



Kensington Community Services District

DATE: May 14, 2026

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: David Aranda, Interim General Manager (IGM)

SUBJECT: Discussion of the draft budget for Fiscal Year 2027 and approval to publish a notice of public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2027 budget

RECOMMENDATION:

Discuss and ask questions regarding the Fiscal Year 2027 budget and approve the publishing of a Notice of Public Hearing that would be held June 11, 2027.

BACKGROUND:

Each year, as required by the CSD Government Code, the district must present a draft budget, preferably at the May meeting. This allows for discussion and then the publication of a public hearing for the public to comment on the budget prior to the budget being approved at the June meeting.

The Fiscal Year 2027 budget incorporates the fire operations into the community services district budget which has always included the police department operations, park operations, solid waste operations, and administrative operations.

Attached are the draft budget and a brief narrative that was presented to the Finance Committee on Monday afternoon. Any findings of the Finance Committee will be presented verbally to the board on Thursday night.

EXHIBIT(S):

- Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget
- Finance Committee - Summary of the draft budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027
- Notice of Public Hearing

	FY 27 Revenues	Capital Revenue	FY 27 Expenditures	FY 27 Capital Expenses	Net FY 27 End
General Fund	\$8,730,700.00		\$879,260.78	\$283,050.00	\$7,568,389.22
Police	\$1,725,500.00		\$3,500,321.00	\$55,000.00	(\$1,829,821.00)
Parks	\$120,500.00	\$35,000.00	\$218,074.42	\$95,500.00	(\$158,074.42)
Waste Management	\$120,000.00		\$99,200.00		\$20,800.00
Fire	\$253,802.00		\$5,170,000.00	\$40,000.00	(\$4,956,198.00)
Total	\$10,950,502.00	\$35,000.00	\$9,866,856.20	\$473,550.00	\$645,095.80



Kensington Community Services District
Proposed Budget FY 26/27
General Fund

Account #		General Fund	FY 25 CSD	FY 26 YTD results	FY 26 YTD results	FY 26 CSD	FY 26 Fire	Total FY 26	FY 27 Proposed
Old	New		Actual Results	April 30	FIRE	Adopted Budget	Amended budget	Budget	Budget
401	01-401	Levy Tax - Co. Prop 1%	\$2,579,479	\$2,499,727	\$5,640,381	\$2,575,000	\$5,883,985	\$8,458,985	\$8,500,000
456	01-456	Interest	\$117,753	\$130,008		\$75,000		\$75,000	\$200,000
458	01-458	Other District Revenue - Allocation	\$61,607			\$25,844		\$25,844	\$30,700
480	01-480	Rental Revenue	\$7,316						
		Total Revenue	\$2,766,154	\$2,629,735	\$5,640,381	\$2,675,844	\$5,883,985	\$8,559,829	\$8,730,700
		Expenses							
		District Expenses							
800	01-800	District Expenses							
500.6	01-500.6	FSA Expenses	\$3,339	(\$1,589)					\$0
815	01-815	Admin Communications	\$16,300	\$11,217		\$10,000		\$10,000	\$15,000
	01-814	Website Development/Maintenance			\$3,908		\$3,846	\$3,846	\$7,500
		IT Services & Equipment			\$20,845		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
816	01-816	Office Supplies	\$4,440	\$6,512	\$8,899	\$4,000	\$10,405	\$14,405	\$10,000
817	01-817	Printing & Postage	\$2,071	\$5,809		\$7,500		\$7,500	\$6,000
818	01-818	Mileage Reimbursement	\$1,158	\$1,083		\$1,000		\$1,000	\$1,500
819	01-819	Subscriptions/Memberships	\$14,279	\$10,313		\$20,000		\$20,000	\$20,000
820	01-820	Copier Contract	\$4,097	\$3,615		\$4,000		\$4,000	\$2,000
825	01-825	Board Continuing Ed/Conferences			\$2,369	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$9,000	\$5,000
826	01-826	Board Meetings		\$665					\$0
831	01-831	Training and Travel Admin	\$11,589	\$8,845		\$15,000		\$15,000	\$15,000
	01-580	Utilities			\$4,097				\$5,000
		Total District Expenses	\$57,271	\$46,468	\$40,119	\$65,500	\$24,251	\$89,751	\$97,000
		Salaries							
807	01-807	Salaries	\$228,021	\$205,695	\$73,170	\$277,644	\$88,385	\$366,029	\$390,396
808	01-808	Payroll Taxes	\$17,143	\$18,092	\$6,149	\$21,239	\$7,086	\$28,325	\$29,865
809	01-809	Benefits / Unemployment			\$3,000		\$6,067		\$0
		Total salaries	\$245,165	\$223,786	\$82,319	\$298,883	\$101,538	\$394,354	\$420,261
		Professional Services							
835	01-835	Consulting	\$102,009	\$42,779		\$25,000		\$25,000	\$10,000



