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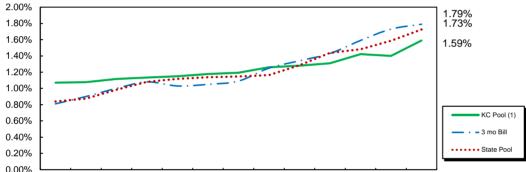
Portfolio Breakdown

The following is a breakdown of the Investment Pool holdings for April 2018

	Average (\$000)	% of Portfolio
Governmental Agencies	2,296,376	33.2%
Commercial Paper	403,942	5.8%
Taxable Municipal Securities	-	0.0%
Bankers Acceptances	-	0.0%
Corporate Notes	1,018,314	14.7%
U.S. Agency Mortgage-backed Securities	4,474	0.1%
Repurchase Agreements (Repos)	199,433	2.9%
Treasury Securities	2,432,420	35.2%
Certificates of Deposit & Overnight Deposits	-	0.0%
Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP)	561,539	8.1%
Reverse Repurchase Agreements	-	0.0%
Total	\$6,916,497	100%
*Average Pool Effective Duration:	1.04	Years

*Duration is a better measure of interest rate sensitivity than average portfolio maturity.

Investment Pool Performance (before Pool fees)



Apr-17 May-17 Jun-17 Jul-17 Aug-17 Sep-17 Oct-17 Nov-17 Dec-17 Jan-18 Feb-18 Mar-18 Apr-18

(1) King County pool distribution rate has not been adjusted for realized losses (or recoveries) from impaired commercial paper investments

Pool Net Asset Fair Value on April 30, 2018

Net Assets ⁽²⁾	\$8,043,844,550.21	
Net Assets Consist of: Participant units outstanding (\$1.00 par) Undistributed and unrealized gains(losses) Net Assets	\$8,101,112,969.75 (\$57,268,419.54) \$8,043,844,550.21	
Net asset value at fair value price per share (\$8,043,844,550.21 divided by \$8,101,112,969.75 units) (2) Excludes impaired assets that have been separated into a sepa	<u>\$0.9929</u>	

Investment Pool Comments:

Asset Allocation: The pool's asset allocation to government agencies, commercial paper, repurchase agreements, and the LGIP increased slightly during April, while the allocation to corporate notes and U.S. Treasuries declined somewhat. The pool's allocation to highly-rated U.S. Treasuries and government agencies represents 68% of the pool's investments.

Pool Asset Size & Return: Property taxes were due at the end of April, and this caused a large upward spike in the pool's balance. At month-end the pool's balance was over \$8 billion, which was an increase of \$1.6 billion from the prior month. The pool's distribution yield jumped up to 1.59%, which was a significant increase over March's rate of 1.40%. This increase resulted from a combination of lower yielding securities maturing and being able to invest maturing and new money at higher interest rates. The markets still expect the Fed will raise their target rate by 25 basis points at its June 13 meeting, so the pool's yield should continue to gradually improve.

Market Value & Duration: The market value of the pool decreased by \$8 million between March and April. Interest rates increased by 15 to 24 basis points in the 1 to 3 year portion on the yield curve, and this caused a decrease in the pool's market value. With the back up in rates, we added some higher yielding securities in the 1 to 3 year area, and this moved the pool's duration to just over 1 year, while also improving the pool's yield.

We remain committed to sharing information with pool members, so if you have any questions, email us at investment.pool@kingcounty.gov



Impaired Pool Holdings Report 4/30/2018

Commercial Paper Issuer	Status	Current Book Value	Estimated Fair Value	Fair Value Adjustment
Cheyne Finance (1)	Restructured	787,502.14	507,750.00	279,752.14
Rhinebridge (1)	Restructured	84,407.60	84,407.60	-
VFNC Trust/Victoria Finance (2)	Restructured	6,421,943.53	4,306,700.00	2,115,243.53
	Total	7,293,853.27	4,898,857.60	2,394,995.67
	[Fair Value Ratio	0.6716	

(1) These amounts are related to cash that was retained for DTC indemnifications and other reserves. It could be sometime in 2018 or 2019 before these "tail" amounts are returned to investors, and it is possible that the amount recovered may be less than the estimate.

(2) Victoria Finance's restructuring was completed during September 2009. The name of the restructured entity is VFNC Trust, and the new entity will continue to make monthly principal and interest payments. The *Estimated Fair Value* amount is based on market prices of the underlying securities that are held by VFNC Trust. These prices are provided by the Collateral Agent and the County expects to recover more than this estimated price by receiving regular monthly payments over the coming years.

Impaired Pool Comments:

The majority of the amount remaining in the impaired pool is associated with VFNC Trust (Victoria). VFNC Trust continues to make monthly cash distributions. The monthly distribution for April totaled \$363,686.04. Including all receipts to date, brings the cash recovery rate on the original Victoria investment to 88%. Monthly distributions will continue for as long as the underlying securities in the trust continue to pay, and we expect the monthly distributions to continue for at least 5 to 10 years.

We do not foresee distributing any realized losses until it is apparent that no further cash flows will be forthcoming. The market for this type of asset is illiquid and accurate pricing is difficult to obtain. Adding the cash recoveries through April to the last estimated price (53.1) for the VFNC Trust security results in an estimated recovery rate to senior investors of about 96%, but the actual recovery rate will depend on the size and duration of the future monthly cash distributions from VFNC Trust. At the time of Victoria's restructuring the County's financial advisory estimated that by participating in the exchange offer that the overall recovery rate could be between 50 to 76 percent, and potentially higher.

The County settled all lawsuits involving the securities held in the impaired pool, and all the parties involved in these lawsuits have reached a mutually acceptable resolution by way of a negotiated settlement that will avoid protracted litigation, there was no admission of liability, and all sides are satisfied with this resolution

The King County Executive Finance Committee approved bifurcation of the investment pool as of September 1, 2008. This separated the impaired investments into their own pool distinct pool from the main pool of performing investments. The reasons for bifurcating the pool were to: (1) ensure the yield on the performing assets is not negatively impacted by the impaired investments; (2) enhance transparency about the value of the performing pool and the impaired pool; (3) ease the implementation of the restructuring processes for the impaired investments; and (4) expedite the restoration of the Standard & Poor's rating for the performing pool.

Within the impaired pool, future "tail" payments from Cheyne and Rhinebridge are still possible. We expect Rhinebridge to make one final small payment in 2018, and it is likely that Cheyne will also make at least one distribution in 2018. When we determine that no further payments are probable from these impaired securities, any remaining unrealized losses will be distributed.