KENSINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AGENDA OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Date of Meeting:

December 11, 2013

Time of Meeting:

7:00 p.m.

Place of Meeting:

Kensington Community Center

59 Arlington Avenue, Kensington, CA 94707

<u>Please Note:</u> Copies of the agenda bills and other written documentation relating to each item of business referred to on the agenda are on file in the office of the Kensington Fire Protection District Administration Office, 217 Arlington Avenue, Kensington, and are available for public inspection. A copy of the Board of Directors packet can be viewed on the internet at www.kensingtonfire.org/agenda/index.shtml.

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7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Directors:

Helmut Blaschczyk, Joe de Ville, Nina Harmon, Janice Kosel, and Larry Nagel

1. ADOPTION OF CONSENT ITEMS. Items 3, 4, 5 & 6

All matters listed with the notation "CC" are consent items, which are considered to be routine by the Board of Directors and will be enacted by one motion. The Board of Directors has received and considered reports and recommendations prior to assigning consent item designations to the various items. Copies of the reports are on file in the Fire Protection District Administrative Office at 217 Arlington Avenue and are available to the public. The disposition of the item is indicated. There will be no separate discussion of consent items. If discussion is requested for an item, that item will be removed from the list of consent items and considered separately on the agenda. PLEASE NOTE: Public review copy of the agenda packet is available at the Directors' table at the Board meetings.

- ORAL COMMUNICATIONS. (This place on the agenda is reserved for comments and inquiries from citizens and Board members concerning matters that do not otherwise appear on the agenda. Speakers shall be requested to provide their names and addresses prior to giving public comments or making inquiries.)
- CC 3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.** Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of November 13, 2013 (APPROVE)
- CC 4. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY A/P VOUCHER TRANSMITTAL #6 (APPROVE)
- CC 5. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT. October/November 2013 (APPROVE)
 - 6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - 7. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT
 - a. Review of operations.
 - b. Regional issues and developments.

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NEW BUSINESS

8. Election of Officers for Calendar Year 2013 (ACTION)

9. BOARD REPORTS

Informational reports from Board members or staff covering the following assignments:

- a. Finance Committee (Kosel/Blaschczyk)
- b. Public Safety Building (de Ville/Harmon)
- c. Education (Kosel)
- d. Contra Costa County/California Special Districts Assoc. (Nagel/Harmon): SDLF District of Distinction Accreditation and Transparency Certificate of Excellence congratulations; Congratulations from Stanly Caldwell
- e. Diablo Fire Safe Council/Interface (Staff)
- f. Correspondence: Thank you from Kruger family

ADJOURNMENT. The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kensington Fire Protection District will be held on Wednesday, <u>January 8, 2013</u>, at 7:00 p.m. at the Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Avenue, Kensington, CA 94707.

The deadline for agenda items to be included in the Board packet for the next regular meeting of 1/8/13 is Wednesday, 12/25/13 by 1:00 p.m. The deadline for agenda-related materials to be included in the Board packet is Wednesday, 1/1/13 by 1:00 p.m., Fire Protection District Administration Office, 217 Arlington Ave., Kensington.

IF YOU CHALLENGE A DECISION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN COURT, YOU MAY BE LIMITED TO RAISING ONLY THOSE ISSUES YOU OR SOMEONE ELSE RAISED AT THE BOARD MEETING OR IN WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DELIVERED AT, OR PRIOR TO, THE BOARD MEETING

CONSENT CALENDAR

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 13, 2013 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE KENSINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

PRESENT:

Directors:

Helmut Blaschczyk, Joe de Ville, Nina Harmon, Janice Kosel, Larry Nagel

Staff:

Chief Lance Maples, Manager Brenda Navellier

CALL TO ORDER:

President de Ville called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and noted that all Directors were present.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS:

President de Ville called for the approval of the consent calendar (items 3, 4, 5 & 6) consisting of approval of the minutes of the October 9, 2013 meeting, approval of the October incident activity report, approval of the monthly transmittal #5, and approval of the monthly September/October financial report. Director Kosel made a motion to accept the consent calendar items as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President de Ville reported that KFPD has been awarded the CSDA Transparency Certificate of Excellence and also reaccredited a District of Distinction. De Ville reported that the KIC town hall meeting went well and was well attended. B/C Pigoni attended the meeting in Chief Maples place.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Maples reported on the very active fire season of 2013. Chief Pigoni also reported out this information at the KIC meeting. Maples reviewed the information included in the packet and drew the Board's attention to the staff's commitment—some individuals were deployed and away from their homes for as long as 15 days. It is still fire season and still very dry outside. Discussion followed on the impact of the Rim fire, the difficulty fighting it with the thick smoke, and the fact it was the third largest wildfire in California history.

