valuation Reserves. For purposes of determining contribution rates, the CCR is excluded from Valuation Assets, since it is used later as contribution credits.

At the time of each annual actuarial valuation, any funds in the CCR as of the valuation date will be used to offset the required 2.0% COLA contributions for the subsequent fiscal year, commencing on July 1 following the valuation date. For the first time since the introduction of this policy, there is a CCR. This reserve will be used to offset COLA contributions for July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

If at any time the interest credits are less than zero, then the Board has in the past established a Negative Contingency Account and all other reserves receive zero interest credits.

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**Exhibit 2: Statement of Plan Net Assets
For the Years Ended December 31, 2005 and 2006**

	2006	2005
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 116,722,554	\$ 73,140,352
Accounts Receivable	85,242,161	118,800,005
	<u>201,964,715</u>	<u>191,940,357</u>
Investments	2,723,739,132	2,417,204,789
Property, Fixtures and Equipment, Net	92,519	50,440
Total Assets	<u>2,925,796,366</u>	<u>2,609,195,586</u>
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities	(143,969,702)	(213,570,517)
Net Assets Held in Trust for Pension Benefits	<u>\$ 2,781,826,664</u>	<u>\$ 2,395,625,069</u>

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Exhibit 3: Statement of Changes in Plan Net Assets For the Years Ended December 31, 2005 and 2006

	2006	2005
Additions		
Contributions		
Employer	\$ 124,735,089	\$ 98,284,215
Member	10,695,530	9,562,621
Service Credit Purchases	1,338,572	1,447,891
Total Contributions	<u>136,769,191</u>	<u>109,294,728</u>
Net Appreciation (Depreciation) in Fair Value of Investments	323,787,537	132,749,305
Investment Income	81,387,052	61,450,430
Less Investment Expenses (including securities lending expenses)	22,609,544	13,812,648
Net Investment Income	<u>382,565,044</u>	<u>180,387,086</u>
Total Additions	<u>519,334,236</u>	<u>289,681,814</u>
Deductions		
Benefit Payments	\$ 119,448,345	\$ 106,195,725
SRBR Payments (Tiers 1, 2, & 3)	6,519,513	6,544,348
SRBR Payments (0.5% COLA)	2,150,152	1,605,324
Refunds	2,062,112	1,913,683
SRBR Death Benefits	119,167	113,200
Active Death Benefits	98,312	120,406
Administrative Expense	<u>2,735,041</u>	<u>2,462,778</u>
Total Deductions	<u>133,132,641</u>	<u>118,955,465</u>
Net Increase (Decrease)	386,201,595	170,726,348
Net Assets Held in Trust for Pension Benefits		
Beginning of Year	<u>2,395,625,069</u>	<u>2,224,898,721</u>
End of Year	<u>2,781,826,664</u>	<u>2,395,625,069</u>
Estimated Return, Net of all Expenses on Market Value basis	15.83%*	8.01%*

* May differ from return reported in CAFR due to timing of contributions and benefit payments.

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Exhibit 4: 5-Year Smoothing of Gains and Losses on Market Value – History

Six-Month Period Ended	Market Value of Assets (Beginning of Period)	Market Value of Assets (End of Period)	Contributions	Benefit Payments	Actual Investment Return (Net of Expenses)	Assumed Rate of Return	Expected Return (Net of Expenses)	Unexpected Gain (Loss)
12/31/2006	\$ 2,458,256,056	\$ 2,781,826,664	\$ 122,571,166	\$ 66,538,268	\$ 267,537,710	8.00%	\$ 99,450,900	\$ 168,086,809
6/30/2006	2,395,625,069	2,458,256,056	14,198,025	63,859,332	112,292,294	8.00%	94,831,777	17,460,517
12/31/2005	2,212,271,078	2,395,625,069	98,310,989	59,906,157	144,949,159	8.00%	89,258,940	55,690,220
6/30/2005	2,224,898,721	2,212,271,078	10,983,739	56,586,530	32,975,149	8.00%	88,083,893	(55,108,744)
12/31/2004	2,030,719,406	2,224,898,721	59,635,395	54,419,552	188,963,472	8.00%	81,333,093	107,630,379
6/30/2004	2,016,236,085	2,030,719,406	9,159,416	55,488,271	60,812,177	8.00%	79,722,866	(18,910,690)
12/31/2003	1,782,946,667	2,016,236,085	50,051,399	49,472,104	232,710,123	8.00%	71,329,453	161,380,670
6/30/2003	1,384,882,245	1,782,946,667	295,135,493	48,275,833	151,204,762	8.00%	60,332,483	90,872,279
12/31/2002	1,436,172,964	1,384,882,245	60,952,148	46,026,227	(66,216,641)	8.00%	57,745,437	(123,962,078)
6/30/2002		1,436,172,964						

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Exhibit 5: 5-Year Smoothing – Development of Actuarial Valuation Assets
(All dollar amounts in thousands)

Calculation of Market Stabilization Reserve

Six-Month Period Ended	Unexpected Gain (Loss)	Percent Not Yet Phased In	Gain (Loss) Excluded
12/31/2006	\$ 168,086,809	90%	\$ 151,278,128
6/30/2006	17,460,517	80%	13,968,414
12/31/2005	55,690,220	70%	38,983,154
6/30/2005	(55,108,744)	60%	(33,065,247)
12/31/2004	107,630,379	50%	53,815,189
6/30/2004	(18,910,690)	40%	(7,564,276)
12/31/2003	161,380,670	30%	48,414,201
6/30/2003	90,872,279	20%	18,174,456
12/31/2002	(123,962,078)	10%	<u>(12,396,208)</u>
Total			\$ 271,607,812

Calculation of Actuarial Value of Assets and Valuation Assets

1. Market Value of Assets	\$ 2,781,826,664
2. Unrecognized Gain/Loss (Market Stabilization Reserve)	\$ 271,607,812
3. Preliminary Actuarial Value (1) - (2)	\$ 2,510,218,852
4. Corridor Around Market Value	
(a) Minimum - 80% of Market Value	\$ 2,225,461,331
(b) Maximum - 120% of Market Value	\$ 3,338,191,997
5. Computed Actuarial Value of Assets	\$ 2,510,218,852
6. Non-Valuation Reserves and Designations	
(a) SRBR unallocated to 0.5% COLA benefits	\$ 90,980,473
(b) Contingency Reserve	55,636,533
(c) COLA Contribution Reserve	<u>11,573,825</u>
(d) Total	\$ 158,190,832
7. Total Valuation Reserves (5) - (6)	\$ 2,352,028,020

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Exhibit 6: Allocation of Assets by Accounting Reserve Amounts For the Years Ended December 31, 2005 and 2006

RESERVES	December 31, 2006	December 31, 2005
A Market Stabilization Reserve	<u>\$ 271,607,812</u>	<u>\$ 117,827,783</u>
Members Deposit Reserve-General	\$ 131,173,166	\$ 123,987,910
Members Deposit Reserve-Safety	54,875,056	54,034,696
Members Deposit Reserve-Special Districts	11,458,654	10,788,292
Employers Advance Reserve-General	363,821,060	340,693,365
Employers Advance Reserve-Safety	278,342,350	272,941,662
Employers Advance Reserve-Special Districts	12,355,579	10,820,419
Cost-of-Living Reserve-General	307,163,393	275,889,068
Cost-of-Living Reserve-Safety	237,418,459	216,965,604
Cost-of-Living Reserve-Special Districts	13,473,989	11,203,605
Retired Members-General	515,222,419	457,914,965
Retired Members-Safety	349,390,023	315,540,028
SRBR	90,980,473	89,536,767
SRBR 0.5% COLA	77,333,873	73,524,653
COLA Contribution Reserve	11,573,825	-
Contingency Reserve	55,636,533	23,956,251
Current Earnings	-	-
B Total Reserves for Actuarial Value of Assets	<u>\$ 2,510,218,852</u>	<u>\$ 2,277,797,286</u>
C Total Fund Balance = A + B	<u>\$ 2,781,826,664</u>	<u>\$ 2,395,625,069</u>
D Non-Valuation Reserves and Designations		
(a) SRBR unallocated to 0.5% COLA benefits	90,980,473	89,536,767
(b) Contingency Reserve	55,636,533	23,956,251
(c) COLA Contribution Reserve	11,573,825	-
(d) Total	<u>158,190,832</u>	<u>113,493,018</u>
E Valuation Reserves = B - D	<u>\$ 2,352,028,020</u>	<u>\$ 2,164,304,268</u>

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Exhibit 7: Reconciliation of Assets For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

Amounts may not add exactly due to rounding.

	Market Value Of Total Fund	Actuarial Value Of Valuation Reserves*
Beginning of Year	\$ 2,395,625,069	\$ 2,164,304,268
Contributions - Employers	124,735,089	124,735,089
Contributions - Members	12,034,102	12,034,102
Gross Investment Income	405,174,588	177,448,522
Investment Expenses	(22,609,544)	n/a
Benefits paid to participants	(130,397,600)	(123,758,921)
Administrative Expenses	(2,735,041)	(2,735,041)
End of the Year	\$ 2,781,826,664	\$ 2,352,028,020
Estimated Return (net of all expenses)	15.83%	8.05%

**Excludes SRBR unallocated for 0.5% COLA, Contingency Reserve, and COLA Contribution Reserve, if any.
It does include the SRBR for 0.5% COLA*

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Exhibit 8: Allocation of Valuation Assets

Allocation of Valuation Assets	General Members	District Members	Safety Members	Total
Member Deposit Reserves	\$ 131,173,166	\$ 11,458,654	\$ 54,875,056	\$ 197,506,875
Employer Advance Reserves	363,821,060	12,355,579	278,342,350	654,518,989
Cost-of-Living Reserves - 2%	307,163,393	13,473,989	237,418,459	558,055,840
Cost- of- Living Reserves - 0.5%	42,565,874	1,867,189	32,900,809	77,333,873
Retired Member Reserves	490,620,943	24,601,476	349,390,023	864,612,443
Total Valuation Assets	\$ 1,335,344,435	\$ 63,756,887	\$ 952,926,698	\$ 2,352,028,020
COLA Contribution Reserve (CCR)	\$ 7,205,426	\$ 719,325	\$ 3,649,074	\$ 11,573,825
Total Valuation Assets & CCR	\$ 1,342,549,862	\$ 64,476,212	\$ 956,575,772	\$ 2,363,601,846

The SRBR Cost-of-Living Reserves - 0.5% are allocated in proportion to the 2.0% COL Reserves.

The Retired Member Reserves for General Members are allocated based on the present value of the benefit obligations.

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Section 4: Actuarial Liabilities



In the previous section, an actuarial valuation was compared with an inventory process, and an analysis was given of the inventory of KCERA's assets as of the valuation date, December 31, 2006. In this section, the discussion will focus on the commitments of KCERA for retirement benefits, which are referred to as its actuarial liabilities. The SRBR benefits are determined separately and are discussed in Section 8.

In an active system, the actuarial liabilities will almost always exceed the actuarial assets. This is usually expected in all but a fully closed down fund, where no further contributions of any sort are anticipated. This deficiency has to be provided by future contributions and investment returns. An actuarial valuation method sets out a schedule of future contributions that will deal with this deficiency in an orderly fashion. The determination of the level of future contributions needed is discussed in the next section.

Actuarial Balance Sheet – Liabilities

First, we need to determine the amount of the deficiency. We compare the Actuarial Value of the Valuation Assets to the Actuarial Liabilities. The difference is the amount that needs to be funded by the Member and Employer contributions in the future. Both the current and future assets (contributions) are compared to the actuarial liabilities in the Actuarial Balance Sheet.

Exhibit 9 contains an analysis of the actuarial present value of all future benefits for inactive members, (both retired and terminated vested members), and active members. The analysis is given by class of membership and by type of benefit, Basic or COLA.

The actuarial liabilities include the actuarial present value of all future benefits expected to be paid with respect to each member. For an active member, this value includes measures of both benefits already earned and future benefits to be earned. For all members, active and inactive, the value extends over the rest of their lives and for the lives of any surviving beneficiaries. All liabilities reflect the benefits effective through December 31, 2006.

**Actuarial Balance
Sheet – Liabilities
(continued)**

Due to the adoption of Section 31617 of the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 (CERL), and the Ventura settlement, the actuarial value of benefits needs to be valued in total and also into three major subtotals:

- a) The Basic benefits are the retirement benefits excluding all COLA benefits.
- b) The COLA benefits adopted prior to the Ventura settlement are referred to as the “2.0% COLA benefits”.
- c) The COLA benefits provided under the Ventura settlement are referred to as the “0.5% COLA benefits”.

Exhibit 9 shows the present value of both the 2.0% COLA benefits and the 0.5% COLA benefits separately.

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Exhibit 9: Actuarial Value of Benefits – December 31, 2006

Present Value of Projected Benefits

	Basic	COLA - 2%	COLA - 0.5%	Total
1. Retirees and Beneficiaries				
A. General				
i. County				
a. Regular Benefits	\$ 555,743,561	\$ 212,329,463	\$ 50,531,031	\$ 818,604,056
b. Golden Handshake	369,140	99,488	30,173	498,800
c. Subtotal	<u>556,112,701</u>	<u>212,428,951</u>	<u>50,561,204</u>	<u>819,102,856</u>
ii. Districts				
a. Regular Benefits	28,252,760	9,695,667	2,505,399	40,453,826
b. Golden Handshake	463,531	119,010	36,359	618,900
c. Subtotal	<u>28,716,291</u>	<u>9,814,677</u>	<u>2,541,758</u>	<u>41,072,726</u>
iii. Total General	584,828,992	222,243,628	53,102,962	860,175,582
B. Safety				
a. Regular Benefits	441,411,578	185,261,265	45,617,888	672,290,731
b. Golden Handshake	473,466	132,492	40,754	646,712
c. Subtotal	<u>441,885,044</u>	<u>185,393,757</u>	<u>45,658,642</u>	<u>672,937,443</u>
C. All Retirees and Beneficiaries	<u>\$ 1,026,714,036</u>	<u>\$ 407,637,385</u>	<u>\$ 98,761,604</u>	<u>\$ 1,533,113,025</u>
2. Terminated Members				
A. General				
i. County				
a. Deferred Vested	\$ 56,587,747	\$ 11,707,980	\$ 3,537,636	\$ 71,833,363
b. Pending Refunds	1,603,320	-	-	1,603,320
c. Subtotal	<u>58,191,066</u>	<u>11,707,980</u>	<u>3,537,636</u>	<u>73,436,683</u>
ii. Districts				
a. Deferred Vested	6,219,037	1,312,254	392,496	7,923,787
b. Pending Refunds	102,975	-	-	102,975
c. Subtotal	<u>6,322,012</u>	<u>1,312,254</u>	<u>392,496</u>	<u>8,026,762</u>
iii. Total General	64,513,079	13,020,234	3,930,132	81,463,445
B. Safety				
a. Deferred Vested	10,755,010	2,644,295	820,318	14,219,623
b. Pending Refunds	207,254	-	-	207,254
c. Subtotal	<u>10,962,264</u>	<u>2,644,295</u>	<u>820,318</u>	<u>14,426,877</u>
C. All Terminated Members	<u>\$ 75,475,343</u>	<u>\$ 15,664,529</u>	<u>\$ 4,750,450</u>	<u>\$ 95,890,322</u>
3. Active Members				
A. General				
i. County				
a. Regular Benefits	\$ 1,152,293,154	\$ 240,657,975	\$ 72,716,850	\$ 1,465,667,979
ii. Districts				
a. Regular Benefits	85,672,024	18,260,611	5,539,345	109,471,980
b. Golden Handshake	-	-	-	-
c. Subtotal	<u>85,672,024</u>	<u>18,260,611</u>	<u>5,539,345</u>	<u>109,471,980</u>
iii. Total General	1,237,965,178	258,918,586	78,256,195	1,575,139,959
B. Safety				
a. Regular Benefits	553,209,618	129,403,301	40,035,908	722,648,827
b. Golden Handshake	-	-	-	-
c. Subtotal	<u>553,209,618</u>	<u>129,403,301</u>	<u>40,035,908</u>	<u>722,648,827</u>
C. All Active Members	<u>\$ 1,791,174,796</u>	<u>\$ 388,321,887</u>	<u>\$ 118,292,103</u>	<u>\$ 2,297,788,786</u>
4. All Members				
A. General				
i. County				
a. Regular Benefits	\$ 1,766,227,782	\$ 464,695,418	\$ 126,785,518	\$ 2,357,708,718
b. Golden Handshake	369,140	99,488	30,173	498,800
c. All Benefits	<u>1,766,596,921</u>	<u>464,794,906</u>	<u>126,815,690</u>	<u>2,358,207,518</u>
ii. Districts				
a. Regular Benefits	120,246,796	29,268,532	8,437,239	157,952,568
b. Golden Handshake	463,531	119,010	36,359	618,900
c. All Benefits	<u>120,710,327</u>	<u>29,387,542</u>	<u>8,473,599</u>	<u>158,571,468</u>
iii. Total General	1,887,307,249	494,182,448	135,289,289	2,516,778,986
B. Safety				
a. Regular Benefits	1,005,583,460	317,308,861	86,474,114	1,409,366,435
b. Golden Handshake	473,466	132,492	40,754	646,712
c. All Benefits	<u>1,006,056,926</u>	<u>317,441,353</u>	<u>86,514,868</u>	<u>1,410,013,147</u>
C. Grand Total	<u>\$ 2,893,364,175</u>	<u>\$ 811,623,801</u>	<u>\$ 221,804,157</u>	<u>\$ 3,926,792,133</u>

Actuarial Resources

KCERA's resources to fund benefits are equal to the sum of:

- (a) assets currently available to pay benefits and considered for funding purposes, the Valuation Reserves, and
- (b) the present value of future contributions expected to be made by current active Members and the employers.

