



Consolidation report:

April 24 Joint Special Meeting

We had a fairly well-attended joint board meeting with the KPPCSD on April 24. Lou Ann Texeira, the Executive Officer of Contra Costa LAFCO, gave a verbal presentation and there was time for many board and public questions.

A short answer summary (where I opted for brevity) and a longer answer summary (where I opted for completeness) of the questions/answers from that meeting, along with additional follow-up information that came in the days after from the County Auditor-Controller's office and Lou Ann, will be posted to the Consolidation-Information page shortly.

Lou Ann advised that the next step in investigating the feasibility and desirability of consolidation/reorganization is to obtain a financial analysis of the proposed merged district from a third-party, independent firm.

May 11 KPPCSD Board Resolution

At the KPPCSD's last meeting on May 11, the KPPCSD board unanimously passed the following resolution:

The Board of Directors of the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District "Board of Directors" does find as follows:

WHEREAS, the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District and the Kensington Fire Protection District Serve the People Of Kensington; and

WHEREAS, the concept of consolidation/reorganization has been discussed over the years and is of interest to many in the community; and

WHEREAS, a consolidation/reorganization of the two independent special districts could provide operational benefits to both entities; and

WHEREAS, both governing agencies and their respective board of directors desire to serve the best interests of the community.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District that this Board of Directors desires to move forward in evaluating consolidation/reorganization;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District wishes to move forward in partnership with the Board of Directors of the Kensington Fire Protection District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in order to move forward in this evaluation, a financial analysis of each district that meets LAFCO requirements would be the next logical step to take in this process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District requests that the Kensington Fire Protection District join in a partnership to conduct the financial analysis for evaluating consolidation/reorganization.

The information that is needed for the financial analysis is a matter of public record, so the KFPD's agreement to be a partner does not affect whether the analysis occurs. However, it best serves the KFPD and the people of Kensington for this board to be formally involved in the preparation of the financial analysis and agree to partner in preparing it. Therefore, I will prepare a similar resolution to join the KPPCSD in partnership for our board to consider for our June meeting.