

General Manager January 2011 Report

Budget

In January, we received \$31,358 of our \$100,000 COPS Grant allocation. I have contacted the COPS Grant Administrator, who has assured me that the state will fund the remaining \$68,642 of our COPS Grant in the coming months.

The governor is attempting to place the Vehicle License Fee increase (.50%) extension on the June ballot. This increase extension expired January 1st, and if not approved by the state's voters in June, could possibly result in the loss of COPS Grant funding for Fiscal Year 2011/2012.

In January we also received longevity checks from our insurance carrier for \$2,693 for our ten year participation in SDRMA.

California Employers' Retiree Benefit Trust

In July, we made our first contribution to the CALPERS California Employers' Retiree Benefit Trust to begin the process of funding our future retiree medical benefits obligation (GASB 45). I received the latest quarterly statement from CALPERS which showed:

10/1/2010	Beginning Balance	\$387,059.16
12/31/2010	Investment Earnings	\$24,506.19
12/31/2010	Administrative Expense	(\$51.92)
12/31/2010	Ending Balance	\$411,513.43

Kensington Park

Park Restroom

The volunteer restroom group has completed the park restroom construction and bid documents and they will be presented to the KPPCSD Board at the February 10th meeting. If approved, we will be going to bid on the project.

Community Center & Annex

The second grouping of the Park Building Committee has completed a "Request For Proposal" document that has been approved by legal counsel and will be presented to the KPPCSD Board for approval February 10th. If approved, we will be issuing the RFP to a list of contractors that have been identified by the committee.

Park Repairs

During the month of January, our maintenance firm has made corrections to the drainage system above the tennis courts which have eliminated the flooding problem on the tennis courts.

They also have replaced the retaining wall behind the amphitheater after a five foot section of it collapsed.

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, February 14th, 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 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 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.

Our attorney, Allison Schutte as been in contact with Jeffrey Schoppert, and we are at this time trying to set up another meeting between all parties.

Solid Waste Coordinating Committee

The next meeting of the Solid Waste Coordinating Committee will be scheduled for Wednesday, February 16th, at 1:00 PM at the Public Safety Building.

Street Sweeping

Street sweeping began in Kensington in January 2010 and will be provided at no cost to Kensington by the Contra Costa County Public Works Department. On the first Friday of every month, the County will sweep the streets of Arlington, Coventry, Ardmore, Edgcroft, Lenox, Kingston, Stratford, Beverly, Berkeley Park, Ocean

View, Oak View, and Colusa.

Residents are being asked to help by moving their vehicles, garbage and recycling cans from the street, clearing large debris and obstructions from the gutters, trimming back vegetation along the curb and sidewalk, and not piling leaves or green waste in the roadway.

If we all do our part we can keep Kensington streets clean and help keep pollutants out of our waterways.

Website

The Board packets, monthly reports, and minutes and recordings of the KPPCSD Board Meetings are available for review on our website at:

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 years event was very successful and we took in 56 pounds of prescription medication.