



**KENSINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**AGENDA**

Wednesday, January 18th, 2023 7:40pm  
Via Zoom Teleconference

Due to COVID-19, and in accordance with California AB 361, the District Board meeting will not be physically open to the public and all Board Members will be teleconferencing into the meeting. To maximize public safety while still maintaining transparency and public access, members of the public can observe and participate in the meeting by attending the Zoom webinar (on the day and time of the meeting) and may also provide public comment by sending advance comments prior to meeting to the Board President and Board Clerk via email at [public.comment@kensingtonfire.org](mailto:public.comment@kensingtonfire.org). Comments will then be read into the record, with a maximum allowance of 5 minutes per individual comment, subject to the Chair's discretion.

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For public comment items, each member of the public will be allotted the same maximum number of minutes to speak as set by the President before or during its consideration, except that public speakers using interpretation assistance will be allowed to testify for twice the amount of the public testimony time limit (California Government Code section 54954.3(a)).

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**TIMING OF AGENDA ITEMS:** *Approximate times are included below but may vary to accommodate appropriate discussion time and attention to the individual items.*

**1. (7:40pm) CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

President Stein, Vice President Levine, Director Dommer, Director Nagel, Director Watt

**2. (7:41pm) PUBLIC COMMENT**

Comments are limited to items on this special meeting agenda.

**3. (7:50pm) JOINT MEETING WITH KPPCSD AND LAFCO REPRESENTATIVE ON CONSOLIDATION**

Consider proposed joint meeting for informational purposes only with KPPCSD Board of Directors and Contra Costa LAFCO's Chief Executive Lou Ann Texeira on the topic of consolidation of the KFPD and KPPCSD. (Supporting material)

Action = Discuss and vote on KFPD participation in joint meeting

**4. (8:10pm) ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING**



Kensington Police Protection and  
Community Services District

Agenda Item 3

January 16, 2023

To: KFPD President Julie Stein

Cc: KFPD Vice-President Daniel Levine

217 Arlington Avenue, Kensington, CA 94707

Dear KFPD Board President Julie Stein,

I hope this letter finds you and your colleagues on the KFPD Board well. I am writing to propose an exciting learning opportunity for our two boards and the community.

In response to the November 2022 election and the many public comments requesting both boards consider consolidation of our two districts, the KPPCSD Board recently decided to begin the process of investigating this option for Kensington. For your reference, I am including an attachment relating to agenda item #9 from our December 8<sup>th</sup> regular meeting, which resulted in a revised and unanimously approved motion to begin exploration of consolidation. Later, in our January 12<sup>th</sup> regular meeting, the KPPCSD Board unanimously approved a motion to pursue a joint meeting with the KFPD Board to hear a presentation from Contra Costa County LAFCO's Chief Executive, Lou Ann Texeira. Attached please find agenda item #6, which references that motion.

I believe this joint meeting is a necessary and appropriate first step toward investigating the possibility of consolidating Kensington's two districts and will be a powerful demonstration of our willingness to work together for the good of the entire community. Therefore, please consider this letter our formal invitation to the KFPD Board to hold a joint special meeting for the exclusive purpose of educating ourselves and the community on the consolidation process. Should the KFPD board vote to accept our invitation, Vice-President Gough will work with you or your designated representative(s) on all aspects of the meeting including timing, format, and content.

I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Alexandria Aquino-Fike, President of the KPPCSD Board of Directors



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Date: January 12, 2023  
To: Board of Directors  
From: Tony Constantouros, Interim General Manager  
Subject: Proposed KPPCSD / KFPD Joint Meeting

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**Recommendation**

Motion to call a joint meeting between KPPCSD and the Kensington Fire Protection District (KFPD) to hear a presentation on the LAFCO consolidation process from Lou Ann Texeira, Executive Officer of the Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO).

**Background**

The concept of a possible consolidation of the two Kensington districts was discussed at the December 8, 2022 Board meeting. There was interest in obtaining more information on this topic and initiating discussion with the KFPD.

The next meeting of the KFPD is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, 2023.

**Fiscal Impact**

None

**Exhibit (s)**

None





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Date: November 30, 2022  
To: Board of Directors  
From: Tony Constantouros, Interim General Manager  
Subject: Consolidation of Districts

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**Recommendation:**

Consider voting to endorse the consolidation of the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District and the Kensington Fire Protection District.

**Background:**

The Kensington Fire Protection District (KFPD) was formed in 1937 and was organized under the State's Health & Safety Code Section 13800. In 1995, the District entered into a contract with the City of El Cerrito to provide fire prevention, fire suppression and emergency services within Kensington.

The Kensington Police Protection District was created in 1946 to provide police services and was reorganized in 1953 under the Community Services District Law (CA Gov. Code § 61000 et seq.). In subsequent years the district expanded its services to include parks and recreation and solid waste collection. In 1995, the name of the district was changed to the KPPCSD.

**Discussion and Analysis**

The Consolidation of the KFPD and the KPPCSD has been discussed over the years. Most recently the possibilities of cost savings and improved efficiencies has increased consideration of this topic. Additionally, there is also the potential for improved services to the community. A recent letter from the Kensington Property Owners Association is attached and further discusses consolidation.

It would take a detailed evaluation of the financial, legal, and administrative ramifications and processes to initiate and implement a consolidation. This item is brought before the Board of Directors to allow discussion and to see if the Board wishes to take an initial formal endorsement of consolidation. A process to define the path and timeframe would follow support from both Boards.

**Fiscal Impact:**

None; procedural step only.

**Exhibit (s)**

None