The department held a promotional exam earlier today for the position of Engineer. Five candidates participated in the rigorous process. The department currently has two openings for Engineer promotions.

Chief Maples reported on the EB-80 Carlson on-ramp propane truck rollover response. E65 responded along with numerous other engines. The response was a success as the leaking truck did not ignite and no one was injured.

BOARD REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Kosel reported that the Committee will complete a mid-year budget review after the end of the year.

Public Safety Building: Navellier reported that the new flooring is complete.

CSDA: Nagel reported that there is currently a study being done on emergency medical services in Contra Costa County funded by County EMS. Another study is being done on Contra Costa County Fire Protection District funded by the County. Maples will circulate the study drafts once they are available early next year. The consultant has extensive experience at EMS but not with the fire service. Nagel also reported that County Chapter Chair Bette Boatman received the Hollingsworth award for her advocacy for special districts.

Wildland Interface: Maples reported that he walked the school district property with fire staff and conveyed concerns to school district staff. The school district has recently done quite a lot of work in the area. Maples will follow-up.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Brenda J. Navellier

KFPD Minutes of November 13, 2013 Page 2 of 2	
These minutes were approved at the re 11, 2013.	gular Board meeting of the Kensington Fire Protection District on December
Attest:	
Larry Nagel, Board Secretary	

TRANSMILLAL - APPHOVAL

TO: Auditor Controller of Contra Costa County: Forwarded herewith are the following involces and claims for goods and services received which have been approved for payment:

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Kensington FPD Approval Date: 12/5/13

December 5, 2013

Attachment to Transmittal 1213

Kensington Fire Protection District Revolving Fund 01406

Detailed invoice for reimbursement to the Revolving Fund for payment of the following expenditures:

INVOICE DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
11/15/2013	Payroll processing	52.40
11/15/2013	Payroll - 11/1-11/15/13	2,490.44
11/15/2013	Withholding payroll taxes 11/1-11/15/13	977.57
11/9/2013	Nextel - telephone	64.47
11/5/2013	AT&T - telephone	368.13
11/3/2013	PG&E - gas	67.14
11/12/2013	Pagepoint - website posting	18.75
11/13/2013	Manchester - staff/Director photos	780.11
11/3/2013	Farmers - life ins premium	412.50
11/1/2013	PG&E - electric	1,121.16
11/13/2013	Mechanics - open house, halloween, maint., etc.	125.86
12/1/2013	Stericycle - medical waste	215.30
11/23/2013	Mighetto - misc. maint.	367.74
11/19/2013	Russel - October accounting	162.50
11/25/2013	Nagel - reimburse conf meals, etc.	85.50
12/3/2013	Payroll processing	52.40
12/3/2013	Payroll - 11/16-11/30/13	2,490.44
12/3/2013	Withholding payroll taxes 11/16–11/30/13	977.57
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	Total	10,829.98

Please complete the enclosed deposit ticket and mail in the attached envelope to The Mechanics Bank.

Kensington Fire Protection District Balance Sheet

As of November 13, 2013

_	Nov 13, 13
ASSETS	
Current Assets Checking/Savings	200.00
Petty Cash KFPD Revolving Acct - Gen Fund	5,712.49
General Fund	648,281.30
Special Tax Fund	16,210.25
Capital Fund	5,022.77
Total Checking/Savings	675,426.81
Accounts Receivable	2,875,099.97
Advance on Taxes	30,716.14
Advance on Supplemental Taxes Total Accounts Receivable	2,905,816.11
Other Current Assets Prepaid Services - EC	1,573,883.49
Prepaid CERBT - Retiree Trust	1,054,096.19
Investments	
Capital Replacement Funds	969,877.00
Fire Protect. Contract Reserves	2,365,475.00
Investments - Other	-818,979.11
Total Investments	2,516,372.89
Total Other Current Assets	5,144,352.57
Total Current Assets	8,725,595.49
Fixed Assets	1,056,930.12
Equipment	-626,703.00
Accumulated Depreciation-Equip Land	5,800.00
Building and Improvements	1,997,306.30
Accumulated Depreciation - Bldg	-684,659.00
Current Capital Outlay	45 EG4 AE
Airpacks	15,561.45
Total Current Capital Outlay	15,561.45
Total Fixed Assets	1,764,235.87
TOTAL ASSETS	10,489,831.36
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	26,520.96
Due to Other - Issued by CCC	26,520.96
Total Accounts Payable	20,020.00
Other Current Liabilities	1,573,883.49
El Cerrito Service Contract Pay	1,239.00
Wages & PR Taxes Payable	
Total Other Current Liabilities	1,575,122.49
Total Current Liabilities	1,601,643.45
Total Liabilities	1,601,643.45