Actuarial Cost Method

The method used to determine the incidence of when future contributions are yet to be made in future years is called the "actuarial cost method". For this valuation, the entry age actuarial cost method has been used. Under this method – or essentially any actuarial cost method – the contributions required to meet the difference between current assets and current actuarial liabilities are allocated each year between two elements:

- A normal cost amount; and
- Whatever amount is left over, which is used to amortize what is called the UAAL, or the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability.

Normal Cost

The normal cost is the theoretical contribution rate that will meet the ongoing costs of a group of average new employees. Suppose that a group of new employees was covered under a separate fund from which all benefits and to which all contributions and associated investment returns were paid.

Under the entry age actuarial cost method, the normal cost contribution rate maintains the funding of benefits as a level percentage of pay. If experience follows the actuarial assumptions precisely, the fund would be completely liquidated when the last payment to the last survivor of the group was made.

**Normal Cost
(continued)**

By applying the normal cost contribution rate to the present value of salaries expected to be paid in the future, we determine the present value of future normal cost contributions. Future contributions are expected to be made by both the Members and the Employers.

The following table indicates the level of normal cost contributions required in the future to fund the current benefits.

In Dollars	Basic	COLA - 2%	COLA - 0.5%	Total
1. General	\$ 56,793,619	\$ 11,524,436	\$ 3,493,237	\$ 71,811,291
2. Safety	<u>21,877,408</u>	<u>5,235,416</u>	<u>1,636,181</u>	<u>28,749,005</u>
3. All Members	\$ <u>78,671,027</u>	\$ <u>16,759,851</u>	\$ <u>5,129,418</u>	\$ <u>100,560,296</u>

As a Percent of Pay	Basic	COLA - 2%	COLA - 0.5%	Total
1. General	17.81%	3.61%	1.10%	22.52%
2. Safety	22.22%	5.32%	1.66%	29.19%
3. All Members	18.85%	4.02%	1.23%	24.09%

Actuarial Accrued Liability

The difference between the present value of all future obligations and the present value of the future normal cost contributions is referred to as the “actuarial accrued liability” (AAL). The AAL is then compared to the value of assets available to fund benefits, and the difference is referred to as the UAAL. The results for KCERA for all benefits and all cost groups are summarized below:

(Dollars in millions)	2006	2005	Percent Change
A. Actuarial present value of all future benefits for contributing members, former contributing members, and their survivors	\$ 3,927	\$ 3,612	8.7%
B. Actuarial present value of total future normal costs for current members	<u>818</u>	<u>750</u>	9.1%
C. Actuarial accrued liability [A-B]	\$ 3,109	\$ 2,862	8.6%
D. Valuation Reserves	<u>2,352</u>	<u>2,164</u>	8.7%
E. UAAL or Surplus Funding [C-D]	\$ 757	\$ 698	8.5%
F. Funded Ratio [D/C]	75.7%	75.6%	0.0%

Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability/ Surplus Funding

The portion allocated to service already rendered or accrued is called the Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL). The difference between the AAL and the Valuation Assets is called the UAAL. If a UAAL amount exists, it usually results from prior years' benefit or assumption changes and the net effect of accumulated gains and losses. If the County had always contributed the current Normal Cost, if there were no prior benefit or assumption changes and if actual experience exactly matched the actuarial assumptions, the present value of all future Normal Cost contributions would be sufficient to fund all benefits and there would be no UAAL.

Exhibit 10 shows the AAL for the Basic and each of the COLA Benefits by the three major cost groups.

Exhibit 11 shows how the UAAL was derived for each cost group.

Exhibit 12 shows the development of the UAAL for each district. The District Reserves have been allocated to each district based on the proportion of its AAL to the total District AAL.

Due to the adoption of Section 31617 of the CERL, and the Ventura settlement, just as the actuarial value of benefits needs to be valued in total and also into three major cost group subtotals, so the UAAL needs to be valued separately for the Basic benefits, the UAAL for the 2.0% COLA, and the UAAL for the 0.5% COLA benefits using the portion of the SRBR funds allocated to those benefits.

Funding Adequacy

A key consideration in determining the adequacy of the funding of KCERA is how the UAAL is being funded. If the UAAL amount is positive, that is, the actuarial accrued liability to be funded is greater than the Valuation Assets, then the UAAL is amortized. Under the current funding method, the UAAL is amortized over a fixed period ending December 31, 2035. Thus, the UAAL contribution rate is funding the UAAL over 29 years from the valuation date.

Analysis of Change in UAAL

The UAAL, at any date after establishment of a system, is affected by any actuarial gains or losses arising when the actual experience of the system varies from the experience anticipated by the actuarial assumptions used in the valuations. To the extent actual experience, as it develops, differs from that expected according to the assumptions used, so also will the emerging costs differ from the estimated costs.

The 2006 actuarial valuation reflects an increase in the UAAL of \$59 million for the plan year just ended.

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Exhibit 10: Actuarial Accrued Liability

	Basic	COLA - 2%	COLA - 0.5%	Total
1. Retirees and Beneficiaries				
A. General				
i. County				
a. Regular Benefits	\$ 555,743,561	\$ 212,329,463	\$ 50,531,031	\$ 818,604,056
b. Golden Handshake	369,140	99,488	30,173	498,800
c. Subtotal	<u>556,112,701</u>	<u>212,428,951</u>	<u>50,561,204</u>	<u>819,102,856</u>
ii. Districts				
a. Regular Benefits	28,252,760	9,695,667	2,505,399	40,453,826
b. Golden Handshake	463,531	119,010	36,359	618,900
c. Subtotal	<u>28,716,291</u>	<u>9,814,677</u>	<u>2,541,758</u>	<u>41,072,726</u>
iii. Total General	584,828,992	222,243,628	53,102,962	860,175,582
B. Safety				
a. Regular Benefits	441,411,578	185,261,265	45,617,888	672,290,731
b. Golden Handshake	473,466	132,492	40,754	646,712
c. Subtotal	<u>441,885,044</u>	<u>185,393,757</u>	<u>45,658,642</u>	<u>672,937,443</u>
C. All Retirees and Beneficiaries	<u>\$ 1,026,714,036</u>	<u>\$ 407,637,385</u>	<u>\$ 98,761,604</u>	<u>\$ 1,533,113,025</u>
2. Terminated Members				
A. General				
i. County				
a. Deferred Vested	\$ 56,587,747	\$ 11,707,980	\$ 3,537,636	\$ 71,833,363
b. Pending Refunds	1,603,320	-	-	1,603,320
c. Subtotal	<u>58,191,066</u>	<u>11,707,980</u>	<u>3,537,636</u>	<u>73,436,683</u>
ii. Districts				
a. Deferred Vested	6,219,037	1,312,254	392,496	7,923,787
b. Pending Refunds	102,975	-	-	102,975
c. Subtotal	<u>6,322,012</u>	<u>1,312,254</u>	<u>392,496</u>	<u>8,026,762</u>
iii. Total General	64,513,079	13,020,234	3,930,132	81,463,445
B. Safety				
a. Deferred Vested	10,755,010	2,644,295	820,318	14,219,623
b. Pending Refunds	207,254	-	-	207,254
c. Subtotal	<u>10,962,264</u>	<u>2,644,295</u>	<u>820,318</u>	<u>14,426,877</u>
C. All Terminated Members	<u>\$ 75,475,343</u>	<u>\$ 15,664,529</u>	<u>\$ 4,750,450</u>	<u>\$ 95,890,322</u>
3. Active Members				
A. General				
i. County				
a. Regular Benefits	\$ 739,160,007	\$ 156,130,882	\$ 47,054,881	\$ 942,345,770
ii. Districts	51,620,403	11,047,287	3,342,274	66,009,964
iii. Total	<u>790,780,410</u>	<u>167,178,169</u>	<u>50,397,155</u>	<u>1,008,355,734</u>
B. Safety				
a. Regular Benefits	362,292,476	83,653,741	25,732,308	471,678,525
c. All Active Members	<u>\$ 1,153,072,886</u>	<u>\$ 250,831,910</u>	<u>\$ 76,129,463</u>	<u>\$ 1,480,034,259</u>
4. All Members				
A. General				
i. County				
a. Regular Benefits	\$ 1,353,094,635	\$ 380,168,325	\$ 101,123,549	\$ 1,834,386,509
b. Golden Handshake	369,140	99,488	30,173	498,800
c. All Benefits	<u>1,353,463,774</u>	<u>380,267,813</u>	<u>101,153,721</u>	<u>1,834,885,309</u>
ii. Districts				
a. Regular Benefits	86,195,175	22,055,208	6,240,168	114,490,552
b. Golden Handshake	463,531	119,010	36,359	618,900
c. All Benefits	<u>86,658,706</u>	<u>22,174,218</u>	<u>6,276,528</u>	<u>115,109,452</u>
iii. Total General	1,440,122,481	402,442,031	107,430,249	1,949,994,761
B. Safety				
a. Regular Benefits	814,666,318	271,559,301	72,170,514	1,158,396,133
b. Golden Handshake	473,466	132,492	40,754	646,712
c. All Benefits	<u>815,139,784</u>	<u>271,691,793</u>	<u>72,211,268</u>	<u>1,159,042,845</u>
C. Grand Total	<u>\$ 2,255,262,265</u>	<u>\$ 674,133,824</u>	<u>\$ 179,641,517</u>	<u>\$ 3,109,037,606</u>

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Exhibit 11: Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability and Funded Percentage

Basic Benefits

	General – County	General – Districts	Safety	Totals
1. Actuarial Accrued Liability				
a. Regular Benefits	\$ 1,353,094,635	\$ 86,195,175	\$ 814,666,318	\$ 2,253,956,128
b. Golden Handshakes	369,140	463,531	473,466	1,306,137
c. Total	1,353,463,774	86,658,706	815,139,784	2,255,262,265
2. Actuarial Value of Assets	985,615,169	48,415,709	682,607,430	1,716,638,307
3. Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability				
a. Regular Benefits	367,479,466	37,779,466	132,058,888	537,317,821
b. Golden Handshakes	369,140	463,531	473,466	1,306,137
c. Total	\$ 367,848,606	\$ 38,242,997	\$ 132,532,354	\$ 538,623,957
4. Funded Percentage	72.8%	55.9%	83.7%	76.1%

COLA Benefits - 2%

	General – County	General – Districts	Safety	Totals
1. Actuarial Accrued Liability				
a. Regular Benefits	\$ 380,168,325	\$ 22,055,208	\$ 271,559,301	\$ 673,782,835
b. Golden Handshakes	99,488	119,010	132,492	350,989
c. Total	\$ 380,267,813	\$ 22,174,218	\$ 271,691,793	\$ 674,133,824
2. Actuarial Value of Assets	307,163,393	13,473,989	237,418,459	558,055,840
3. Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability				
a. Regular Benefits	\$ 73,004,933	\$ 8,581,219	\$ 34,140,842	\$ 115,726,994
b. Golden Handshakes	99,488	119,010	132,492	350,989
c. Total	\$ 73,104,420	\$ 8,700,229	\$ 34,273,334	\$ 116,077,984
4. Funded Percentage	80.8%	60.8%	87.4%	82.8%

COLA Benefits - 0.5%

	General – County	General – Districts	Safety	Totals
1. Actuarial Accrued Liability				
a. Regular Benefits	\$ 101,123,549	\$ 6,240,168	\$ 72,170,514	\$ 179,534,231
b. Golden Handshakes	30,173	36,359	40,754	107,286
c. Total	\$ 101,153,721	\$ 6,276,528	\$ 72,211,268	\$ 179,641,517
2. Actuarial Value of Assets	42,565,874	1,867,189	32,900,809	77,333,873
3. Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability				
a. Regular Benefits	\$ 58,557,675	\$ 4,372,979	\$ 39,269,705	\$ 102,200,359
b. Golden Handshakes	30,173	36,359	40,754	107,286
c. Total	\$ 58,587,847	\$ 4,409,339	\$ 39,310,459	\$ 102,307,644
4. Funded Percentage	42.1%	29.7%	45.6%	43.0%

Total Regular Benefits

	General – County	General – Districts	Safety	Totals
1. Actuarial Accrued Liability				
a. Regular Benefits	\$ 1,834,386,509	\$ 114,490,552	\$ 1,158,396,133	\$ 3,107,273,194
b. Golden Handshakes	498,800	618,900	646,712	1,764,412
c. Total	\$ 1,834,885,309	\$ 115,109,452	\$ 1,159,042,845	\$ 3,109,037,606
2. Actuarial Value of Assets	1,335,344,435	63,756,887	952,926,698	2,352,028,020
3. Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability				
a. Regular Benefits	\$ 499,042,074	\$ 50,733,665	\$ 205,469,435	\$ 755,245,174
b. Golden Handshakes	498,800	618,900	646,712	1,764,412
c. Total	\$ 499,540,873	\$ 51,352,565	\$ 206,116,147	\$ 757,009,585
4. Funded Percentage	72.8%	55.4%	82.2%	75.7%

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Exhibit 12: Liability by District

<u>District Name</u>	Member Count	A Present Value of Projected Benefits	B Present Value of Future Normal Cost	C Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) (A-B)	D Actuarial Value of Assets (AVA) (Pro-rated by AAL)	E Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) (C-D)
Kern Mosquito Control	30	\$ 9,370,646	\$ 1,224,707	\$ 8,145,939	\$ 4,511,877	\$ 3,634,062
Kern Water Agency	125	46,232,992	8,595,735	37,637,257	20,846,545	16,790,712
Berrenda Mesa	19	6,215,544	1,009,322	5,206,222	2,883,625	2,322,597
San Joaquin	409	79,012,098	29,601,261	49,410,837	27,367,701	22,043,135
West Side Mosquito Control	17	5,458,722	528,405	4,930,317	2,730,807	2,199,510
Buttonwillow	3	306,540	186,070	120,470	66,726	53,744
Shafter Recreation & Park	2	131,550	-	131,550	72,863	58,687
West Side Cemetery	14	3,322,182	569,291	2,752,891	1,524,773	1,228,118
West Side Recreation & Park	31	2,846,868	772,824	2,074,044	1,148,773	925,271
North of the River Sanitation	16	4,927,434	747,315	4,180,119	2,315,287	1,864,832
Inyokern Community Services	3	342,152	108,427	233,725	129,456	104,269
East Kern Cemetery	2	404,740	118,659	286,081	158,455	127,626
Total District	671	\$ 158,571,468	\$ 43,462,016	\$ 115,109,452	\$ 63,756,887	\$ 51,352,565

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Section 5: Member Contributions



Basic Contributions

For KCERA, member contributions vary by employer, age at hire, and by date of hire.

