

# General Manager February 2011 Report

## **Budget**

No sooner had I turned in our request for the SB 90 State Open Meetings reimbursement for our 2009/2010 Fiscal Year in the amount of \$7,869, than the State suspended funding for the program. It is not known at this time if we will receive our requested reimbursement for last year, and it is not likely that our future request for the previous four fiscal years will be processed.

## **Kensington Park**

### **Park Restroom**

The volunteer restroom group has completed the park restroom construction and bid documents and we are currently out to bid. There will be a Pre-Bid Conference on March 9<sup>th</sup>, at which time we will have a better idea of how the project is progressing.

### **Community Center & Annex**

The "Request For Proposal" document has been approved by the KPPCSD Board and it has been issued to a list of contractors that have been identified by the Park Building Committee. There is a Pre-Proposal meeting scheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup>, where we will also learn where we are as far as identifying a consultant.

### **Park Repairs**

During my recent inspections of the park, I noticed that the tennis courts have large cracks running through both of them. We are currently requesting estimates for their repair and will begin that process in March.

## **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, March 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM at the Community Center Room #3.

## **Other District Items of Interest**

### **Solid Waste**

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

On January 18<sup>th</sup>, Allison Schutte, our attorney from Hanson/ Bridgett, Rick Simonson, our rate reviewer from HF&H, and I met with Louise 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Due to the events occurring over the last few weeks, there was insufficient time to prepare a full staff report and analysis for an informed discussion of this issue at the March 10<sup>th</sup> KPPCSD Board Meeting. I plan to provide such detailed information and analysis for the April meeting.

### **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](http://www.kensingtoncalifornia.org).

### **National Drug Take Back Day**

The DEA is planning a second National Drug Take Back Initiative for April 30, 2011, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 2:00PM. This year's event will be co-sponsored with the Kensington Fire Department and will be held at the Public Safety Building.

Last year's event was very successful and we took in 56 pounds of prescription medication.

### **John Gioia's Breakfast**

Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, between 9:00 and 10:30 AM, County Supervisor John Gioia will be having his community breakfast at 269 Arlington. Following the meeting, we will be walking some of the Kensington Paths. For more information, contact John Gioia's office or go to his web page at:

[www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/DocumentView.aspx?DID=5495](http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/DocumentView.aspx?DID=5495)

### **St. Baldrick's Foundation**

Help Team Kensington PD (Chief Harman, Sergeant Hui, Officer Martinez, and Dakota Harman) beat other Contra Costa police agencies in raising funds for childhood cancer research. We will be having a "shave off" Tuesday, May 10, 2011, at the Shadelands Art Center, 111 North Wiget Lane, Walnut Creek, from 4 to 8 PM. We would love to have you come out and support us as we participate in this worthy cause.

Donations can be made online at: <http://www.stbaldricks.org/events/wcpd2011> or in person at the Kensington Public Safety Building.

Hey, Kensington Fire Department, are you up for a challenge!