

# General Manager March 2011 Report

## **Budget**

As you have read in the papers, the Governor's attempt to get the Vehicle License Fee (VLF) Supplemental Tax continuance on the June ballot failed. The VLF is the tax that funds COPS Grant funding. Therefore, we will not receive our \$100,000 2010-2011 COPS Grant disbursement this fiscal year. The best we can hope for is that the VLF tax will make it to the November ballot and that it passes, so we might get COPS Grant funding in Fiscal Year 2011/2012.

## **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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Community Center & Annex**

The Park Building Committee sent out the request for proposals for the park buildings consultant and received three proposals. The Park Building Committee will meet Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7 P.M., at the Community Center to open and discuss the proposals.

### **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 will be making a recommendation to the Board to hire Saviano Company to complete the repairs at a cost of \$7,500 at the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **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, April 11<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.

This item is on the April 14<sup>th</sup> KPPCSD Board agenda and I will be providing detailed information and analysis for the meeting in the agenda packet.

### **Traffic**

Following the March 10<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss her concerns.

On March 24<sup>th</sup>, I was informed by Jerry Fahy that he was instructed to look at two other possible locations for the sign, which he intended to do the week of March

28<sup>th</sup>. He indicated that once he investigates other possible locations and meets with the Public Works Director and Supervisor John Gioia, he will provide me an update on the radar sign.

As you can see from the Sergeant's reports in the Police Monthly Report, we are continuing with our traffic enforcement efforts with 134 traffic citations issued during the month.

We are also participating in the California Office of Traffic Safety's "Crack Down on Cell Phone and Texting" campaign this month.

Starting Monday April 11<sup>th</sup>, Officer Ramos begins his 80-hour POST certified Motorcycle Officer training course. This course is the most difficult POST course to successfully complete in law enforcement. Good luck Manny!

### **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.

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

Help Team Kensington PD (Chief Harman, Sergeant Hui, Officer Martinez, Reserve Officer Arminino 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.

Since signing up to participate, I have learned that I now have a personal cause in the fight against cancer. Please help and donate.

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