Basic contributions for each employer group as reported to us are summarized in the chart at the end of this section. Member contributions are defined in the noted sections of the 1937 County Employees' Retirement Law, but modified by MOU agreements as noted in the footnotes to the table.

Basic member contributions are determined using the Entry Age Normal Funding Method and the following actuarial assumptions:

1. Expected rate of return on assets
2. Individual salary increase rate (wage growth + merit)
3. Mortality for members on service retirement
4. No COLAs are assumed

For valuation purposes, current member contribution levels are assumed to be in place for the subsequent fiscal year. Any future changes in member contribution rates would be reflected in future valuations in determining the portion of the total costs payable between the employers and the members.

Members do not contribute towards the cost-of-living benefits.

Note that for some employers, benefits are integrated with Social Security. In those cases, members pay 2/3 of the full rate on the first \$350 of pay each month.

Full disclosure of the member contribution rates by entry age into the System, can be found in Appendix D.

General Members

The Basic contribution rates are designed to provide an average annuity, payable at age 55, equal to 1/100 of the final average salary for General members, in compliance with CERL 31621.8.

Aside from the exceptions noted below, General members hired prior to August 22, 2004 pay the full member contribution rates for the first five years of service. Those hired after that date pay the full member contribution rates for 30 years.

Court employees pay an additional 2.5% of base salary toward the employer's cost of the benefits.

**General Members
(continued)**

Two districts, Buttonwillow RPD and San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District, did not adopt the 1997 MOU. Members in those districts pay 50% of the full rates for the first 30 years of service, regardless of hire date.

For Kern County Water Agency employees hired prior to August 22, 2004, the employer picks up 100% of all member contributions.

Safety Members

The Basic contribution rates are designed to provide an average annuity, payable at age 50, equal to 1/100 of the final average salary for Safety members, in compliance with CERL 31639.25.

Effective July 10, 2004, all Safety employees began paying a supplemental contribution rate:

- a) If hired after July 10, 2004, an additional rate equal to the total employee rate sufficient to provide an average annuity payable at age 50, equal to 3/200 of final compensation. This amount is equal to 150% of the rate specified in Section 31639.25 of the CERL.
- b) If hired before July 10, 2004, the supplemental rate will increase 1% each fiscal year until the full rate as described in a) is reached.

Safety members pay contributions for the first five years of service.

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Exhibit 13: Member Contribution Rates

Plan	Valuation Report Label	Code Section	Contribution Provides Average Annuity of	Adopted 1997 MOU	Soc Sec Integration	Pre-Tax
General - County	General - County	31621.8	1/100 of FAS at age 55	Yes	Yes	Yes
General - County - Court Employees	General - County	31621.8	1/100 of FAS at age 55 plus supplemental 2.5% ⁽¹⁾	Yes	Yes	Yes
	G - D Electing 1997 MOU					
District - Berrenda Mesa WD	G - D Electing 3% @ 60 Prospectively Only	31621.8	1/100 of FAS at age 55	Yes	No	Yes
District - Buttonwillow RPD	G - D Not Electing 1997 MOU	31621.8	1/100 of FAS at age 55 (Member pays 50%) ⁽²⁾	No	No	No
District - East Kern CD	G - D Electing 1997 MOU	31621.8	1/100 of FAS at age 55	Yes	Yes	Yes
District - Inyokern CSD	G-District Electing 3% @ 60 Prospectively Only	31621.8	1/100 of FAS at age 55	Yes	No	No
District - Kern County Water Agency	GD - KCWA	31621.8	1/100 of FAS at age 55 (100% employer pickup if hired prior to 8/22/2004) ⁽³⁾	Yes	Yes	Yes
District - Kern Mosquito and VCD	G - D Electing 1997 MOU	31621.8	1/100 of FAS at age 55	Yes	Yes	Yes
District - North of River SD	G - D Electing 1997 MOU	31621.8	1/100 of FAS at age 55	Yes	Yes	Yes
District - San Joaquin Valley UAPCD	G - District Not Electing 1997 MOU	31621.8	1/100 of FAS at age 55 (Member pays 50%) ⁽²⁾	No	No	Yes
District - Shafter RPD	G - D Electing 1997 MOU	31621.8	1/100 of FAS at age 55	Yes	No	Yes
District - West Side CD	G - D Electing 1997 MOU	31621.8	1/100 of FAS at age 55	Yes	Yes	No
District - West Side Mosquito AD	G - D Electing 1997 MOU	31621.8	1/100 of FAS at age 55	Yes	Yes	No
District - West Side RPD	G - D Electing 1997 MOU	31621.8	1/100 of FAS at age 55	Yes	Yes	No
Safety - County	Safety	31639.25	1/100 of FAS at age 50 plus phased special supplement of an additional 50%	Yes	Yes	Yes

FAS = Final Average Salary

Aside from the exceptions noted below, General members hired prior to August 22, 2004 pay the full member contribution rates for the first five years of service. Those hired after that date pay the full member contribution rates for 30 years of service.

Notes:

1. Court employees pay an additional 2.5% of the base salary toward the employer's cost of the benefits.
2. Buttonwillow and San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District did not adopt the 1997 MOU. Members in those districts pay 50% of the full rates for 30 years of service, regardless of hire date.
3. For Kern County Water Agency employees hired prior to August 22, 2004, the employer picks up 100% of all member contributions.

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Section 6: Employer Contributions



Calculated Contribution Rate

Contributions to KCERA are determined using the Entry Age Normal Cost Funding Method. The portion of the actuarial present value of retirement benefits allocated to a valuation year by the Actuarial Cost Method is called the Normal Cost. These amounts are usually expressed as a percentage of payroll and called the Normal Cost Contribution Rate. Section 4 illustrated the Normal Cost Rates by type of benefit and for each cost group based on this valuation.

It should be noted that when we use the term “Gross Normal Cost Rate,” we are referring to the value of benefits earned by active members allocated to the valuation year. The employer Normal Cost is the portion of the annual cost for which the employer is responsible. This is simply the Gross Normal Cost rate less the expected contributions made by the members for the subsequent fiscal year.

The total calculated employer contribution rates for each cost sharing group can be found in Exhibits 14-17. These results are expressed as a percentage of payroll and annual contribution dollars.

Due to the adoption of Section 31617 of the CERL, and the Ventura settlement, the contribution rates need to be valued in total and also into three major subtotals:

- a) The Basic benefits are the retirement benefits excluding all COLA benefits and the rates for those benefits are shown in Exhibit 14.
- b) The COLA benefits adopted prior to the Ventura settlement are referred to as the “2.0% COLA benefits” and the rates for those benefits are shown in Exhibit 15.
- c) The COLA benefits provided under the Ventura settlement are referred to as the “0.5% COLA benefits” and the rates for those benefits are shown in Exhibit 16.

This break out of the rates into the three subgroups and in total is needed for allocation of the employer contributions and in case a COLA Contribution Reserve should exist to be credited against the 2% COLA contributions.

Exhibit 17 shows the total contribution rates for all cost sharing groups.

Contribution Rate (continued)

Note that KCERA's UAAL is determined separately for each cost sharing group depending on both assets (prior Pension Obligation Bond funds from the County) and benefit provisions (adoption of either prospective only or prospective and retrospective application of the new 3% at 60 benefit formula on January 1, 2006). Thus, KCERA funds the UAAL as a percentage of pay over salaries for all members within a cost sharing group.

In accordance with the Board's funding policy, for each employer cost sharing group, the new UAAL established due to the adoption of the 3% at 60 benefit formula for General members is established as of January 1, 2006 and then determined as of the December 31, 2005 valuation date. The UAAL contribution rate needed to amortize this portion of the UAAL increase due to the benefit enhancements is computed as of December 31, 2005 as a fixed percentage of pay. Thus, the UAAL contributions are split between those attributable to the 3% at 60 benefits and all other UAAL amounts starting with the 2005 valuation. This split is shown in Exhibits 14-17.

Additional UAAL incurred through the granting of Golden Handshake agreements made in 2004 and 2005 was amortized over a three-year period from the year in which they were granted. Beginning January 1, 2006, any liability attributable to Golden Handshakes is paid by the employer at the time the handshake is granted.

Court Employees

Per Article VI, Section 2-E of the Court Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), ratified in January 2005, all court employees began contributing 2.5% of their base salary in May 2005 to partially offset the Court's additional costs in adopting the 3% @ 60 retirement enhancement.

The reduction in the employer contribution rate for court employees is less than the 2.50% contributed by members, since the additional member contributions result in additional refunds of member contributions. Those additional refunds are reflected in our calculations. Total employee contributions are calculated for the court employees group. Depending on the demographic makeup of this group, the base member contribution rate could be either higher or lower than the rate calculated for the General County group excluding the court members.

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Exhibit 14: Basic Benefits

	General-County	General-County Courts	General-District KCWA	General-District Electing 1997 MOU	General-District Not Electing 1997 MOU	General District 3%@60 Prospectively Only	Safety	Totals
Contributions in Dollars								
1. Total Normal Cost	\$ 48,978,345	\$ 3,599,099	\$ 880,221	\$ 487,413	\$ 2,734,137	\$ 114,403	\$ 21,877,408	\$ 78,671,027
2. Projected Employee Contributions	<u>5,762,553</u>	<u>990,709</u>	<u>34,682</u>	<u>28,618</u>	<u>597,278</u>	<u>17,492</u>	<u>2,021,318</u>	<u>9,452,650</u>
3. Employer Normal Cost (1-2)	43,215,792	2,608,390	845,539	458,795	2,136,859	96,911	19,856,090	69,218,377
4. Amortization of Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability	<u>19,571,450</u>	<u>1,438,178</u>	<u>485,400</u>	<u>268,785</u>	<u>1,507,744</u>	<u>48,287</u>	<u>7,670,449</u>	<u>30,990,293</u>
5. Total Employer Contribution (3+4)	\$ 62,787,243	\$ 4,046,568	\$ 1,330,939	\$ 727,580	\$ 3,644,604	\$ 145,198	\$ 27,526,539	\$ 100,208,670
Contributions as a Percent of Pay								
1. Total Normal Cost	17.81%	17.81%	17.81%	17.81%	17.81%	17.81%	22.22%	18.85%
2. Projected Employee Contributions	<u>2.10%</u>	<u>4.90%</u>	<u>0.70%</u>	<u>1.05%</u>	<u>3.89%</u>	<u>2.72%</u>	<u>2.05%</u>	<u>2.26%</u>
3. Employer Normal Cost (1-2)	15.72%	12.91%	17.11%	16.76%	13.92%	15.09%	20.16%	16.59%
4. Amortization of Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability								
a.) 30 Year Fixed for Benefit Change to 3% @ 60 Formula	2.43%	2.43%	2.30%	2.30%	2.30%	0.00%	0.00%	
b.) Remaining UAAL	<u>4.69%</u>	<u>4.69%</u>	<u>7.52%</u>	<u>7.52%</u>	<u>7.52%</u>	<u>7.52%</u>	<u>7.79%</u>	
c.) Total UAAL Rate	7.12%	7.12%	9.82%	9.82%	9.82%	7.52%	7.79%	7.43%
5. Total Employer Contribution (3+4)	22.83%	20.02%	26.93%	26.59%	23.74%	22.60%	27.95%	24.01%

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Exhibit 15: COLA Benefits – 2%

	General-County	General-County Courts	General-District KCWA	General-District Electing 1997 MOU	General-District Not Electing 1997 MOU	General District 3%@60 Prospectively Only	Safety	Totals
Contributions in Dollars								
1. Total Normal Cost	\$ 9,938,578	\$ 730,321	\$ 178,613	\$ 98,905	\$ 554,805	\$ 23,214	\$ 5,235,416	\$ 16,759,851
2. Projected Employee Contributions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. Employer Normal Cost (1-2)	9,938,578	730,321	178,613	98,905	554,805	23,214	5,235,416	16,759,851
4. Amortization of Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability	3,896,745	286,346	111,200	61,576	345,408	11,405	1,986,583	6,699,263
5. Total Employer Contribution (3+4)	13,835,323	1,016,667	289,812	160,480	900,213	34,619	7,221,999	23,459,114
6. COLA Contribution Reserve	6,712,191	493,235	150,175	83,158	466,473	19,518	3,649,074	11,573,825
7. Remaining Employer Contribution (5-6)	\$ 7,123,131	\$ 523,432	\$ 139,637	\$ 77,323	\$ 433,740	\$ 15,101	\$ 3,572,925	\$ 11,885,289
Contributions as a Percent of Pay								
1. Total Normal Cost	3.61%	3.61%	3.61%	3.61%	3.61%	3.61%	5.32%	4.02%
2. Projected Employee Contributions	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
3. Employer Normal Cost (1-2)	3.61%	3.61%	3.61%	3.61%	3.61%	3.61%	5.32%	4.02%
4. Amortization of Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability								
a.) 30 Year Fixed for Benefit Change to 3% @ 60 Formula	0.51%	0.51%	0.47%	0.47%	0.47%	0.00%	0.00%	
b.) Remaining UAAL	0.91%	0.91%	1.78%	1.78%	1.78%	1.78%	2.02%	
c.) Total UAAL Rate	1.42%	1.42%	2.25%	2.25%	2.25%	1.78%	2.02%	1.61%
5. Total Employer Contribution (3+4)	5.03%	5.03%	5.86%	5.86%	5.86%	5.39%	7.33%	5.62%
6. COLA Contribution Reserve	2.44%	2.44%	3.04%	3.04%	3.04%	3.04%	3.71%	2.77%
7. Remaining Employer Contribution (5-6)	2.59%	2.59%	2.83%	2.83%	2.83%	2.35%	3.63%	2.85%

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Exhibit 16: COLA Benefits – 0.5%

	General-County	General-County Courts	General-District KCWA	General-District Electing 1997 MOU	General-District Not Electing 1997 MOU	General District 3%@60 Prospectively Only	Safety	Totals
Contributions in Dollars								
1. Total Normal Cost	\$ 3,012,538	\$ 221,372	\$ 54,140	\$ 29,980	\$ 168,170	\$ 7,037	\$ 1,636,181	\$ 5,129,418
2. Projected Employee Contributions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. Employer Normal Cost (1-2)	3,012,538	221,372	54,140	29,980	168,170	7,037	1,636,181	5,129,418
4. Amortization of Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability	3,109,277	228,480	54,730	30,306	170,003	6,262	2,245,599	5,844,657
5. Total Employer Contribution (3+4)	\$ 6,121,815	449,852	\$ 108,871	\$ 60,286	\$ 338,173	\$ 13,298	\$ 3,881,780	\$ 10,974,075
Contributions as a Percent of Pay								
1. Total Normal Cost	1.10%	1.10%	1.10%	1.10%	1.10%	1.10%	1.66%	1.23%
2. Projected Employee Contributions	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
3. Employer Normal Cost (1-2)	1.10%	1.10%	1.10%	1.10%	1.10%	1.10%	1.66%	1.23%
4. Amortization of Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability								
a.) 30 Year Fixed for Benefit Change to 3% @ 60 Formula	0.13%	0.13%	0.13%	0.13%	0.13%	0.00%	0.00%	
b.) Remaining UAAL	1.00%	1.00%	0.97%	0.97%	0.97%	0.97%	2.28%	
c.) Total UAAL Rate	1.13%	1.13%	1.11%	1.11%	1.11%	0.97%	2.28%	1.40%
5. Total Employer Contribution (3+4)	2.23%	2.23%	2.20%	2.20%	2.20%	2.07%	3.94%	2.63%

