



Date: November 30, 2022
To: Board of Directors
From: Tony Constantouros, Interim General Manager
Subject: Consolidation of Districts

Recommendation:

Consider voting to endorse the consolidation of the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District and the Kensington Fire Protection District.

Background:

The Kensington Fire Protection District (KFPD) was formed in 1937 and was organized under the State's Health & Safety Code Section 13800. In 1995, the District entered into a contract with the City of El Cerrito to provide fire prevention, fire suppression and emergency services within Kensington.

The Kensington Police Protection District was created in 1946 to provide police services and was reorganized in 1953 under the Community Services District Law (CA Gov. Code § 61000 et seq.). In subsequent years the district expanded its services to include parks and recreation and solid waste collection. In 1995, the name of the district was changed to the KPPCSD.

Discussion and Analysis

The Consolidation of the KFPD and the KPPCSD has been discussed over the years. Most recently the possibilities of cost savings and improved efficiencies has increased consideration of this topic. Additionally, there is also the potential for improved services to the community. A recent letter from the Kensington Property Owners Association is attached and further discusses consolidation.

It would take a detailed evaluation of the financial, legal, and administrative ramifications and processes to initiate and implement a consolidation. This item is brought before the Board of Directors to allow discussion and to see if the Board wishes to take an initial formal endorsement of consolidation. A process to define the path and timeframe would follow support from both Boards.

Fiscal Impact:

None; procedural step only.

Exhibit (s)

None