**Kensington Community Services District
Proposed Budget FY 26/27
General Fund**

Account #		General Fund	FY 25 CSD Actual Results	FY 26 YTD results April 30	FY 26 YTD results FIRE	FY 26 CSD Adopted Budget	FY 26 Fire Amended budget	Total FY 26 Budget	FY 27 Proposed Budget
Old	New								
	01-836	Operational Consulting			\$82,885		\$109,730	\$109,730	\$50,000
	01-838	Other Consulting							
840	01-840	Consulting Accounting	\$111,761	\$41,224		\$75,000	\$20,000	\$95,000	\$45,000
840	01-841	Audit			\$20,500		\$22,500	\$22,500	\$30,000
830	01-830	Legal (District/Personnel)	\$67,909	\$56,043		\$45,000	\$18,000	\$63,000	\$45,000
850	01-850	Risk Management Insurance	\$55,308	\$48,566	\$16,856	\$56,000	\$24,582	\$80,582	\$65,000
851	01-851	Workers Compensation	\$4,395	\$2,105	\$1,993	\$6,000	\$3,251	\$9,251	\$7,500
860	01-860	Election	300					\$0	\$8,000
861	01-861	LAFCO	\$1,547	\$1,850	\$2,555	\$2,000	\$2,555	\$4,555	\$3,000
870	01-870	County Expenditures			\$45,548	\$5,000	\$42,334	\$47,334	\$68,000
898	01-898	Other Expenses		\$4,608		\$5,000	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$5,000
550.6	01-550.6	FSA Expenses				\$14,000		\$14,000	\$1,500
997	01-997	Payroll Expense	\$13,688	\$9,180	\$1,018		\$1,018	\$1,018	\$14,000
	01-572	Recruiting/Hiring/Background			\$16,000		\$16,000	\$16,000	\$10,000
		Total Administrative expenses	\$356,916	\$206,354	\$187,354	\$233,000	\$279,970	\$512,970	\$362,000
		Debt Service							
		PSB Loan principle		\$14,280	\$14,280		\$57,002	\$57,002	\$114,004
		PSB loan interest		\$57,002	\$57,002		\$84,523	\$84,523	\$169,046
		Total Expenses	\$659,352	\$547,891	\$381,075	\$597,383	\$547,284	\$1,138,600	\$1,162,311
		Net Revenue/ (Expense)	\$2,106,802	\$2,081,844	\$5,259,306	\$2,078,461	\$5,336,701	\$7,421,229	\$7,568,389



Kensington Community Services District
Proposed Budget FY 26/27
Police Department

Account #		PD	FY 25 Actual	FY 26 YTD results -	FY 26 Adopted	FY 27 Proposed
Old	New	Account	Results	April 30	Budget	Budget
402	02-402	Special Tax-Police	\$686,040	\$651,738	\$685,500	\$685,500
404	02-404	Measure G Supplemental Tax	\$705,523	\$678,721	\$700,000	\$700,000
410	02-410	Police Fees/Service Charges	\$13,912	\$12,961	\$10,000	\$15,000
Total Assessments			\$1,405,475	\$1,343,420	\$1,395,500	\$1,400,500
Grant Revenue						
414	02-414	POST Reimbursement	\$2,046	\$5,994	\$5,000	\$3,000
415	02-415	SLESF	\$194,663	\$207,033	\$200,000	\$200,000
422	02-422	Grant Revenue	\$41,000			\$0
Total Grant Revenue			\$237,709	\$213,027	\$205,000	\$203,000
Reimbursements&fees						
418	02-418	CERBT Disbursements	\$129,058	\$9,508	\$121,100	\$122,000
	02-419	Other Misc. Revenue/Refunds				
TOTAL REVENUE			\$1,772,242	\$9,508	\$1,721,600	\$1,725,500
EXPENSES						
	500	Police Salaries				
502.1	02-807	Salaries	\$1,270,099	\$1,127,938	\$1,353,586	\$1,471,456
503	02-503	Holiday Pay	\$46,823	\$40,775	\$48,500	\$50,373
503.4	02-503.4	Incentive pay - Longevity	\$9,644	\$8,017	\$7,500	\$13,760
504	02-504	Incentive Pay- Education	\$13,720	\$12,667	\$15,000	\$17,110
505	02-505	Incentive Pay- POST Certificate	\$32,401	\$34,507	\$30,000	\$51,174
Total Officer Salaries			\$1,372,687	\$1,223,904	\$1,454,586	\$1,603,873
506	02-506	Overtime	\$77,746	\$95,373	\$75,000	\$70,000
		Overtime Special Events				\$10,000
508	02-508	Non-Sworn Salaries				
Total Police Salaries			\$1,450,433	\$95,373	\$1,529,586	\$1,683,873
Benefits						