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Exhibit 17: Total Benefits

	General-County	General-County Courts	General-District KCWA	General-District Electing 1997 MOU	General-District Not Electing 1997 MOU	General District 3%@60 Prospectively Only	Safety	Totals
Contributions in Dollars								
1. Total Normal Cost	\$ 61,929,461	\$ 4,550,792	\$ 1,112,974	\$ 616,298	\$ 3,457,113	\$ 144,654	\$ 28,749,005	\$ 100,560,296
2. Projected Employee Contributions	5,762,553	990,709	34,682	28,618	597,278	17,492	2,021,318	9,452,650
3. Employer Normal Cost (1-2)	56,166,908	3,560,083	1,078,292	587,680	2,859,835	127,162	26,727,687	91,107,646
4. Amortization of Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability	26,577,472	1,953,005	651,330	360,667	2,023,155	65,953	11,902,631	43,534,213
5. Total Employer Contribution (3+4)	\$ 82,744,381	\$ 5,513,087	\$ 1,729,622	\$ 948,346	\$ 4,882,990	\$ 193,115	\$ 38,630,319	\$ 134,641,860
6. COLA Contribution Reserve	6,712,191	493,235	150,175	83,158	466,473	19,518	3,649,074	11,573,825
7. Remaining Employer Contribution (5-6)	\$ 76,032,189	\$ 5,019,852	\$ 1,579,447	\$ 865,189	\$ 4,416,516	\$ 173,597	\$ 34,981,245	\$ 123,068,035
Contributions as a Percent of Pay								
1. Total Normal Cost	22.52%	22.52%	22.52%	22.52%	22.52%	22.52%	29.19%	24.09%
2. Projected Employee Contributions	2.10%	4.90%	0.70%	1.05%	3.89%	2.72%	2.05%	2.26%
3. Employer Normal Cost (1-2)	20.42%	17.62%	21.82%	21.47%	18.63%	19.80%	27.14%	21.83%
4. Amortization of Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability								
a.) 30 Year Fixed for Benefit Change to 3% @ 60 Formula*	3.07%	3.07%	2.91%	2.91%	2.91%	0.00%	0.00%	
b.) Remaining UAAL	6.59%	6.59%	10.27%	10.27%	10.27%	10.27%	12.09%	
c.) Total UAAL Rate	9.66%	9.66%	13.18%	13.18%	13.18%	10.27%	12.09%	10.43%
5. Total Employer Contribution (3+4)	30.09%	27.28%	35.00%	34.65%	31.81%	30.06%	39.23%	32.26%
6. COLA Contribution Reserve	2.44%	2.44%	3.04%	3.04%	3.04%	3.04%	3.71%	2.77%
7. Remaining Employer Contribution (5-6)	27.65%	24.84%	31.96%	31.61%	28.77%	27.03%	35.52%	29.49%

*In accordance with the Funding Policy, calculated as a fixed UAAL Rate for Benefit Change effective January 1, 2005.

Changes in the Contribution Rates

The following Exhibit 18 illustrates the various sources of changes that impacted both the employer contribution rates and the funded rate. It shows the analysis of change both in aggregate for all of KCERA, as well as for the General and Safety cost sharing groups. The most significant changes that occurred during the year are due to:

- Experience during the 2006 year included variations resulting in a 0.36% decrease in the contribution rate for General members and a 1.13% increase for Safety members from what was expected, based on the actuarial assumptions used for the 2005 valuation. Some experience gains and losses are to be expected as part of the normal variation between actual and expected experience. The changes due to actual experience are described in further detail in the gain and loss summary, Exhibit 18 in this section, and were well within a reasonable level of fluctuation.
- As part of our ongoing effort to improve the valuation process, we modified the assumption regarding the age at which terminated vested members are assumed to retire. This new assumption reflects the earliest age at which the benefit factor is no longer reduced due to age.

By accepting and adopting the recommended contribution rates in this report, we ask the Board to also approve this change in assumptions.

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Exhibit 18: Gain and Loss Analysis by Employer Contribution Rates and Funded Percentage

	Changes in Average Employer Contribution Rate Due to:	Changes in Funded Percentage Rate Due to:
As of December 31, 2005	31.70%	75.6%
Experience:		
<i>Passage of Time, Salary, and Demographics</i>	0.12%	0.5%
<i>Investment Experience</i>	-0.06%	0.1%
<i>Service Purchases</i>	<u>0.13%</u>	<u>-0.2%</u>
Subtotal for Experience	0.19% 0.19%	0.4% 0.4%
<i>Assumption Change</i>	<u>0.37%</u>	<u>-0.3%</u>
Total Changes	0.56%	0.1%
As of December 31, 2006 prior to CCR credit	32.26%	75.7%
<i>COLA Contribution Reserve</i>	<u>-2.77%</u>	
Total as of December 31, 2006	29.49%	
Changes in Average Employer Contribution Rate - General County and Districts		
As of December 31, 2005	30.11%	70.8%
Experience:		
<i>Passage of Time, Salary, and Demographics</i>	-0.42%	1.4%
<i>Investment Experience</i>	-0.04%	0.1%
<i>Service Purchases</i>	<u>0.10%</u>	<u>-0.2%</u>
Subtotal for Experience	-0.36% -0.36%	1.3% 1.3%
<i>Assumption Changes</i>	<u>0.36%</u>	<u>-0.4%</u>
Total Changes	0.00%	0.9%
As of December 31, 2006 prior to CCR credit	30.11%	71.7%
<i>COLA Contribution Reserve</i>	<u>-2.49%</u>	
Total as of December 31, 2006	27.62%	
Changes in Employer Contribution Rate - Safety		
As of December 31, 2005	37.69%	83.8%
Experience:		
<i>Passage of Time, Salary, and Demographics</i>	1.01%	-1.2%
<i>Investment Experience</i>	-0.09%	0.1%
<i>Service Purchases</i>	<u>0.21%</u>	<u>-0.3%</u>
Subtotal for Experience	1.13% 1.13%	-1.4% -1.4%
<i>Assumption Changes</i>	<u>0.41%</u>	<u>-0.2%</u>
Total Changes	1.54%	-1.6%
As of December 31, 2006 prior to CCR credit	39.23%	82.2%
<i>COLA Contribution Reserve</i>	<u>-3.71%</u>	
Total as of December 31, 2006	35.52%	

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Section 7: Accounting Information



The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) sets standards for defined benefit pension plan reporting and disclosures (Statement No. 25). The reporting requirements for Statement No. 25 include certain supplementary information that must be added to the financial statements. These include:

- (1) A Schedule of Funding Progress
- (2) A Schedule of Employer Contributions

The Schedule of Funding Progress, Exhibit 19, compares actuarial assets and liabilities of KCERA, based on the actuarial funding method used. The required Schedule of Employer Contributions, Exhibit 20, compares the employer contributions required based on the actuarial valuation (the actuarial required contribution, or ARC) with the employer contributions actually made. The ARC must be calculated based on certain parameters required for disclosure purposes.

We believe the actuarial methods and assumptions used in this valuation to determine the employer's contribution for funding purposes satisfy the GASB reporting requirements.

GASB Statement No. 27 specifies required reporting for pension accounting by state and local governmental employers.

The comparability of the data from year-to-year can be affected by changes in actuarial assumptions, benefit provisions, accounting policies, etc.

Please refer to Section 6 of this report which discloses the financial impact of any benefit changes or assumption changes that may have occurred in 2006.

Exhibit 21 compares the Actuarial Value of Valuation Assets to the types of Actuarial Accrued Liabilities, applying them first to Active Member contributions, then to retirees and beneficiaries, and then the remaining amount to the Active Members benefits. This is referred to as the Solvency Test. Although not required under GASB, this test is part of the CAFR guidelines specified by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

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**Exhibit 19: Schedule of Funding Progress
(Dollars in Thousands)**

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL)	Unfunded AAL (UAAL) (3) - (2)	Funded Ratio (2) / (3)	Annual Covered Payroll	UAAL as a % of Annual Payroll (4) / (6)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
12/31/1996	\$ 1,003,076	\$ 1,029,574	\$ 26,498	97.43%	\$ 273,351	9.69%
12/31/1997	1,113,914	1,140,019	26,105	97.71%	266,640	9.79%
12/31/1998	1,203,670	1,179,753	(23,917)	102.03%	282,251	-8.47%
12/31/1999	1,325,928	1,324,662	(1,266)	100.10%	297,738	-0.43%
12/31/2000	1,434,873	1,388,984	(45,889)	103.30%	283,283	-16.20%
12/31/2001	1,508,291	1,611,960	103,669	93.57%	333,791	31.06%
12/31/2002	1,570,278	1,899,031	328,753	82.69%	344,871	95.33%
12/31/2003	1,927,585	2,059,286	131,701	93.60%	353,444	37.26%
12/31/2004	2,012,521	2,336,406	323,885	86.14%	374,951	86.38%
12/31/2005	2,164,304	2,861,872	697,568	75.63%	391,381	178.23%
12/31/2006	2,352,028	3,109,038	757,010	75.65%	417,351	181.38%

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Exhibit 20: Schedule of Contributions from the Employer

Fiscal Year Ending	Annual Required Contribution (ARC)	Percentage of ARC Contributed
6/30/1998	\$ 35,420,517	100%
6/30/1999	40,159,103	100%
6/30/2000	37,575,583	100%
6/30/2001	41,067,487	100%
6/30/2002	41,881,569	100%
6/30/2003	58,246,726	682% *
6/30/2004	48,759,946	100%
6/30/2005	60,286,141	100%
6/30/2006	100,734,230	100%

* Reflects pension obligation bond proceeds.

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Exhibit 21: Solvency Test

Valuation Date	Actuarial Accrued Liabilities for				Portion of AAL Covered by Assets			
	Active Member Contributions	Retire/Vested Members	Active Members (Employer-Financed Portion)	Total	Actuarial Value of Assets	Active Member	Retire/Vested Members	Active Members (Employer-Financed Portion)
December 31, 2003	\$ 182,161,145	\$ 1,067,016,084	\$ 810,108,722	\$ 2,059,285,951	\$ 1,927,584,527	100%	100%	84%
December 31, 2004	191,485,223	1,147,205,842	997,714,664	2,336,405,729	2,012,520,879	100%	100%	68%
December 31, 2005	188,810,897	1,437,046,916	1,236,014,189	2,861,872,002	2,164,304,268	100%	100%	44%
December 31, 2006	197,506,875	1,629,003,347	1,282,527,384	3,109,037,606	2,352,028,020	100%	100%	41%

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Section 8: SRBR – Supplemental Retirement Benefit Reserve



Additional benefits may be provided to KCERA active and retired members under the plan provisions adopted by the County as provided under Article 5.5 of the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 (CERL). These are the Supplemental Retiree Benefit Reserve (SRBR) benefits, and the Board of Retirement has defined these as:

- **Approved Benefits** – These are the SRBR benefits that have already been approved by the Retirement Board. They include all Tier I, Tier II and Death Benefits, as well as the Tier III benefits approved through December 31, 2006.
- **Future Benefits** – These are the SRBR Tier III benefits expected to be approved in future years in order to maintain the 80% purchasing power goal.

Article 5.5 governs the crediting of interest to reserves and the allocation of Undistributed Earnings. Undistributed Earnings are the amount that remains after earnings have been used to credit interest to the Plan's reserves. They are generally thought of as earnings in excess of those assumed to be earned under the actuarial valuation assumptions.

Under the provisions of Article 5.5, and in accordance with the Board's interest crediting policy, if Undistributed Earnings remain then 50% of those Earnings are credited to the SRBR fund and the remaining 50% are allocated as additional interest credits to all other reserve funds except the Contingency Reserve, the SRBR and the CCR, if any. See Section 3 Assets for a description of the Board's interest crediting policy.

The funding status of the SRBR benefits changed since the 2005 valuation due to:

1. Experience losses since the COLA for the Tier 3 benefits was 4.3% rather than the 3.5% assumed.
2. The death benefits were increased from \$1,000 to \$3,000 since the 2005 Valuation.
3. The assets experienced "Excess Earnings" as of December 31, 2006 and an additional \$0.9 million dollars was allocated to the unallocated portion of the SRBR assets.

Determination of SRBR Benefits

The SRBR currently provides four categories of supplemental retiree benefits:

- Tier 1 – \$35.50 per month payable to retirees who were hired on or before July 1, 1994.
- Tier 2 – Three additional monthly stipends payable to retirees:
 - \$1.372 per year of service for Participants who retired prior to 1985. This was granted July 1, 1994.
 - \$5.470 per year of service for Participants who retired prior to 1985. This was granted July 1, 1996.
 - \$10.276 per year of service for Participants who retired prior to 1981. This was granted July 1, 1997.
- Tier 3 – Additional benefits to maintain 80% purchasing power protection.
- Death Benefit – A one-time payment of \$3,000 to a Participant's beneficiary is made upon the death of the Participant. Prior to 2007, the death benefit payment was \$1,000.

In addition, the KCERA Board has set aside a portion of the SRBR Reserve to help pay for an additional 0.5% COLA adopted under the Ventura Settlement.

By their very nature, Undistributed Earnings are produced on an inconsistent basis and cannot be counted on to appear in any single period. Because of this, the funding for SRBR Benefits is set up differently than funding for Regular Benefits. Undistributed Earnings are the only source of funding for these benefits. For this reason, KCERA compares the SRBR Reserve against three liability measures to understand its short-term, medium-term and long-term funding position. All of these funding targets are based on the Present Value of Benefits for SRBR Benefits.

Determination of SRBR Benefits (continued)

The **Present Value of Benefits (PVB)** represents the amount of money, at the valuation date, which would be sufficient to pay for all SRBR Benefits for all current Plan Participants if all plan assumptions are met in future years. In other words,

- If Plan Assets are equal to the Present Value of Benefits, and
- If current plan benefits remain in place, and
- If there are no new Plan Participants, and
- If plan experience in all future years matches the assumptions,

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There will be enough money to pay for all approved and future SRBR benefits for all Plan Participants and their beneficiaries for the rest of their lives without another dollar being added to the SRBR Reserve from Undistributed Earnings.

Approved Benefits

Approved Benefits are the SRBR benefits that have already been approved by the Retirement Board. They include all Tier I, Tier II and Death Benefits, as well as the Tier III benefits approved through December 31, 2006. The Present Value of Approved Benefits is the short-term funding target for the SRBR.

The Plan's funded percentage for Approved SRBR Benefits is 141.5%. It is calculated by dividing the Actuarial Value of Assets (\$91.0 million) by the Present Value of Approved SRBR Benefits (\$64.3 million).

The funded percentage is developed in the following table:

1. Present Value of Approved Benefits

a. Death Benefits	\$ 6,668,661
b. SRBR1	28,559,626
c. SRBR2	13,095,814
d. SRBR3	<u>15,992,828</u>
e. Total	\$ 64,316,929

2. Available SRBR Reserves

a. Total SRBR	\$ 168,314,346
b. 0.5% COLA Account	<u>77,333,873</u>
c. Available SRBR Reserve	\$ 90,980,473

3. Funded Percentage 141.5%

Targeted Funding

In 2001, KCERA did an extensive review of the benefits provided through the SRBR and the financial strength of the SRBR. The Board decided to use a target based on a combination of Approved and Projected SRBR Benefits. The target liability is the Present Value of Benefits for Tier I, Tier II and Death Benefits. For Tier III Benefits, the target liability is the Present Value of projected payments for the twenty-year period beginning with the valuation date.

On this basis, the Plan's funded percentage for Target SRBR Liabilities is 117.3%. It is calculated by dividing the Actuarial Value of Assets (\$91.0 million) by the Present Value of SRBR Target Liabilities (\$77.5 million).

The funding target is to have a 20% reserve for the death benefits, SRBR1 and SRBR2 benefits and 20 years of expected SRBR3 payments as shown at the end of this section.