Kensington Fire Protection District Balance Sheet

As of November 13, 2013

	Nov 13, 13
Equity Fund Equity - General Fund Equity - Capital Projects Fund Equity - Special Revenue Fund Equity - Gen Fixed Asset Fund Equity Net Income	3,325,448.26 548,373.00 17,789.00 1,321,009.00 1,535,196.38 2,140,372.27
Total Equity	8,888,187.91
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	10,489,831.36

Kensington Fire Protection District Revenue & Expense Prev Year Comparison

July 1 through November 13, 2013

	Jul 1 - Nov 13, 13	Jul 1 - Nov 13, 12	\$ Change	% Change
· — Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income	2,784,975.58	2,803,800.14	-18,824.56	-0.7% 0.0%
Property Taxes Special Taxes	200,428.40	200,395.20 0.00	33.20 148.12	100.0%
Other Tax Income	148.12 15.757.00	15,298.00	459.00	3.0% -20.0%
Lease Agreement	1,916.82	2,396.31	-479.49 370.62	2.4%
interest Income Salary Reimbursement Agreement	15,908.10	15,537.48 0.00	15,452.30	100.0%
Miscellaneous Income	15,452.30	3,037,427.13	-2,840.81	-0.1%
Total Income	3,034,586.32	0,007,127.10		
Expense OUTSIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		. 6 11 97	219.32	14.2%
LAFCO Fees	1,760.39	1,541.07 2,466.03	-2,334.45	-94.7%
Contra Costa County Expenses	131.58 786.950.67	788,491.56	-1,540.89	-0.2% -100.0%
El Cerrito Contract Fee Water System Improvements	0.00	280,000.00 2,550.00	-280,000.00 -1,685.00	-66.1%
Fire Abatement Contract	865.00 10.601.00	10,200.00	401.00	3.9%
Risk Management Insurance Professional Fees	10,007.00		422.50	41.3%
Accounting	1,446.25	1,023.75 0.00	2,500.00	100.0%
Actuarial Valuation	2,500.00 0.00	7,000.00	-7,000.00	-100.0% 20.6%
Audit Legal Fees	1,536.30	1,273.78	262.52	-41.0%
Total Professional Fees	5,482.55	9,297.53	-3,814.98	0.0%
Wildiand Vegetation Mgmt	3,710.00	3,710.00	0.00	-26.3%
Total OUTSIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVI	809,501.19	1,098,256.19	-288,755.00	-20.370
RETIREE MEDICAL BENEFITS	·	00 070 4F	1,281.29	6.4%
PERS Medical	21,360.44 2,733.31	20,079.15 2,568.75	164.56	6.4% 6.5%
Delta Dental	2,733.31 745.81	700.00	45.81	
Vision Care	24,839.56	23,347.90	1,491.66	6.4%
Total RETIREE MEDICAL BENEFITS	-· •		242.02	-6.1%
COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES Public Education	3,239.90	3,451.92	-212.02 -469.40	-66.3%
Comm. Pharmaceutical Drop-Off	238.14 114.27	707.54 5.46	108.81	1,992.9% 100.0%
Vial of Life Program	246.70	0.00	246.70	-7.89
Open Houses Total COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES	3,839.01	4,164.92	-325.91	-1.07
			-822.15	-100.0%
DISTRICT ACTIVITIES Firefighter's Apparel	0.00	822.15 1,711.06	-622.15 -1,711.06	-100.0%
Firefighters' Expenses	0.00 3,084.79	0.00	3,084.79	100.0%
Professional Development	3,004.75		121.02	30.4%
Bullding Maintenance Janitorial Service	519.66	398.64 2,744.45	-1,863.44	-67.9%
Medical Waste Disposal	881.01 100.00	100.00	0.00 0.00	0.0% 0.0%
Building alarm Gardening service	360.00	360.00 4,028.56	2,826.21	70.2%
Miscellaneous Maint.	6,854.77	7,631.65	1,083.79	14.2%
Total Building Maintenance	8,715.44	7,001.00	·	
Building Utilities/Service	284.96	275.56	9.40	3.4% -16.0%
Garbage Gas and Electric	2,675.63	3,183.20	-507.57 -367.97	-39.7%
Water/Sewer	559.50	927.47	-866.14	-19.8%
Total Building Utilities/Service	3,520.09	4,386.23	893.00	19.3%
Memberships	5,519.00	4,626.00		500 004
Office	366.58	59.10	307.48 -81.00	520.3% -24.6%
Office Expense Office Supplies	248.73	329.73 2,121.09	-81.00 -115.42	-5.4%
Telephone	2,005.67	2,121.09	111.06	4.4%
Total Office	2,620.98		1,773.29	8.2
Total DISTRICT ACTIVITIES	23,460.30	21,687.01	1,110.20	
Staff	25,029.28	24,544.00	485.28	2.0% -25.8%
Wages	25,029.20	292.03	-75.44 280.00	13.2%
Overtime Wages Medical/dental Ins compensation	2,400.00	2,120.00 1,227.20	24.24	2.0%
Retirement Contribution	1,251.44 1,931.37	1,900.01	31.36	1.7% 0.8%
Payroll Taxes Workers Compensation/Life Ins	1,326.11	1,316.30 403.12	9,81 16.08	4.0%
Payroli Processing	419.20	31,802.66	771.33	2.
Total Staff	32,573.99	31,002.00		100.00
Contingency	0.00	3,160.61	-3,160.61	-100.0%
General	0.00	3,160.61	-3,160.61	-100.
Total Contingency	894,214.05	1,182,419.29	-288,205.24	24
Total Expense			285,364.43	15
Net Ordinary Income	2,140,372.27	1,855,007.84	244(