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509	02-509	Hiring Bonus	\$24,000	\$10,000	\$8,000	\$10,000
510	02-510	Vacation Cash Out				
516	02-516	Uniform Allowance	\$11,300	\$950	\$2,400	\$1,200
520	02-520	In Lieu Health Expense				\$12,000
521-A	02-521A	Medical/Vision/Dental (Active)	\$205,382	\$213,424	\$240,000	\$205,000
521-R	02-521R	Medical/Vision/Dental (Retired)	\$118,274	\$88,951	\$121,000	\$90,000
522	02-522	Officer Life Insurance		\$3,548	\$6,500	\$3,300
		Total Benefits	\$358,956		\$377,900	\$321,500
		Taxes & Workers Comp				
523	02-808	Payroll Taxes	\$21,052	\$18,890	\$20,000	\$26,000
524	02-524	Payroll Taxes (non sworn)				
530	02-851	Workers Compensation	\$45,000	\$69,167	\$84,000	\$77,190
		Total Taxes & Workers Com	\$66,052	\$88,057	\$104,000	\$103,190
		Retirement				
527	02-527	CalPERS District Share	\$389,640	\$212,098	\$290,000	\$284,000
528	02-528	CalPERS Officers Share				
529	02-529	Pension Obligation Bond Payment	\$71,629	\$259,629	\$330,900	\$331,258
		Total retirement	\$461,269	\$471,727	\$620,900	\$615,258
		Operations & Admin Expenses				
519	02-519	Axon - Body Camera/Tasers/Storage		\$17,712	\$25,000	\$30,500
	02-555	CAPS				\$11,500
554	02-554	Traffic Safety/Equipment	\$16,297	\$6,049	\$15,000	\$18,000
568	02-568	Evidence, Investigation, Forensic Services	\$6,678	\$2,753	\$8,500	\$7,000
571	02-571	Records, PRA, and Redaction Software	\$900	\$2,626	\$5,000	\$0
575	02-575	Community Safety Cameras		\$13,422	\$15,000	\$15,000
576	02-819	Subscriptions/Memberships	\$3,390	\$9,173	\$3,000	\$8,000



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Account #		PD	FY 25 Actual	FY 26 YTD results -	FY 26 Adopted	FY 27 Proposed
Old	New	Account	Results	April 30	Budget	Budget
594	02-594	Community Events & Volunteer programs	\$8,071	\$8,209	\$8,000	\$9,000
		Total Police Operating	\$35,336	\$59,945	\$79,500	\$99,000
569	02-569	Emergency Preparedness				
		Building & District Expenses				
552	02-816	Office Supplies And Expenses	\$6,399	\$8,192	\$6,500	\$10,000
567	02-567	Building Alarm, Fire, Security, and Maintenance	\$6,567	\$4,203	\$6,500	\$5,000
580	02-580	Utilities	\$35,221	\$28,430	\$35,000	\$35,000
581	02-581	Building Repairs and Maintenance	\$13,592	\$3,540	\$6,000	\$4,000
587	02-587	IT Contract	\$54,551	\$41,846	\$50,000	\$45,000
590	02-590	Janitorial	\$15,150	\$10,898	\$13,000	\$13,000
592	02-592	Website Social Media Contracts	\$199	\$3,640	\$1,000	\$1,000
597	02-597	Police Building Lease	\$86,665	\$58,849	\$88,000	\$75,000
		Total Building & District Expenses	\$218,344	\$159,598	\$206,000	\$188,000
		Fleet Related Expenses				
561	02-561	Fleet Maintenance, Fuel, Toll, Transportation	\$73,115	\$73,482	\$55,650	\$75,000
563	02-563	Vehicle Lease	\$99,993	\$26,239	\$15,000	\$16,000
566	02-566	Radio Maintenance	\$10,488	\$15,382	\$15,000	\$10,000
588	02-588	Police Fleet Cellular Contract	\$10,767	\$8,487	\$10,000	\$12,000
		Total Fleet	\$194,363	\$123,589	\$95,650	\$113,000
		Personnel Misc.				
553	02-553	Uniforms, Equipment, and Duty Gear	\$6,567	\$14,166	\$15,000	\$20,000
570	02-831	Training And Travel Expense	\$20,770	\$22,846	\$25,000	\$25,000
572	02-572	Recruiting, Hiring & Background	\$8,506	\$2,536	\$7,500	\$1,500
574	02-574	Reserve Program	\$208		\$4,000	\$1,500
598	02-835	Consulting - background/hiring/rec	\$61,469	\$39,348	\$60,000	\$50,000
		Total Personnel Misc.	\$97,520	\$78,896	\$111,500	\$98,000