1. Present Value of Targeted Funding

	Liabilities	With Reserves
a. Death Benefits	\$ 6,668,661	\$ 8,002,393
b. SRBR1	28,559,626	34,271,551
c. SRBR2	13,095,814	15,714,977
d. SRBR3 (20 years)	29,212,897	29,212,897
e. Total	<u>\$ 77,536,998</u>	<u>\$ 87,201,818</u>

2. Available SRBR Reserves

a. Total SRBR	\$ 168,314,346	\$ 168,314,346
b. 0.5% COLA Account	77,333,873	77,333,873
c. Available SRBR Reserve	<u>\$ 90,980,473</u>	<u>\$ 90,980,473</u>

3. Funded Percentage	117.3%	104.3%
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Under the Board's "20/20" policy, if the liabilities of the targeted benefits with a 20% reserve on all but the SRBR3 20-year projection of benefits are more than 100% funded, the Board may consider increasing the SRBR approved benefits. As of December 31, 2006, the funding ratio is just over the 100% benchmark, at 104.3%.

Total SRBR Benefits

KCERA's long-term funding target for the SRBR is based on the Present Value of all SRBR Benefits. The Plan's funded percentage for all SRBR Benefits is 81.6%. It is calculated by dividing the Actuarial Value of Assets (\$91.0 million) by the Present Value of all SRBR Benefits (\$111.5 million).

The funded percentage is developed in the following table:

1. Present Value of SRBR	
a. Approved Benefits	\$ 64,316,929
b. Future Benefits	47,167,820
c. Total	<u>\$ 111,484,749</u>
2. Available SRBR Reserves	
a. Total SRBR	\$ 168,314,346
b. 0.5% COLA Account	77,333,873
c. Available SRBR Reserve	<u>\$ 90,980,473</u>
3. Funded Percentage	81.6%

The funded percentage dropped to 81.6% from 88.1% in our last valuation. The following table quantifies the impact of various changes.

	Funded Status	Change
Prior Year	88.1%	
Passage of Time		-0.8%
Asset Gain (Transfer from Excess Earnings)		1.2%
Increased Death Benefit		-3.7%
Inflation higher than expected		-2.1%
Liability Loss (including Salaries higher than expected)		-1.1%
Total Change:		<u>-6.5%</u>
Current Year	81.6%	

Exhibits 22 and 23 on the following pages show further detail on the SRBR present value of benefits by member status, and the present value of the year-by-year projected SRBR3 benefit payments for both active and retired members for the next 20 years.

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Exhibit 22: Supplemental Retiree Benefit Reserve

Present Value of Projected Benefits

Approved Benefits

	Death Ben	SRBR1	SRBR2	SRBR3	Total
Active Members	\$ 1,903,915	\$ 8,562,854	\$	\$	\$ 10,466,769
Deferred Vested Members	272,948	1,488,653			1,761,601
Retirees and Beneficiaries	<u>4,491,798</u>	<u>18,508,119</u>	<u>13,095,814</u>	<u>15,992,828</u>	<u>52,088,559</u>
Total	\$ 6,668,661	\$ 28,559,626	\$ 13,095,814	\$ 15,992,828	\$ 64,316,929

Future Benefits

	Death Ben	SRBR1	SRBR2	SRBR3	Total
Active Members				\$ 15,713,644	\$ 15,713,644
Deferred Vested Members				530,125	530,125
Retirees and Beneficiaries				<u>30,924,051</u>	<u>30,924,051</u>
Total	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	\$ 47,167,820	\$ 47,167,820

Available Reserves

Total SRBR	\$ 168,314,346
Additional 0.5% COLA Account	<u>77,333,873</u>
Available SRBR	\$ 90,980,473

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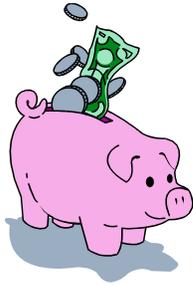
Exhibit 23: Projected Cash Flow for SRBR Tier 3 Payments

Calendar Year	Projected SRBR 3 Payments
2007	\$ 2,386,850
2008	2,517,566
2009	2,607,257
2010	2,712,294
2011	2,794,240
2012	2,869,018
2013	2,936,846
2014	3,021,791
2015	3,072,512
2016	3,113,296
2017	3,141,413
2018	3,154,458
2019	3,156,098
2020	3,145,619
2021	3,119,315
2022	3,083,163
2023	3,042,518
2024	3,032,938
2025	3,129,568
2026	3,405,234
Present Value of Projected 20-Year Cash Flow:	\$29,212,897

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Section 9: Benefit Payment Projections

Cash Flow Projection

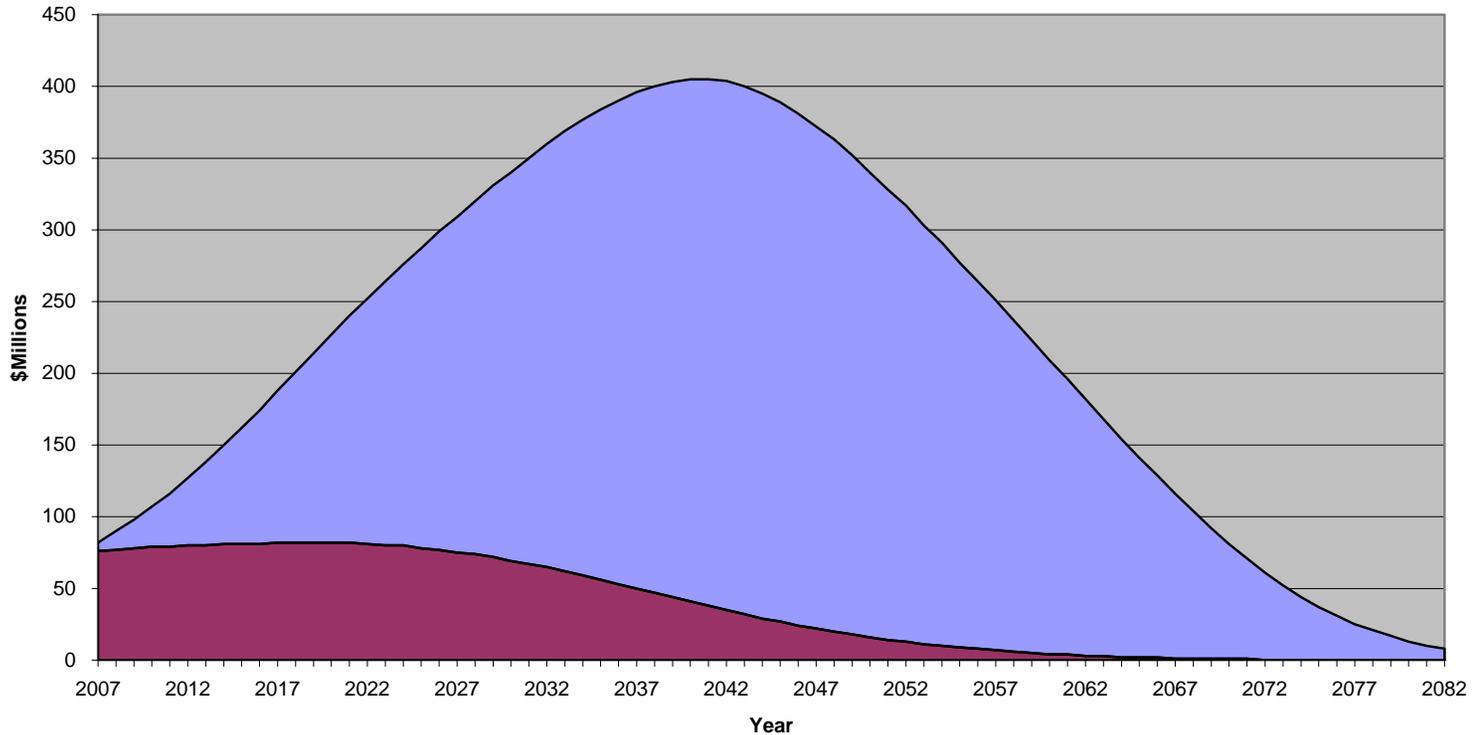


The graphs on the next two pages illustrate the expected dollar amount of future annual benefit payments. These projected payments are based on:

1. Current members, both active and inactive; no new members are included in these projections.
2. Current actuarial assumptions regarding the demographic changes in the membership; future salary increases and future COLA benefit increases based on price inflation.
3. The assumption that no additional benefit changes occur during the 75-year projection period.

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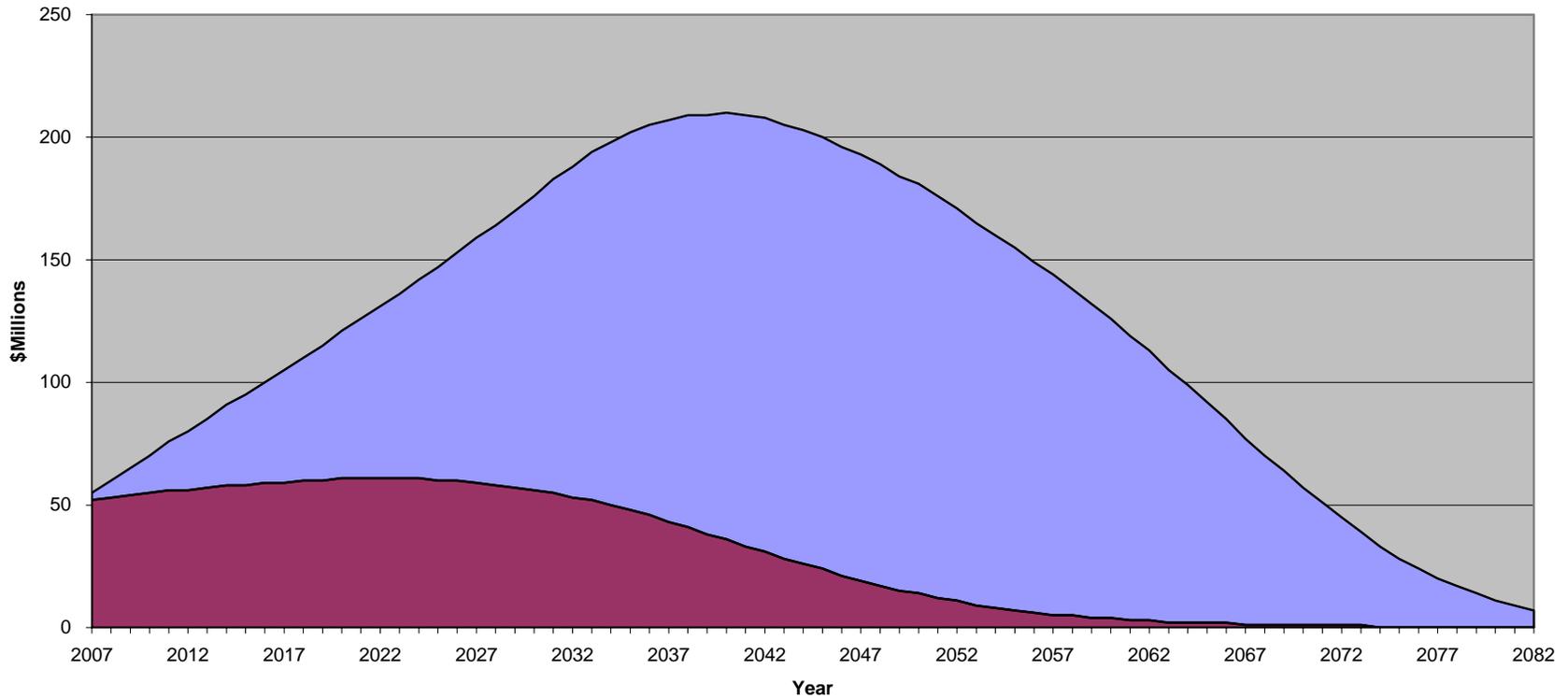
General Members- Projected Benefit Payments



■ Active Members
■ Retired and Terminated Vested Members

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Safety Members- Projected Benefit Payments



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Appendix A

Actuarial Assumptions

The actuarial procedures and assumptions recommended to be used in the December 31, 2006 valuation are described in this section.

The actuarial assumptions used in the valuations are intended to estimate the future experience of the members of KCERA in areas that affect the projected benefit flow and anticipated investment earnings. Any variations in future experience from that expected from these assumptions will result in corresponding changes in the estimated costs of KCERA's benefits.

The assumption regarding the Deferred Retirement Age for Vested Terminated was changed in 2006 to reflect the age at which full benefit are available. All other assumptions were reviewed during the 2005 Investigation of Experience study. The next study is expected as of December 31, 2008.

The major assumptions and methods used in this valuation are as follows:

ECONOMIC ASSUMPTIONS

Investment Earnings and Expenses:	The future investment earnings of the assets of KCERA are assumed to accrue at an annual rate of 8.00%, compounded annually, net of both investment and administrative expenses.
Post-retirement Benefit Increases:	Post-retirement increases are assumed for the valuation in accordance with the benefits provided as described in Appendix B of the valuation report. These adjustments are assumed payable each year in the future as they are less than the expected increase in the Consumer Price Index of 3.5% per year.
Salary Increase – Total Payroll:	4.0% per year.
Salary Increase – Individual:	Rates varying by service, as shown in Schedule 1.
Inflation (CPI):	3.5% per year.
Interest on Member Contributions:	The annual credited interest rate on member contributions is assumed to be 8.0% compounded semi-annually.

DEMOGRAPHIC ASSUMPTIONS

Post-retirement mortality:

- Service Retirement – General: RP-2000 Healthy Annuitant Mortality, with adjustment for white collar workers.

Rates for females are set back one year; no adjustment is made for males.

Mortality rates for the standard table are shown in Schedule 2.

Life expectancies for the adjusted tables are shown in Schedule 3.
 - Service Retirement – Safety: Rates are the same as General.
 - Disability Retirement – General: RP-2000 Healthy Annuitant Mortality, with adjustment for white collar workers.

Rates set forward four years for males and females. Rates are not less than 1.25% for males and 1.0% for females.

Life expectancies for the adjusted tables are shown in Schedule 4.
 - Disability Retirement – Safety: Rates are the same as General, except that set forward is two years.

Life expectancies for the adjusted tables are shown in Schedule 4.
 - Beneficiary: Rates are the same as a service retiree of the opposite gender.
- Other Termination: Rates varying by years of service, as shown in Schedule 5 (for General males), 6 (for General females) and 7 (for Safety). Note that these decrements are not applied after eligibility for retirement.
- Probability of Refund: Rates varying by years of service, as shown in Schedule 8.
- Reciprocal Agency: For current active members, the probability of joining a reciprocal agency immediately after termination is 60% for Safety members and 60% for General members. For members who have already terminated vested with a deferred commencement, we use the code provided by the KCERA to determine if the person has joined a reciprocal agency. All terminating members are assumed to not be rehired.

Deferred Retirement Age for Vested Termination:

Age 50 for Safety members.
Age 60 for General members.

This assumption was changed from our previous valuation. The new assumption reflects the age at which members are entitled to full benefits.

Salary Projection for Vested Termination with Reciprocity:

Salaries are assumed to increase with wage inflation from termination with KCERA to benefit commencement. The assumed annual increase after termination of employment is 4.52% for General members and 4.78% for Safety members.

Pre-retirement Mortality:

Rates varying by age, as shown in Schedule 5 (for General males), 6 (for General females) and 7 (for Safety). Separate rates are used for ordinary death, service related death, and death while eligible to retire.

Service Disability:

Rates varying by age, as shown in Schedule 5 (for General males), 6 (for General females) and 7 (for Safety).

Ordinary Disability:

Rates varying by age, as shown in Schedule 5 (for General males), 6 (for General females) and 7 (for Safety).

Service Retirement:

Rates varying by age, as shown in Schedule 5 (for General males), 6 (for General females) and 7 (for Safety). All general members who attain or who have attained age 70 in active service and all safety members who have attained age 60 in active service are assumed to retire immediately.