Kensington Fire Protection District Revenue & Expense Prev Year Comparison

July 1 through November 13, 2013

	Jul 1 - Nov 13, 13	Jul 1 - Nov 13, 12	\$ Change	% Change
Other Income/Expense Other Income Transfers in - General	1,218.21	1,385.40 1,385.40	-167.19 -167.19	-12.1% -12.1%
Total Other Income	1,218.21	1,385.40		40.40/
Other Expense Transfers Out - Capital	1,218.21	1,385.40	-167.19 -167.19	-12.1%
Total Other Expense	1,218.21	1,385.40	0.00	0.0%
Net Other Income	0.00	0.00	285,364.43	15.4%
Net Income	2,140,372.27	1,855,007.84	285,384.43	

Kensington Fire Protection District Revenue & Expense Budget vs. Actual

July through October 2013

	Jul - Oct 13	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			== #8	100.7%
Income Property Taxes	2,784,975.58	2,765,000.00	19,975.58 33.40	100.0%
Special Taxes	200,428.40 148.12	200,395.00 0.00	148.12	100.0%
Other Tax Income	15,757.00	15,757.00	0.00	100.0% 95.8%
Lease Agreement Interest Income	1,916.82	2,000.00	-83.18 -310.22	98.1%
Salary Reimbursement Agreement	15,908.10	16,218.32 0,00	15,452.30	100.0%
Miscellaneous Income	15,452.30 3,034,586.32	2,999,370.32	35,216.00	101.2%
Total Income	5,004,550.02	, ,		
Expense OUTSIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		4.000.00	140.39	108.7%
LAFCO Fees	1,760.39	1,620.00 2,403.00	-2,271.42	5.5%
Contra Costa County Expenses	131.58 786,950.67	786,944.68	5.99	100.0% 0.0%
El Cerrito Contract Fee Water System Improvements	0.00	0.00	0,00 -7,135.00	10.8%
Fire Abatement Contract	865.00	8,000.00	1.00	100.0%
Risk Management Insurance	10,601.00	10,600.00	,,,,,	
Professional Fees	1,446.25	1,500.00	-53.75	96.4% 71.4%
Accounting Actuarial Valuation	2,500.00	3,500.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
State Mandated Claims Consult	0.00	0.00	0.00 -7,000.00	0.0%
Audit	0.00	7,000.00 10,000.00	-8,463.70	15.4%
Legal Fees	1,536.30	22,000.00	-16,517.45	24.9%
Total Professional Fees	5,482.55	·	-2,500.00	0.0%
Wildland Vegetation Mgmt	0.00	2,500.00	-28,276.49	96.6%
Total OUTSIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVI	805,791.19	654,007.00	,	
RETIREE MEDICAL BENEFITS	17,088.36	17,088.32	0.04	100.0% 100.0%
PERS Medical	2,186.64	2,186.68	-0.04 -0.04	100.0%
Delta Dental Vision Care	596.64	596.68	<u>-0.04</u> -0.04	100.0%
Total RETIREE MEDICAL BENEFITS	19,871.64	19,871.68	-0.04	
COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES	3,239.90	4,333.32	-1,093.42	74.8%
Public Education	238.14	750.00	-511.86	31.8% 114.3%
Comm. Pharmaceutical Drop-Off Vial of Life Program	114.27	100.00	14.27 0.00	0.0%
CERT Emergency Kits	. 0.00	0.00 500.00	-253.30	49.3%
Open Houses	246.70 0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Community Shredder Total COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES	3,839.01	5,683.32	-1,844.31	67.5%
DISTRICT ACTIVITIES			-800.00	0.0%
Firefighter's Apparel	0.00	800.00 2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
