

General Manager May 2011 Report

Budget

In April, we received our third installment of our 2010-2011 COPS Grant funding in the amount of \$27,555. We now have a balance due of \$11,316.

As far as future COPS Grant funding, with the Governor's May revision of the State budget, the Vehicle License Fees are still being proposed to be extended by a special election. However, per a memo I received from Cal Chief's Association, COPS money will continue to be funded. There will be slight reductions in VLF funds that go to non- public safety entities, but no reductions to public safety. As with all State funding, I maintain, "Show me the money" before getting too excited.

POST reimbursement funding has been reinstated and returned to POST control. What this means is that POST training reimbursements will continue in 2011-2012, which greatly helps expand on our training budget that was cut from \$7,000 to \$5,000 for Fiscal Year 2011/2012. However, this too is a, "Show me the money" issue.

We were also notified that our SB 90 applications have been received and processed, and we can expect \$21,049 in reimbursements for holding public meetings. The disclaimer at the base of the notice read, "Due to insufficient appropriations, the balance due will be forthcoming when additional funds are made available."

We were notified by SDRMA that for 2011/2012, our estimated discount for being insured for both Property/Liability and Workman's Compensation with SDRMA will be \$1,448 and \$2,159 respectively. This discount will help offset in \$22,000 increase in our Workman's Compensation rate.

Finally, the CalPERS CERBT Trust Fund sent a notice this month that indicated that for Fiscal Year 2010/2011 to date, the fund has achieved a gross return of 27.87%. If maintained through the end of the year, this would be an outstanding rate of return of our CERBT Trust Fund for the first year in which we participated in the fund.

Kensington Park

Park Restroom

The volunteer restroom group has received 11 bids for the project, selected and approved the low bidder, and will be making a recommendation to the Board at the April 14th meeting to award the contract to ERA Construction of Richmond. The bids ranged in price from the low bid of \$136,710.38 to the high bid of \$245,371.00. The

Committee's estimate for completing the project prior to the bids being submitted was between \$150,000 and \$180,000.

ERA has completed all of the requirements to have the awarded contract. They are now in the process of preparing and submitting the restroom plans to us for approval before requesting the County building permit.

Community Center & Annex

The Park Building Sub-Committee met on May 20th and following interviews with two firms, has made a selection of one firm to recommend to the full committee at the next meeting to be scheduled for June 14th.

Park Repairs

During my recent inspections of the park, I noticed that the tennis courts have large cracks running through both of them. We received three estimates for their repair and I made a recommendation to the Board to hire Saviano Company to complete the repairs at a cost of \$7,500 at the May 12th meeting. However, the Board directed me to set up a committee to assess the cracks, determine the cause of the cracks, and recommend whether a repair or a complete resurfacing is needed. This committee has been put together by District Secretary Anita Gardyne and will have their first meeting and inspection of the courts on Monday, June 6th.

Emergency Preparedness

We now have the agenda and the minutes of the Public Safety Council posted on the KPPCSD web page for review.

The next meeting of the Kensington Public Safety Council will take place Monday, June 13th, at 6:30 PM at the Community Center Room #3.

Other District Items of Interest

Solid Waste

On December 1st, Bay View Refuse made a request for a 6% increase in rates to begin in 2011.

On January 18th, Allison Schutte, our attorney from Hanson/ Bridgett, Rick Simonson, our rate reviewer from HF&H, and I met with Lewis Figone, Jeffrey Schoppert, Bay View's attorney, Charles Cowden, Bay View's accountant, and Kim Christie, Bay View's office manager, at Bay View's office to discuss the rate increase request. At the conclusion of this meeting, all parties agreed to a follow up meeting scheduled for February 1st.

On January 27th, I was contacted by Jeffrey Schoppert who indicated that Bay View was not prepared to meet on February 1st and requested that the meeting be postponed.

On February 2nd, I received the year end financials from Bay View and was preparing for our next meeting with Bay View. In 2010, Bay View achieved a profit of 2.42%.

On February 23rd, our attorney, Allison Schutte was contacted by Jeffrey Schoppert, and we were informed that Bay View does not wish to continue to meet with staff and discuss their request further.

During that same week, staff learned that Bay View mailed a letter dated February 15th, to all households in the District, informing customers of Bay View's desire for another rate increase for 2011.

Both the District and Bay View are currently in full compliance with all contract terms. In accordance with the contract, the District conducted a rate review in 2009 and approved a rate increase for 2010. The contract will expire in 2015.

In the event that Bay View assigns the contract to another company, subject to the approval of the District, the terms and conditions of the contract will remain in effect through 2015.

On April 14th, the KPPCSD Board instructed me to begin the Proposition 218 Hearing process, which we have done with the mailing of the public hearing notices being mailed April 26th. ***The public hearing on the matter to raise the garbage rates as requested by Bay View will be held on Thursday, June 9th, at the regular KPPCSD meeting.***

Traffic

Following the March 10th KPPCSD Board meeting, in which the Board directed Jerry Fahy of the County's Public Works Department to install the solar powered radar sign at 34 Arlington, Samane Nili contacted the Contra Costa County Public Works Director in protest, halting the installation. Ms. Nili had a scheduled meeting with the Public Works Director set for March 21st to discuss her concerns.

Jerry Fahy recently has informed me that the County's legal counsel is now looking into the issue.

As you can see from the Sergeant's reports in the May Police Monthly Report, we are continuing with our traffic enforcement efforts with 121 traffic citations issued during the month.

We are also participating in the California Office of Traffic Safety's "2011 Click It or Ticket Campaign" beginning May 23 through June 5th. Use your seatbelts!

Officer Ramos successfully completed his 80-hour POST certified Motorcycle Officer training course. This course is the most difficult POST course to successfully complete in law enforcement. Congratulations Manny!

Officer Ramos will begin a short motor field training program before beginning motor enforcement duties in Kensington.

Website

The Board packets, monthly reports, minutes, recordings of the KPPCSD Board Meetings, and our Bay View – County Solid Waste contracts are available for review on our website at:

www.kensingtoncalifornia.org.

EBMUD

In April, the District along with all other EBMUD water ratepayers, received notice that EBMUD is proposing to increase water and wastewater rates 6% in Fiscal Year 2012. ***The public hearing for this proposed rate increase will take place Tuesday, June 14th, at 1:15 PM, in the Board Room at EBMUD located at 375 11th Street, second floor, Oakland.***

The Summit Reservoir Replacement Project Draft Environmental Impact Report is available for review at the Kensington Fire District Office at 217 Arlington and the Public Library at 61 Arlington. ***The public meeting is scheduled to review the draft on June 22, 2011, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 401 Grizzly Peak Boulevard, Berkeley.***

St. Baldrick's Foundation

Team Kensington PD (Chief Harman, Sergeant Hui, Officer Martinez, Reserve Officer Arminino, and Dakota Harman) raised \$1,500 for childhood cancer research at a "Shave Off" held Tuesday, May 10, 2011, at the Shadelands Art Center, 111 North Wiget Lane, Walnut Creek. The event sponsored by the Walnut Creek Police Department raised over \$45,000 for St. Baldrick's Foundation.

ATT

ATT has notified the District that they are beginning a project to install a new fiber optics cabinet within the public right of way on the east side of Arlington Avenue adjacent to the library at 61 Arlington. There will also be trenching work across Arlington Avenue to connect to PG&E facilities. Construction is scheduled to start in an estimated 4-6 months and estimated to take 10-14 days. Prior to construction, residents in the area will be notified via a door hanger placed 48 before construction begins.