The assumptions regarding termination of employment and service retirement are treated as a single set of decrements in regards to a particular member.

For example, a general member hired at age 30 has a probability to withdraw from KCERA due to death, disability or other termination of employment until age 50. After age 50, the member could still withdraw due to death, disability or retirement. Thus, in no year during the member's projected employment would they be eligible for both a probability of other termination of employment and a probability of retirement.

Form of Payment:	Life annuity for single members. 60% contingent annuity for married members (100% contingent annuity if receiving service-related disability). SRBR benefits for married members are all assumed to be paid as a 60% contingent annuity.
Percentage Married at Retirement:	80% of male active members and 60% of female active members are assumed to have a spouse or qualified domestic partner eligible for the 60% continuance at retirement. There is no explicit assumption for children's benefits. We believe the survivor benefits based on this marriage assumption are sufficient to cover children's benefits as they occur.
Spouse Ages:	For active members reaching retirement, wives are assumed to be three years younger than husbands. Where spousal information was included for retirees, that information was used. If the age of the spouse was not provided, we have assumed that all spouses are still alive, and that female spouses are four years younger than their husbands.

ACTUARIAL METHODS

Funding Method:	Entry Age Funding Method, with costs allocated as a level percent of salary.
Actuarial Cost Method:	The actuarial valuation is prepared using the entry age actuarial cost method (CERL 31453.5). Under the principles of this method, the actuarial present value of the projected benefits of each individual included in the valuation is allocated as a level percentage of the individual's projected compensation between entry age and assumed exit (until maximum retirement age). The portion of this actuarial present value allocated to a valuation year is called the normal cost. The portion of this actuarial present value not provided for at a valuation date by the sum of (a) the actuarial value of the assets, and (b) the actuarial present value of future normal costs is called the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL).

Amortization Period:	<p>The UAAL due to the change to the benefit formula for General Members is amortized as a level percentage of payroll over a 30-year period beginning with the December 31, 2005 valuation, or 29 years as of December 31, 2006.</p> <p>The UAAL due to all other sources is amortized as a level percentage of payroll over a 29-year period beginning with the December 31, 2006 valuation.</p> <p>Additional UAAL incurred through the granting of Golden Handshake agreements made in 2004 and 2005 was amortized over a three-year period from the year in which they were granted. Beginning January 1, 2006, any liability attributable to Golden Handshakes is paid by the employer at the time the handshake is granted.</p>
Actuarial Value of Assets:	<p>The market value of assets is adjusted to recognize, over a five-year period, investment earnings greater than (or less than) the assumed investment return. Details are shown in Section 2, Assets, of this report.</p> <p>The actuarial value, market value and book value are net of amounts allocated to the Supplemental Retiree Benefit Reserve and the Contingency Reserve.</p>
Replacement of Terminated Members:	<p>The ages and relative salaries at entry of future members are assumed to follow a new entrant distribution based on the pattern of current members. Under this assumption, the normal cost rates for active members will remain fairly stable in future years unless there are changes in the governing law, the actuarial assumptions or the pattern of the new entrants.</p>
Growth in Membership:	<p>For benefit determination purposes, no growth in the membership of KCERA is assumed. For funding purposes, if amortization is required, the total payroll of covered members is assumed to grow due to the combined effects of future wage increases of current active members and the replacement of the current active members by new employees. No growth in the total number of active members is assumed.</p>

Internal Revenue Code
Section 415 Limit:

The Internal Revenue Code Section 415 maximum benefit limitations are not reflected in the valuation for funding purposes. Any limitation is reflected in a member's benefit after retirement.

Employer Contributions:

The employer contribution rate is set by the Retirement Board based on actuarial valuations.

Member Contributions:

The member contribution rates vary by entry age and are described in the law. Code references are shown in Appendix C of this report. The methods and assumptions used are detailed below.

The individual member rates by entry age, plan and class are illustrated in Appendix C.

Member Contribution Rate
Assumptions:

The following assumptions summarize the procedures used to compute member contribution rates based on entry age:

In general, the member rate is determined by the present value of the future benefit (PVFB) payable at retirement age, divided by the present value of all future salaries payable between age at entry and retirement age. For these purposes, per the CERL, the:

- A. Annuity factor used for general members is based on a one-third / two-thirds blend of the male and female mortality tables using current valuation assumptions. For Safety members it is based on a five-sixths / one-sixth blend.
- B. The annuity factor used in determining the present value of future benefits (PVFB) at entry age is equal to the life only annuity factor at 8%.
- C. The Final Compensation is based on the salary paid in the year prior to attaining the retirement age.

Example: For a General member who enters at age 59 or earlier, the Final Compensation at retirement (age 60) will be the monthly average of the annual salaries during age 59.

- D. Member Rates are assumed to increase with entry age. There are a few exceptions at the higher entry ages where the calculated rate is less than the previous entry age. In these cases the member contribution rate is adjusted so that it is no less than the value for the previous entry age.

DATA SOURCES

Asset Data:

The asset information is taken directly from statements furnished by the Retirement Office and used without audit.

Member Data:

The member data is supplied by the Retirement Office. It is reviewed for reasonableness and consistency, but no audit was performed. Milliman is not aware of any errors or omissions in the data that would have a significant effect on the results of our calculations.

**Kern County
Employees' Retirement Association**

**Schedule 1
Assumed Rate of Salary Increase**

Annual Increase in Salary (before wage inflation)

Years of Service	General Members	Safety Members
0	6.00%	6.00%
1	5.00%	5.00%
2	4.00%	4.00%
3	3.00%	3.00%
4	2.50%	2.50%
5	2.25%	2.25%
6	2.00%	2.00%
7	1.75%	1.75%
8	1.50%	1.50%
9	1.30%	1.30%
10	1.10%	1.10%
11	0.90%	0.90%
12	0.80%	0.80%
13	0.70%	0.75%
14	0.60%	0.75%
15 or More	0.50%	0.75%

Annual Increase in Salary (with wage inflation)

Years of Service	General Members	Safety Members
0	10.24%	10.24%
1	9.20%	9.20%
2	8.16%	8.16%
3	7.12%	7.12%
4	6.60%	6.60%
5	6.34%	6.34%
6	6.08%	6.08%
7	5.82%	5.82%
8	5.56%	5.56%
9	5.35%	5.35%
10	5.14%	5.14%
11	4.94%	4.94%
12	4.83%	4.83%
13	4.73%	4.78%
14	4.62%	4.78%
15 or More	4.52%	4.78%

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Employees' Retirement Association**

**Schedule 2
Standard RP-2000 Table with White Collar Adjustment***

<u>Age</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
20	0.035%	0.019%
25	0.038%	0.021%
30	0.035%	0.028%
35	0.059%	0.047%
40	0.089%	0.065%
45	0.134%	0.102%
50	0.198%	0.159%
55	0.330%	0.259%
60	0.558%	0.468%
65	1.106%	0.865%
70	1.928%	1.519%
75	3.363%	2.572%
80	5.941%	4.308%
85	10.467%	7.419%
90	17.827%	12.615%

**Actual mortality rates used in the valuation are adjusted as described in this appendix.*

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Employees' Retirement Association**

**Schedule 3
Life Expectancies at Sample Ages
Non-Disabled General & Safety Members**

<u>Age</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
50	31.62	35.12
51	30.68	34.17
52	29.75	33.22
53	28.83	32.28
54	27.90	31.34
55	26.98	30.41
56	26.07	29.48
57	25.17	28.55
58	24.27	27.63
59	23.38	26.73
60	22.49	25.82
61	21.62	24.93
62	20.75	24.04
63	19.90	23.17
64	19.07	22.31
65	18.25	21.46
66	17.45	20.62
67	16.66	19.80
68	15.89	18.99
69	15.14	18.19
70	14.40	17.41
71	13.67	16.64
72	12.96	15.89
73	12.26	15.16
74	11.59	14.44
75	10.93	13.74
76	10.30	13.05
77	9.68	12.38
78	9.09	11.73
79	8.52	11.10
80	7.97	10.49
81	7.45	9.89
82	6.95	9.32
83	6.47	8.76
84	6.03	8.23
85	5.60	7.72
86	5.20	7.24
87	4.83	6.78
88	4.48	6.35
89	4.17	5.95
90	3.88	5.58

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**Schedule 4
Life Expectancies at Sample Ages
Disabled General and Safety Members**

Age	General		Safety	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
50	26.14	28.84	27.46	30.25
51	25.46	28.13	26.80	29.55
52	24.78	27.41	26.14	28.84
53	24.08	26.68	25.46	28.13
54	23.38	25.95	24.78	27.41
55	22.67	25.20	24.08	26.68
56	21.96	24.45	23.38	25.95
57	21.23	23.70	22.67	25.20
58	20.49	22.93	21.96	24.45
59	19.74	22.16	21.23	23.70
60	18.99	21.38	20.49	22.93
61	18.22	20.59	19.74	22.16
62	17.45	19.79	18.99	21.38
63	16.66	18.99	18.22	20.59
64	15.89	18.19	17.45	19.79
65	15.14	17.41	16.66	18.99
66	14.40	16.64	15.89	18.19
67	13.67	15.89	15.14	17.41
68	12.96	15.16	14.40	16.64
69	12.26	14.44	13.67	15.89
70	11.59	13.74	12.96	15.16
71	10.93	13.05	12.26	14.44
72	10.30	12.38	11.59	13.74
73	9.68	11.73	10.93	13.05
74	9.09	11.10	10.30	12.38
75	8.52	10.49	9.68	11.73
76	7.97	9.89	9.09	11.10
77	7.45	9.32	8.52	10.49
78	6.95	8.76	7.97	9.89
79	6.47	8.23	7.45	9.32
80	6.03	7.72	6.95	8.76
81	5.60	7.24	6.47	8.23
82	5.20	6.78	6.03	7.72
83	4.83	6.35	5.60	7.24
84	4.48	5.95	5.20	6.78
85	4.17	5.59	4.83	6.35
86	3.88	5.25	4.48	5.95
87	3.62	4.94	4.17	5.59
88	3.39	4.66	3.88	5.25
89	3.18	4.41	3.62	4.94
90	2.98	4.18	3.39	4.66

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Schedule 5 Probability of Separation from Active Service (Number separating at each age per 10,000 working at that age) General Members – Male

Age	Ordinary Death	Service Death	Ordinary Disability	Service Disability	Service Retirement	Years of Service	Other Terminations
20	10	0	2	3	0	0	2000
21	10	0	2	3	0	1	1400
22	10	0	2	3	0	2	1000
23	10	0	2	3	0	3	700
24	11	0	2	3	0	4	500
25	11	0	2	3	0	5	433
26	11	0	2	3	0	6	367
27	11	0	2	3	0	7	300
28	11	0	2	3	0	8	280
29	12	0	2	4	0	9	260
30	12	0	3	4	0	10	240
31	14	0	3	4	0	11	220
32	16	0	3	5	0	12	200
33	18	0	3	5	0	13	190
34	20	0	4	6	0	14	180
35	22	0	4	6	0	15	170
36	24	0	5	7	0	16	160
37	25	0	5	8	0	17	150
38	27	0	6	8	0	18	144
39	29	0	6	9	0	19	138
40	30	0	7	10	0	20	132
41	32	0	7	11	0	21	126
42	34	0	8	12	0	22	120
43	36	0	9	13	0	23	116
44	39	0	10	14	0	24	112
45	42	0	10	16	0	25	108
46	45	0	11	17	0	26	104
47	49	0	12	18	0	27	100
48	52	0	14	22	0	28	100
49	56	0	17	25	0	29	100
50	60	0	19	29	600	30 & Above	100
51	60	0	22	32	500		
52	59	0	24	36	500		
53	57	0	24	36	500		
54	56	0	24	36	500		
55	54	0	24	36	1400		
56	54	0	24	36	1100		
57	55	0	24	36	1400		
58	57	0	23	35	1700		
59	61	0	22	34	2000		
60	66	0	22	32	2500		
61	73	0	21	31	2500		
62	82	0	20	30	2500		
63	92	0	19	29	2500		
64	104	0	18	28	2500		
65	116	0	18	26	3000		
66	130	0	17	25	3000		
67	144	0	16	24	3000		
68	158	0	15	23	3000		
69	174	0	14	22	3000		
70	0	0	0	0	10000		

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Schedule 6 Probability of Separation from Active Service (Number separating at each age per 10,000 working at that age) General Members – Female

Age	Ordinary Death	Service Death	Ordinary Disability	Service Disability	Service Retirement	Years of Service	Other Terminations
20	3	0	2	3	0	0	2000
21	3	0	2	3	0	1	1400
22	3	0	2	3	0	2	1000
23	3	0	2	3	0	3	700
24	3	0	2	3	0	4	500
25	3	0	2	3	0	5	433
26	3	0	2	3	0	6	367
27	3	0	2	3	0	7	300
28	3	0	2	3	0	8	280
29	4	0	2	4	0	9	260
30	4	0	3	4	0	10	240
31	4	0	3	4	0	11	220
32	5	0	3	5	0	12	200
33	6	0	3	5	0	13	190
34	6	0	4	6	0	14	180
35	7	0	4	6	0	15	170
36	8	0	5	7	0	16	160
37	8	0	5	8	0	17	150
38	9	0	6	8	0	18	144
39	9	0	6	9	0	19	138
40	10	0	7	10	0	20	132
41	11	0	7	11	0	21	126
42	12	0	8	12	0	22	120
43	14	0	9	13	0	23	116
44	15	0	10	14	0	24	112
45	16	0	10	16	0	25	108
46	18	0	11	17	0	26	104
47	19	0	12	18	0	27	100
48	21	0	14	22	0	28	100
49	23	0	17	25	0	29	100
50	24	0	19	29	600	30 & Above	100
51	25	0	22	32	600		
52	27	0	24	36	600		
53	29	0	24	36	600		
54	32	0	24	36	600		
55	35	0	24	36	800		
56	39	0	24	36	1000		
57	43	0	24	36	1200		
58	47	0	23	35	1500		
59	51	0	22	34	1800		
60	56	0	22	32	2200		
61	61	0	21	31	2000		
62	67	0	20	30	3000		
63	74	0	19	29	3000		
64	82	0	18	28	3000		
65	91	0	18	26	3000		
66	101	0	17	25	3000		
67	112	0	16	24	3000		
68	124	0	15	23	3000		
69	137	0	14	22	3000		
70	0	0	0	0	10000		

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Schedule 7 Probability of Separation from Active Service (Number separating at each age per 10,000 working at that age) Safety Members

Age	Ordinary Death*	Service Death	Ordinary Disability	Service Disability	Service Retirement	Years of Service	Other Terminations
20	10	2	0	3	0	0	800
21	10	2	0	5	0	1	600
22	10	2	0	7	0	2	450
23	10	2	0	9	0	3	300
24	11	2	0	11	0	4	250
25	11	2	0	13	0	5	233
26	11	2	0	16	0	6	217
27	11	2	0	19	0	7	200
28	11	2	0	22	0	8	190
29	12	2	0	25	0	9	180
30	12	2	0	28	0	10	170
31	14	2	0	32	0	11	160
32	16	2	0	36	0	12	150
33	18	2	0	40	0	13	140
34	20	2	0	44	0	14	130
35	22	2	0	48	0	15	120
36	24	2	0	54	0	16	110
37	25	2	0	60	0	17	100
38	27	2	0	66	0	18	100
39	29	2	0	72	0	19	100
40	30	2	0	78	0	20 & Above	0
41	32	2	0	90	0		
42	34	2	0	102	0		
43	36	2	0	114	0		
44	39	2	0	126	0		
45	42	2	0	138	100		
46	45	2	0	150	50		
47	49	2	0	162	50		
48	52	2	0	174	100		
49	56	2	0	186	200		
50	60	2	0	198	1200		
51	60	2	0	216	1200		
52	59	2	0	234	1200		
53	57	2	0	252	1200		
54	56	2	0	270	1500		
55	54	2	0	288	2500		
56	54	2	0	306	3000		
57	55	2	0	324	3000		
58	57	2	0	342	3000		
59	61	2	0	360	3000		
60	66	2	0	0	10000		
61	73	0	0	0	0		
62	82	0	0	0	0		
63	92	0	0	0	0		
64	104	0	0	0	0		
65	116	0	0	0	0		
66	130	0	0	0	0		
67	144	0	0	0	0		
68	158	0	0	0	0		
69	174	0	0	0	0		
70	0	0	0	0	0		

* Ordinary death rates for female Safety members are assumed to be the same as for female General members.