Firefighters' Expenses	0.00 0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Engine Rescue Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0% 122.3%
Staff Appreciation Professional Development	3,057.10	2,500.00	557.10	122,070
Building Maintenance		500.00	-85.34	82.9%
Janitorial Service	414.66 881.01	2,410.00	-1,528.99	36.6%
Medical Waste Disposal	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.0% 48.0%
Building alarm Gardening service	240.00	500.00	-260:00 -1,032.83	74.2%
Miscellaneous Maint.	2,967.17	4,000.00 7,510.00	-2,907.16	61.3%
Total Building Maintenance	4,602.84	7,510.00		
Building Utilities/Service	284.96	295.00	-10.04	96.6% 114.7%
Garbage Gas and Electric	2,675.63	2,333.32	342.31 -340.50	62.2%
Water/Sewer	559.50	900.00		99.8%
Total Building Utilities/Service	3,520.09	3,528.32	-8.23	0.0%
Election	0.00	0.00	0.00 100.00	120.0%
Memberships	600.00	500.00	100.00	
Office	366.58	1,166.68	-800.10	31.4%
Office Expense	248.73	833.32	-584.59	29.8% 103.8%
Office Supplies Telephone	2,005.67	1,931.68	73.99	66.7%
Total Office	2,620.98	3,931.68	-1,310.70	
Total DISTRICT ACTIVITIES	14,401.01	20,770.00	-6,368.99	69.3
Staff .	25,029.28	25,035.00	-5.72	100.0%
Wages	25,029.20	866.68	-650.09 0.00	25.0% 0.0%
Overtime Wages Vacation Wages	0.00	0.00	0.00 0.00	100.0%
Medical/dental Ins compensation	2,400.00	2,400.00 1,251.68	-0.24	100.0%
Retirement Contribution	1,251.44 1,931.37	2,138.00	-206.63	90.3%
Payroll Taxes	917.30	900.00	17.30	101.9% 101.9%
Workers Compensation/Life Ins Payroll Processing	366.80	360.00	6.80	97.5
			-838.58	

Kensington Fire Protection District Revenue & Expense Budget vs. Actual

July through October 2013

•	Jul - Oct 13	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Contingency General Contingency - Other	0.00 0.00	25,000.00 0.00	-25,000.00 0.00	0.0%
Total Contingency	0.00	25,000.00	-25,000.00	0.0%
Total Expense	876,015.63	938,344.04	-62,328.41	93.4%
Net Ordinary Income	2,158,570.69	2,061,026.28	97,544.41	104,7%
Other Income/Expense Other Income Transfers in - General	1,218.21			
Total Other Income	1,218.21	•		
Other Expense Transfers Out - Capital	1,218.21			•
Total Other Expense	1,218.21			
Net Other Income	0.00	<u> </u>		
Net Income	2,158,570.69	2,061,026.28	97,544.41	104.7%

CHIEF'S REPORT

KENSINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MEMORANDUM

December 2013

TO:

President and Board Members, Kensington Fire Protection District

FROM:

Lance J. Maples, Fire Chief

SUBJECT:

Fire Chief's Report

Holiday Toy Program:

The Richmond/El Cerrito Fire & Police Holiday Toy Program is now in full swing. The program exists to collect and distribute new, unwrapped toys to economically disadvantaged children solely in the western Contra Costa County area during the holiday season. Toy donations are currently being accepted through December 20th for distribution this year. Toy barrels can be found at all local fire stations and many local businesses.

