KENSINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

DATE: February 19, 2025

TO: Board of Directors

RE: Kensington Community Center (KCC) Audio Visual Options

SUBMITTED BY: Mary A. Morris-Mayorga, General Manager

Recommended Action

This item is provided for information only at this time with additional information to be brought back to a future Board meeting.

Background

The District has experienced audio-visual challenges during Board and committee meetings held in the KCC with direction to the General Manager to identify options to address the issues. The Kensington Polic Protection and Community Services District (KPPCSD) owns this facility and has also experienced issues. KPPCSD contracts with the City of San Pablo for information technology (IT) services and asked them to meet with both general managers at the KCC on February 13, 2025.

Two members of the IT team came to review the system including: internet service/provider, Wi-Fi, equipment, meeting configurations, and learn about the issues that the districts are encountering. They made several initial assessments which should address issues:

- Internet service is a standard service and should be upgraded to a business enterprise service which offers guaranteed, dedicated speeds;
- Placement of Wi-Fi will need to be more centralized (currently located at one end of the center opposite of small meeting rooms); and
- Hard wiring of the small meeting rooms would provide better Wi-Fi reliability.

The IT team is planning to do further investigation into internet service options (Comcast, AT&T, Sonic) and equipment to put together a recommended plan for the general managers to bring to the Boards for consideration. They did caution that it could take a little time as they need to contact each provider to determine whether those that are not currently an option (AT&T and Sonic) would be willing to bring dedicated fiber lines to the KCC. We hope to have information to provide at the March Board meeting.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact will be identified once the full plan comes back from IT.