**Kern County
Employees' Retirement Association**

**Schedule 8
Immediate Refund of Contributions
upon Termination of Employment**

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Safety</u>
0	100%	100%
1	100%	100%
2	100%	100%
3	100%	100%
4	100%	100%
5	40%	30%
6	40%	30%
7	40%	30%
8	37%	27%
9	34%	24%
10	31%	21%
11	28%	18%
12	25%	15%
13	23%	13%
14	21%	11%
15	19%	9%
16	17%	7%
17	15%	5%
18	13%	4%
19	11%	3%
20	9%	0%
21	7%	0%
22	5%	0%
23	4%	0%
24	3%	0%
25	2%	0%
26	1%	0%
27	0%	0%
28	0%	0%
29	0%	0%
30 & Up	0%	0%

**Kern County
Employees' Retirement Association**

Appendix B

Benefit Summaries

GENERAL AND SAFETY MEMBERS

Membership:	Employment (at least 50% of full-time) with County or participating District. Enter on first day of the first pay period after entrance into service.
Final Average Salary (FAS):	Highest one-year average.

SERVICE RETIREMENT SPECIFIC TO GENERAL MEMBERS

Code Section:	31676.17 (3% at 60).* 31676.14 (1.667% at 52).**								
Eligibility:	10 years of service and age 50, or 30 years of service regardless of age, or age 70 regardless of service.								
Benefit:	2.0%, or one-fiftieth (1/50) of FAS per year of service times Retirement Adjustment Factor (RAF).								
Retirement Age Factor (RAF):	Adjustment factor for benefit commencing at age other than 60. Sample factors: <table><thead><tr><th>Age</th><th>Factor</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>50</td><td>1.0000</td></tr><tr><td>55</td><td>1.2500</td></tr><tr><td>60 and older</td><td>1.5000</td></tr></tbody></table>	Age	Factor	50	1.0000	55	1.2500	60 and older	1.5000
Age	Factor								
50	1.0000								
55	1.2500								
60 and older	1.5000								
Integration with Social Security:	Benefits based on first \$350 of monthly FAS are reduced by 1/3. Benefits for some District members are not integrated with Social Security.								
Maximum Benefit:	100% of FAS.								
Normal Form of Benefit:	Life annuity; 60% continuance to spouse after death of retiree. If there is no surviving spouse, the benefit is paid to eligible children.								

* Note: CERL 31676.17 (3% at 60) was adopted by the Board of Supervisors, effective January 1, 2005.
** Two General Districts, Berrenda Mesa and Inyokern, have adopted 31676.17 on a prospective basis only as of January 1, 2005, but have Section 31676.14 for service prior to January 1, 2005.

SERVICE RETIREMENT SPECIFIC TO SAFETY MEMBERS

Code Section:	31664.1 effective January 1, 2001.								
Eligibility:	10 years of service and age 50, or 20 years of service regardless of age.								
Benefit:	3.000% of FAS per year of service times Retirement Adjustment Factor (RAF).								
Retirement Age Factor (RAF):	Adjustment factor for benefit commencing prior to age 50. Sample factors: <table><thead><tr><th>Age</th><th>Factor</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>41</td><td>0.6258</td></tr><tr><td>45</td><td>0.7805</td></tr><tr><td>50 and above</td><td>1.0000</td></tr></tbody></table>	Age	Factor	41	0.6258	45	0.7805	50 and above	1.0000
Age	Factor								
41	0.6258								
45	0.7805								
50 and above	1.0000								
Integration with Social Security:	Benefits based on first \$350 of monthly FAS are reduced by 1/3.								
Maximum Benefit:	100% of FAS.								
Normal Form of Benefit:	Life annuity; 60% continuance to spouse after death of retiree. If there is no surviving spouse, the benefit is paid to eligible children.								

GENERAL AND SAFETY MEMBERS

NONSERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY

Eligibility:	Five years of service.
Disabled Definition:	Unable to perform his/her own job.
Benefit:	20% of FAS, plus 2% of FAS for each full year of service in excess of five, but not more than 40% of FAS.
Normal Form of Benefit:	Life annuity; 60% continuance to spouse after death of retiree. If there is no surviving spouse, the benefit is paid to eligible children.

SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY

Eligibility:	First day of work.
Disabled Definition:	Disability is substantially caused by employment and unable to perform his/her own job.
Benefit:	50% of salary, but not less than Service Retirement benefit (if eligible at time of commencement).
Normal Form of Benefit:	Life annuity; 100% continuance to spouse after death of participant. If there is no surviving spouse, the benefit is paid to eligible children.

NONSERVICE-CONNECTED DEATH

Before eligible for Nonservice-Connected Disability or Service Retirement:	Refund of employee contributions with interest, plus one month's salary for each year of service (maximum six months' salary).
After eligible for Nonservice-Connected Disability or Service Retirement:	60% of Nonservice-Connected Disability Benefit or Service Retirement Benefit the member would have received for retirement on day of death payable to surviving eligible spouse for the life of the spouse. If there is no surviving spouse, the benefit is paid to eligible children.

SERVICE-CONNECTED DEATH

Eligibility:	First day of work.
Benefit:	50% of salary, but not less than Service Retirement benefit (if eligible at time of commencement).
Normal Form of Benefit:	Life annuity to spouse after death of participant. If there is no surviving spouse, the benefit is paid to eligible children.

DEFERRED SERVICE RETIREMENT

Eligibility:	Five years of service.
Additional requirement:	Must leave contributions on deposit.
Benefit:	Same as service retirement benefit.
FAS:	If reciprocity provisions apply, includes compensation earned at reciprocal agency.
Normal Form of Benefit:	Same as service retirement benefit.

WITHDRAWAL

Eligibility:	First day of work.
Other Requirement:	Forfeits right to receive other benefit from retirement system.
Benefit:	Accumulated contributions with interest.
Form of Benefit:	Lump sum.

COST-OF-LIVING BENEFITS

Timing:	Annually, effective April 1 based on change in Consumer Price Index for the preceding calendar year.
Maximum:	2.5% per year.

SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREE BENEFIT RESERVE

See Section 8 of this report for a description of the SRBR benefits.

Kern County Employees' Retirement Association

Appendix C

Membership Data

	December 31, 2005	December 31, 2006	Change
General Members			
County			
Number	6,163	6,449	4.64%
Average Age	45.2	44.8	-0.82%
Average Service	10.4	10.0	-4.07%
Percent Male	29.40%	29.03%	-1.27%
Average Annual Pay	\$ 45,222	\$ 45,962	1.64%
Total Covered Payroll	\$ 278,700,398	\$ 296,405,823	6.35%
Valuation Payroll	\$ 277,659,983	\$ 295,202,659	6.32%
Districts Electing 1997 MOU			
Number	128	136	6.25%
Average Age	45.7	45.0	-1.52%
Average Service	12.4	11.6	-6.10%
Percent Male	74.22%	75.00%	1.05%
Average Annual Pay	\$ 59,289	\$ 61,184	3.20%
Total Covered Payroll	\$ 7,589,012	\$ 8,321,088	9.65%
Valuation Payroll	\$ 7,589,012	\$ 8,321,088	9.65%
Districts Not Electing 1997 MOU			
Number	261	277	6.13%
Average Age	42.2	41.9	-0.80%
Average Service	6.6	6.6	-1.03%
Percent Male	63.22%	63.90%	1.08%
Average Annual Pay	\$ 55,678	\$ 55,419	-0.46%
Total Covered Payroll	\$ 14,531,974	\$ 15,351,157	5.64%
Valuation Payroll	\$ 14,531,974	\$ 15,351,157	5.64%
Total General			
Number	6,552	6,862	4.73%
Average Age	45.1	44.7	-0.84%
Average Service	10.3	9.9	-4.06%
Percent Male	31.62%	31.35%	-0.88%
Average Annual Pay	\$ 45,913	\$ 46,645	1.59%
Total Covered Payroll	\$ 300,821,384	\$ 320,078,067	6.40%
Valuation Payroll	\$ 299,780,969	\$ 318,874,904	6.37%
Safety Members*			
Number	1,643	1,685	2.56%
Average Age	40.1	39.5	-1.65%
Average Service	12.4	12.0	-3.93%
Percent Male	82.47%	82.61%	0.17%
Average Annual Pay	\$ 56,409	\$ 59,558	5.58%
Total Covered Payroll	\$ 92,679,367	\$ 100,355,950	8.28%
Valuation Payroll	\$ 91,600,023	\$ 98,475,860	7.51%
Total Active Members			
Number	8,195	8,547	4.30%
Average Age	44.1	43.7	-0.95%
Average Service	10.7	10.3	-4.09%
Percent Male	41.82%	41.45%	-0.87%
Average Annual Pay	\$ 48,017	\$ 49,191	2.44%
Total Covered Payroll	\$ 393,500,751	\$ 420,434,017	6.84%
Valuation Payroll	\$ 391,380,992	\$ 417,350,764	6.64%

*Includes 3 Suspended members.

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Terminated Participants with Pending Refunds

	December 31, 2005	December 31, 2006	Change
General Members			
Number	262	428	63.36%
Average Age	36.6	37.2	1.81%
Percent Male	25.57%	30.84%	20.60%
Safety Members			
Number	26	32	23.08%
Average Age	29.4	31.1	5.71%
Percent Male	84.62%	84.38%	-0.28%
All Members			
Number	288	460	59.72%
Average Age	35.9	36.8	2.46%
Percent Male	30.90%	34.57%	11.85%

Terminated Vested Participants

	December 31, 2005	December 31, 2006	Change
General Members			
Number	875	965	10.29%
Average Age	46.9	47.4	0.99%
Average Service	15.8	15.8	-0.37%
Percent Male	40.91%	40.83%	-0.21%
Safety Members			
Number	116	123	6.03%
Average Age	41.8	41.1	-1.78%
Average Service	15.4	14.5	-5.71%
Percent Male	81.03%	80.49%	-0.67%
All Members			
Number	991	1,088	9.79%
Average Age	46.3	46.6	0.75%
Average Service	15.8	15.6	-0.95%
Percent Male	45.61%	45.31%	-0.65%

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Retired Participants

	December 31, 2005	December 31, 2006	Change
General Members			
Service Retirements			
Number	2,747	2,878	4.77%
Average Age	70.2	69.8	-0.58%
Percent Male	37.57%	37.98%	1.09%
Average Monthly Benefit*	\$ 1,624	\$ 1,754	8.01%
Beneficiaries			
Number	632	629	-0.47%
Average Age	73.60	73.83	0.30%
Percent Male	22.94%	22.26%	-2.99%
Average Monthly Benefit*	\$ 781	\$ 843	7.94%
Disabled			
Number	519	535	3.08%
Average Age	59.7	59.9	0.44%
Percent Male	36.99%	36.07%	-2.49%
Average Monthly Benefit*	\$ 1,346	\$ 1,394	3.49%
Total General			
Number	3,898	4,042	3.69%
Average Age	69.3	69.1	-0.34%
Percent Male	35.12%	35.28%	0.45%
Average Monthly Benefit*	\$ 1,450	\$ 1,565	7.87%
Safety Members			
Service Retirements			
Number	619	673	8.72%
Average Age	64.9	64.4	-0.71%
Percent Male	91.28%	90.79%	-0.54%
Average Monthly Benefit*	\$ 3,901	\$ 4,059	4.06%
Beneficiaries			
Number	226	236	4.42%
Average Age	67.2	67.86	1.03%
Percent Male	5.31%	4.24%	-20.20%
Average Monthly Benefit*	\$ 1,514	\$ 1,622	7.12%
Disabled			
Number	389	404	3.86%
Average Age	57.8	58.2	0.71%
Percent Male	82.78%	81.93%	-1.02%
Average Monthly Benefit*	\$ 2,875	\$ 3,000	4.35%
Total Safety			
Number	1,234	1,313	6.40%
Average Age	63.1	63.1	0.09%
Percent Male	72.85%	72.51%	-0.48%
Average Monthly Benefit*	\$ 3,140	\$ 3,295	4.94%

*Excludes SRBR amounts.

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Retired Participants (continued)

Total Members	December 31, 2005	December 31, 2006	Change
Service Retirements			
Number	3,366	3,551	5.50%
Average Age	69.2	68.7	-0.65%
Percent Male	47.45%	47.99%	1.14%
Average Monthly Benefit*	\$ 2,043	\$ 2,191	7.26%
Beneficiaries			
Number	858	865	0.82%
Average Age	71.9	72.2	0.40%
Percent Male	18.30%	17.34%	-5.23%
Average Monthly Benefit*	\$ 974	\$ 1,055	8.36%
Disabled			
Number	908	939	3.41%
Average Age	58.9	59.2	0.55%
Percent Male	56.61%	55.80%	-1.42%
Average Monthly Benefit*	\$ 2,001	\$ 2,085	4.17%
Total Retirees			
Number	5,132	5,355	4.35%
Average Age	67.8	67.6	-0.29%
Percent Male	44.19%	44.41%	0.48%
Average Monthly Benefit*	\$ 1,857	\$ 1,989	7.12%

*Excludes SRBR amounts.

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General Members

	<u>Actives</u>	<u>Terminated Vested</u>	<u>Terminated Pending Refund</u>	<u>Service Retirees</u>	<u>Disability Retirees</u>	<u>Beneficiaries</u>
As of December 31, 2005	6,552	875	262	2,747	519	632
New Hires/Rehires	971	25	104	(1)		
Net Transfers to Safety	(9)	-	(1)			
Terminated - Contributions Refunded	(203)	(22)	(50)			
Terminated, Pending Refund	(121)		121		-	
Vested Terminations	(119)	129	(10)			
Suspended						
Service Retirements	(185)	(40)		225		(1)
Disability Retirements	(19)	(2)	-	(6)	27	
Active Deaths	(6)					
Deaths Or Ceased Payments		(1)	-	(105)	(12)	(41)
Beneficiaries of Retirees Who Died						34
Data Corrections	1	1	2	18	1	5
As of December 31, 2006	6,862	965	428	2,878	535	629

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Safety Members

	<u>Actives</u>	<u>Terminated Vested</u>	<u>Terminated Pending Refund</u>	<u>Service Retirees</u>	<u>Disability Retirees</u>	<u>Beneficiaries</u>
As of December 31, 2005	1,643	116	26	619	389	226
New Hires/Rehires	148	(2)	6	-	-	
Net Transfers from General	13	(2)	(2)		1	-
Terminated - Contributions Refunded	(13)	-	(6)	-	-	
Terminated, Pending Refund	(8)	-	8	-	-	
Vested Terminations	(21)	22	(1)	-	-	
Suspended	0					
Service Retirements	(61)	(11)		72	-	
Disability Retirements	(15)		-	(7)	22	
Active Deaths	(2)					
Deaths Or Ceased Payments		-		(13)	(8)	(6)
Beneficiaries of Retirees Who Died						15
Data Corrections	(2)	-	1	2	-	1
As of December 31, 2006	1,682 *	123	32	673	404	236

* Liabilities for 3 suspended members were also valued.