As professional firefighters, we see the ravages brought on by the loss of both homes and property. This non-profit organization strives to brighten the lives of needy children in west Contra Costa County, particularly during the holidays. Both monetary donations and donations of new, unwrapped toys are accepted. With generous donations from both local corporations and individuals, the Richmond/El Cerrito Fire & Police Holiday Toy Program has distributed toys for over 20 years to children ages 12 and under residing in the area. Also, in conjunction with staff from the Richmond Police Department, the Richmond/El Cerrito Fire & Police Holiday Toy Program distributes food baskets so that families can enjoy a holiday dinner.

The El Cerrito-Kensington Fire Department is proud to be a participant in this worthy program!

BOARD REPORTS



November 12, 2013

Ms. Brenda Navellier Manager Kensington Fire Protection District 217 Arlington Avenue Kensington, CA 94707

RE: District of Distinction Accreditation and Transparency Certificate of Excellence

Dear Ms. Navellier:

Congratulations! The Kensington Fire Protection District has successfully completed the District of Distinction Reaccreditation and the Transparency Certificate of Excellence program through the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF).

On behalf of the SDLF Board of Directors, I would like to congratulate your district on achieving this important accreditation and certificate. By completing the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence Program, the Kensington Fire Protection District has proven its dedication to being fully transparent as well as open and accessible to the public and other stakeholders.

Included with this letter is your press release template and a window cling so your district may showcase this important accomplishment.

Congratulations and thank you for your dedication to excellence in local government.

Most sincerely,

David Aranda

SDLF Board President





November 12, 2013

The Honorable Nancy Skinner Member, California State Assembly 1515 Clay Street, Room 2201 Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Assembly Member Skinner:

On behalf of the Special Districts Leadership Foundation (SDLF), I am pleased to inform you that the Kensington Fire Protection District has received the "District of Distriction" reaccreditation by SDLF for its sound fiscal management policies and practices in district operations. By receiving this reaccreditation, the Kensington Fire Protection District has demonstrated its commitment to continuing education for board members and staff, practicing sound policies in the areas of governance, board conduct, district finances, transparency and reserves.

SDLF is an independent, non-profit organization formed to promote good governance and best practices among California's special districts through certification, accreditation and other recognition programs. In order to receive the accreditation, the Kensington Fire Protection District's board of directors and executive staff also provided proof of educational training in public governance, as well as compliance with ethics and harassment prevention training.

Furthermore, in order to receive the reaccreditation, the district had to meet SDLF's new transparency requirements. Some of these new requirements included posting of the following items on the district's website: election procedure and deadlines, posted board meeting schedule and agendas, current district budget, most recent financial audit and a list of compensation for board members and staff or a link to the State Controller's webpage with the data among various other requirements.

The Kensington Fire Protection District is commended for its efforts to conduct business on behalf of its constituents in an open and transparent manner and serves as a model of best practices for other agencies in our state.

Sincerely,

David Aranda SDLF President Neil McCormick SDLF Administrator

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The Honorable Loni Hancock Member, California State Senate 1515 Clay Street, Suite 2002 Oakland, CA 94612

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From: Stan Caldwell <stan_caldwell@comcast.net>

To: Kensington Fire Protection Dist <kensingtonfirepd@aol.com>
Subject: Congratulations on your Reaccredited as a District of Distinction

Date: Tue, Nov 26, 2013 10:33 am

Just wanted to take the time to congratulate you on your reaccreditation as a District of Distinction! The District of Distinction accreditation is one of the most prestigious local government awards in the state of California, through the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF). You are to be congratulated on receiving the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence as well. I have been proud of the districts in Contra Costa County that have achieved such great recognition.

Congratulations,

Stanly Caldwell
Mt. View Sanitary District board member
Special District Leadership Foundation board member
California Special Districts Association board member (current president)
Contra Costa Special Districts Association Member at Large and Newsletter Editor

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November 27,2013

The Chief and Staff Kensington Fire Department 217 Arlington Ave. Kensington, CA 94707-1401

Dear Chief and Department:

We would like to thank your department and especially the two crews that came to our house on Thursday, November 21 for emergencies. The first crew came at about six a.m. They were professional and helpful and we were very happy to see them. The second crew arrived around ten a.m. Again, very professional, helpfully and welcomed.

We appreciate the quick and helpful responses on both occasions.

Again, thank you Kensington Fire Department.