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Summary of Active General Members by Age and Service

Number of Members by Age and Service Groups

Age	<u>Years of Service</u>										Total	
	<1	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40&Up		
0-24	116	58										174
25-29	215	310	75	1								601
30-34	178	293	250	23	2							746
35-39	121	212	299	104	39	1						776
40-44	93	161	236	146	138	47	2					823
45-49	76	154	261	182	222	142	85	1				1,123
50-54	80	123	226	149	245	173	149	37	2			1,184
55-59	36	97	207	130	153	112	95	45	11			886
60-64	17	44	107	63	94	46	35	16	3			425
65-69	1	12	28	18	28	6	7	1		2		103
70&Up		3	3	3	6	1	1	3	1			21
Total	933	1,467	1,692	819	927	528	374	103	17	2		6,862

Average Annual Compensation for General Members by Age and Service at December 31, 2006

Average Compensation by Age and Service Groups

Age	<u>Years of Service</u>										Total	
	<1	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40&Up		
0-24	30,150	33,581										31,294
25-29	32,609	38,589	40,547	33,572								36,686
30-34	34,822	42,289	46,534	39,441	44,609							41,848
35-39	36,199	43,259	49,023	52,954	48,447	39,496						45,934
40-44	35,450	41,909	49,239	47,492	50,003	43,418	42,648					45,717
45-49	33,060	42,644	47,280	52,610	52,833	53,154	50,458	50,911				48,630
50-54	41,542	42,834	48,041	54,329	51,069	56,579	55,507	55,266	66,067			50,922
55-59	46,563	47,401	48,085	48,079	53,210	54,437	55,678	64,011	38,850			51,144
60-64	34,923	49,626	48,513	52,937	47,330	58,892	59,106	60,528	58,058			50,994
65-69	52,795	59,380	48,660	41,256	44,868	66,263	45,077	31,407		66,192		48,579
70&Up		66,150	49,084	45,833	54,346	66,035	27,587	88,869	33,679			57,295
Total	34,879	42,091	47,757	50,693	51,017	54,329	54,401	60,609	45,137	66,192		46,645

Note that the compensation in this chart is the Final Average Salary as of December 31, 2006.

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Summary of Active Safety Members by Age and Service

Number of Members by Age and Service Groups

Age	<u>Years of Service</u>										Total
	<1	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40&Up	
0-24	48	36	1								85
25-29	44	128	70								242
30-34	22	76	173	31							302
35-39	11	28	141	64	16						260
40-44	7	15	51	30	73	33	3				212
45-49	2	5	20	26	55	103	24				235
50-54		3	5	12	22	62	82	28			214
55-59		3	8	12	16	19	23	21			102
60-64		1	2	5	10	4	4		1		27
65-69			2			1					3
70&Up											-
Total	134	295	473	180	192	222	136	49	1	-	1,682

Average Annual Compensation for Safety Members by Age and Service at December 31, 2006

Average Compensation by Age and Service Groups

Age	<u>Years of Service</u>										Total
	<1	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40&Up	
0-24	38,146	47,307	63,922								42,329
25-29	38,842	47,699	55,450								48,331
30-34	38,102	48,033	57,841	57,151							53,864
35-39	39,421	51,301	59,492	57,908	68,021						57,895
40-44	38,751	49,445	60,002	55,766	69,537	71,896	83,947				63,427
45-49	40,499	56,752	56,844	56,451	67,083	73,154	75,628				68,123
50-54		52,472	58,023	57,155	68,523	68,220	78,256	80,981			72,687
55-59		44,743	49,088	52,654	63,739	67,006	75,241	79,494			67,173
60-64		46,970	50,390	55,887	52,217	68,084	69,353		103,300		59,348
65-69			66,962			49,881					61,268
70&Up											
Total	38,539	48,337	58,044	56,754	67,206	70,867	77,146	80,343	103,300		59,609

Note that the compensation in this chart is the Final Average Salary as of December 31, 2006.

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Appendix D

Member Contribution Rates

Member contribution rates are calculated as a percentage of the member's pay, on the basis of the member's age at entry into System, the classification of the member, the Plan's economic assumptions and the member's life expectancy at the retirement age specified for this purpose in the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 (1937 Act).

The recommended contribution rates for General and Safety Members are presented on the following page.

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December 31, 2006 Valuation

General Member Contribution Rates

Member Rates as a Percentage of Salary

Contribution Rates (Fiscal Year 2007-8)

1/100th @ 55

<u>Entry Age</u>	<u>Integrated</u>		<u>Non-Integrated</u>
	<u>First \$350 of Monthly Comp.</u>	<u>Excess of \$350 Monthly Comp.</u>	<u>All Compensation</u>
18	3.93%	5.89%	5.89%
19	4.01%	6.01%	6.01%
20	4.09%	6.13%	6.13%
21	4.17%	6.26%	6.26%
22	4.26%	6.38%	6.38%
23	4.34%	6.51%	6.51%
24	4.43%	6.64%	6.64%
25	4.52%	6.78%	6.78%
26	4.61%	6.91%	6.91%
27	4.70%	7.05%	7.05%
28	4.80%	7.19%	7.19%
29	4.89%	7.34%	7.34%
30	4.99%	7.48%	7.48%
31	5.09%	7.64%	7.64%
32	5.19%	7.79%	7.79%
33	5.30%	7.95%	7.95%
34	5.41%	8.11%	8.11%
35	5.52%	8.27%	8.27%
36	5.63%	8.44%	8.44%
37	5.75%	8.62%	8.62%
38	5.87%	8.80%	8.80%
39	5.99%	8.99%	8.99%
40	6.12%	9.17%	9.17%
41	6.24%	9.36%	9.36%
42	6.37%	9.55%	9.55%
43	6.49%	9.74%	9.74%
44	6.61%	9.92%	9.92%
45	6.73%	10.09%	10.09%
46	6.84%	10.26%	10.26%
47	6.94%	10.41%	10.41%
48	7.03%	10.55%	10.55%
49	7.12%	10.68%	10.68%
50	7.20%	10.80%	10.80%
51	7.27%	10.90%	10.90%
52	7.30%	10.95%	10.95%
53	7.30%	10.95%	10.95%
54 and older	7.30%	10.95%	10.95%

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Safety Member Contribution Rates Fiscal Year 2007-8

Member Rates as a Percentage of Salary

Hired Prior to July 10, 2004 (Basic)			Hired Prior to July 10, 2004 Including 4.0% Supplemental*		Hired After July 10, 2004		
<u>Entry Age</u>	<u>Integrated</u>		<u>Integrated</u>		<u>Entry Age</u>	<u>Integrated</u>	
	<u>First \$350 of Monthly Comp.</u>	<u>Excess of \$350 Monthly Comp.</u>	<u>First \$350 of Monthly Comp.</u>	<u>Excess of \$350 Monthly Comp.</u>		<u>First \$350 of Monthly Comp.</u>	<u>Excess of \$350 Monthly Comp.</u>
20	4.81%	7.22%	7.22%	10.83%	20	7.22%	10.83%
21	4.90%	7.35%	7.35%	11.03%	21	7.35%	11.03%
22	4.99%	7.48%	7.48%	11.22%	22	7.48%	11.22%
23	5.08%	7.62%	7.62%	11.43%	23	7.62%	11.43%
24	5.17%	7.76%	7.76%	11.64%	24	7.76%	11.64%
25	5.27%	7.90%	7.90%	11.85%	25	7.90%	11.85%
26	5.36%	8.04%	8.04%	12.04%	26	8.04%	12.06%
27	5.46%	8.19%	8.13%	12.19%	27	8.19%	12.29%
28	5.56%	8.34%	8.23%	12.34%	28	8.34%	12.51%
29	5.66%	8.49%	8.33%	12.49%	29	8.49%	12.74%
30	5.77%	8.65%	8.43%	12.65%	30	8.65%	12.98%
31	5.87%	8.81%	8.54%	12.81%	31	8.81%	13.22%
32	5.98%	8.97%	8.65%	12.97%	32	8.97%	13.46%
33	6.09%	9.14%	8.76%	13.14%	33	9.14%	13.71%
34	6.21%	9.31%	8.87%	13.31%	34	9.31%	13.97%
35	6.33%	9.49%	8.99%	13.49%	35	9.49%	14.24%
36	6.45%	9.68%	9.12%	13.68%	36	9.68%	14.52%
37	6.58%	9.87%	9.25%	13.87%	37	9.87%	14.81%
38	6.71%	10.06%	9.37%	14.06%	38	10.06%	15.09%
39	6.83%	10.25%	9.50%	14.25%	39	10.25%	15.38%
40	6.95%	10.43%	9.62%	14.43%	40	10.43%	15.65%
41	7.07%	10.60%	9.73%	14.60%	41	10.60%	15.90%
42	7.17%	10.75%	9.83%	14.75%	42	10.75%	16.13%
43	7.27%	10.90%	9.93%	14.90%	43	10.90%	16.35%
44	7.35%	11.03%	10.02%	15.03%	44	11.03%	16.55%
45	7.43%	11.15%	10.10%	15.15%	45	11.15%	16.73%
46	7.51%	11.26%	10.17%	15.26%	46	11.26%	16.89%
47	7.55%	11.32%	10.21%	15.32%	47	11.32%	16.98%
48	7.55%	11.32%	10.21%	15.32%	48	11.32%	16.98%
49 and older	7.55%	11.32%	10.21%	15.32%	49 and older	11.32%	16.98%

**Beginning July 10, 2004, contribution rates for safety members are divided into "basic" and "supplemental" components. The basic component is calculated to provide for an average annuity at age 50 of 1% of final compensation. For employees hired on or after July 10, 2004, the supplemental component is defined so as to bring the total contribution rate to a level which provides for an average annuity at age 50 of 1.5% of final compensation. For employees hired before July 10, 2004, the supplemental contribution rate is defined to be 1.0% in the first year, increasing by 1.0% each year until the total contribution rate provides for an average annuity at age 50 of 1.5% of final compensation. As an example, for someone with entry age 40 and hired prior to July 10, 2004, the rate on compensation in excess of \$350 per month in fiscal year ending 2008 is 14.43% = 10.43% for basic + 4.0% for supplemental. In fiscal year 2010, that rate will be 15.65%, the ultimate rate for someone with entry age 40. For an employee with entry age 20 and hired after July 10, 2004, it is the full rate of 10.83%.*

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Appendix E

Glossary

The following definitions include excerpts from a list adopted by the major actuarial organizations in the United States. In some cases, the definitions have been modified for specific applicability to KCERA and include terms used exclusively by KCERA. Defined terms are capitalized throughout this Appendix.

Accrued Benefit	The amount of an individual's benefit (whether or not vested) as of a specific date, determined in accordance with the terms of a pension plan and based on compensation and service to that date.
Actuarial Accrued Liability	That portion, as determined by a particular Actuarial Cost Method, of the Actuarial Present Value of pension plan benefits and expenses which is not provided for by future Normal Costs.
Actuarial Assumptions	Assumptions as to the occurrence of future events affecting pension costs, such as: mortality, withdrawal, disablement, and retirement; changes in compensation; rates of investment earnings and asset appreciation or depreciation; procedures used to determine the Actuarial Value of Assets; and other relevant items.
Actuarial Gain (Loss)	A measure of the difference between actual experience and that expected based on a set of Actuarial Assumptions during the period between two Actuarial Valuation dates, as determined in accordance with a particular Actuarial Cost Method.
Actuarial Present Value	The value of an amount or series of amounts payable or receivable at various times, determined as of a given date by the application of a particular set of Actuarial Assumptions.
Actuarial Valuation	The determination, as of a valuation date, of the Normal Cost, Actuarial Accrued Liability, Actuarial Value of Assets, and related Actuarial Present Values for a pension plan.
Actuarial Value of Assets	The value of cash, investments and other property belonging to a pension plan, as used by the actuary for the purpose of an Actuarial Valuation.
Actuarially Equivalent	Of equal Actuarial Present Value, determined as of a given date with each value based on the same set of Actuarial Assumptions.
Amortization Payment	That portion of the pension plan contribution which is designed to pay interest on and to amortize the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability.

Approved SRBR Benefits	These are the SRBR benefits that have already been approved by the Retirement Board. They include all Tier I, Tier II and Death Benefits, as well as the Tier III benefits approved through the valuation date.
Basic Benefits	All formula benefits provided under the Regular portion of KCERA. These include service retirement benefits, survivor continuance, disability benefits, and refunds of member contributions. Basic Benefits do not include cost-of-living adjustments.
COLA Benefits	These are the cost-of-living adjustments provided under the Regular portion of KCERA. They include cost-of-living increases paid on service retirement benefits, disability benefits and survivor benefits. The funding of the permanent additional 0.5% COLA benefit that was granted as part of the Ventura court settlement is included in the regular benefits, for a total COLA benefit of 2.5%. For funding purposes and to determine the COLA Contributions Reserve, the COLA benefits are split between the "2.0%" COLA benefits and the "0.50%" COLA benefits.
Contingency Reserve	The Contingency Reserve is used to satisfy the California Government Code requirement for Section 31616 requirement for KCERA to reserve at least 1% of assets, up to a maximum of 3% of assets. KCERA has adopted a goal to reserve 2.0% of the assets against earning deficiencies, investment losses, and other contingencies, if available.
Cost-of-Living Reserve	The accumulation of employer contributions for future annual cost-of-living increases for retirees and continuance beneficiaries. Additions include contributions from employers and related earnings and deductions include monthly cost-of-living benefit payments.
COLA Contribution Reserve	This CCR refers to the amount of excess investment earnings that have been set aside to reduce future employer COLA contributions as provided under Section 31617 of Article 5.5 under the CERL. If no earnings are allocated under 31617 or they have already been allocated as a credit for future employer COLA contributions, the CCR value is zero.
Employers' Advance Reserve	The accumulation of employer contributions for future retirement benefit payments. Additions include contributions from employers and related earnings and deductions include transfers to the Retired Members' Reserve.
Entry Age Actuarial Cost Method	A method under which the Actuarial Present Value of the Projected Benefits of each individual included in an Actuarial Valuation is allocated on a level basis over the earnings or service of the individual between entry age and assumed exit ages. The portion of this Actuarial Present Value allocated to a valuation year is called the Normal Cost. The portion of this Actuarial Present Value not provided for at a valuation date by the Actuarial Present Value of future Normal Costs is called the Actuarial Accrued Liability.

Funded Ratio	A measurement of the funded status of the system. The Funded Ratio is calculated by dividing the Valuation Assets by the Actuarial Accrued Liability. For example, a Funded Ratio of 90% indicates assets are 10% less than liabilities.
Funding Excess	The excess, if any, of the Actuarial Value of Assets over the Actuarial Accrued Liability.
Future SRBR Benefits	These are the SRBR benefits expected to be approved in future years in order to maintain the 80% purchasing power goal.
Members' Deposit Reserve	The accumulation of member contributions. Additions include member contributions and related earnings and deductions include transfers to the Retired Members' Reserve and refunds to members.
Non-Valuation Reserves	Those funds not available to fund the Regular Benefits. These are the Contingency Reserve, the Unallocated SRBR Reserve and the COLA Contribution Reserve.
Normal Cost	That portion of the Actuarial Present Value of pension plan benefits and expenses which is allocated to a valuation year by the Actuarial Cost Method.
Plan Year	A 12-month period beginning January 1 and ending December 31.
Projected Benefits	Those pension plan benefit amounts which are expected to be paid at various future times under a particular set of Actuarial Assumptions, taking into account such items as the effect of advancement in age and past and anticipated future compensation and service credits.
Regular Benefits	The benefits provided under the non-SRBR section of KCERA. These will include both Basic Benefits and COLA Benefits, including the supplemental 0.5% COLA provisions.
Supplemental Retiree Benefit Reserve (SRBR)	Supplemental benefit payments that are additional payments to retired participants and to restore purchasing power at a specified percentage level, as described in California Government Code Section 31618, under Article 5.5 of CERL. These are non-vested benefits to both current and future retired participants and their beneficiaries.
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability	The excess, if any, of the Actuarial Accrued Liability over the Actuarial Value of Assets.
Valuation Date	The date upon which the Normal Cost, Actuarial Accrued Liability, and Actuarial Value of Assets are determined. Generally, the Valuation Date will coincide with the ending of a Plan Year.
Valuation Reserves	All reserves excluding the Non-Valuation Reserves.