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Police Department**

Account #		PD	FY 25 Actual	FY 26 YTD results -	FY 26 Adopted	FY 27 Proposed
Old	New	Account	Results	April 30	Budget	Budget
Professional Services & Liability						
591	02-850	Risk Management Insurance	\$66,000	\$62,491	\$70,000	\$80,000
595	02-830	Legal	\$14,450	\$7,946	\$13,000	\$4,000
	02-596	Lexipole				\$4,500
564	02-564	Cal-ID, ARIES, SunRidge, LEFTA	\$10,306	\$157,021	\$180,000	\$190,000
Total Prof. Services & Liability			\$80,450	\$70,436	\$83,000	\$278,500
963	02-963	Patrol Car Accessories		\$69,356	\$62,678	\$40,000
967	02-967	Station Equipment		\$17,353	\$12,000	\$15,000
968	02-968	Office Furniture/Equipment				
Total Expenses			\$2,962,723	\$1,234,329	\$3,282,714	\$3,555,321
Net Income			(\$1,190,481)	(\$1,224,821)	(\$1,561,114)	(\$1,829,821)



Kensington Community Services District
Proposed Budget FY 26/27
Fire Department

Account #		Fire Account	FY 25 Actual results	FY 26 YTD results - April 30	FY 26 Amended Budget	FY 27 Proposed Budget
Old	New					
Revenue						
	03-418	CERBT Disbursements	\$59,444	\$52,459	\$54,752	\$53,000
	03-450	Lease Agreement				
	03-419	Other Revenue				
	03-452	Other Tax Income	\$7,084	\$3,031	\$25,000	\$0
		Investment Income	\$192,345	\$141,559	\$181,979	\$0
	03-402	Special Taxes	\$200,827	\$200,802	\$200,802	\$200,802
Total Revenue			\$459,700	\$397,851	\$462,533	\$253,802
Expenses						
COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES						
	03-569	Emergency Preparedness	\$4,907	\$5,979	\$0	\$6,000
	03-906	Hazardous Vegetation Removal Grant		\$39,410	\$41,460	\$80,000
	03-908	Public Education	\$12,204	\$16,609	\$15,000	\$16,000
	03-905	KEEP Grant				\$15,000
Total Expenses			\$17,112	\$61,998	\$56,460	\$117,000
DISTRICT ACTIVITIES						
Building Activities						
	01-567	Building Alarm, Fire, Security, and Maintenance		\$5,132	\$14,683	\$16,000
	01-644	Landscaping		\$2,040	\$2,400	\$5,000
	01-590	Janitorial Service	\$1,800		\$3,240	\$1,000
	03-590	Janitorial (Med Waste Disposal)		\$3,464	\$4,494	\$5,000
	01-567	Miscellaneous Maint.	\$2,893	(\$5,958)	\$2,000	\$0
Total Building Activities			\$4,693	\$4,678	\$24,817	\$27,000
	03-553	Uniforms, Equipment, and Duty Gear		\$1,432	\$6,695	\$7,000
	03-898	Other Expenses	\$5,452	\$0	\$5,150	\$5,000



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Fire Department

Account #		Fire Account	FY 25 Actual results	FY 26 YTD results - April 30	FY 26 Amended Budget	FY 27 Proposed Budget
Old	New					
	03-576	Subscriptions/Memberships	\$9,094	\$6,455	\$9,785	\$5,000
	03-580	Utilities (Telephone & PG&E)	\$4,924	\$42,097	\$46,551	\$52,500
		Total Office	\$19,470	\$49,984	\$68,181	\$69,500
		OUTSIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES				
	01-840	Accounting	\$37,365	\$20,215	\$20,000	\$0
	03-1009	Actuarial Valuation	\$6,000	\$9,500	\$3,200	\$6,000
	01-898	Bank Fee	\$25	\$47	\$25	\$0
	03-1010	El Cerrito Contract Fee	\$4,320,658	\$3,421,987	\$4,480,522	\$4,800,000
	03-1011	El Cerrito Reconciliation(s)	(\$42,866)	(\$17,861)	\$58,313	\$0
	03-837	Emergency prep coordinator		\$85,759	\$114,263	\$90,000
	03-1012	Fire Abatement Contract			\$5,513	\$0
	03-1015	Fire Engineer Plan Review		\$2,855	\$3,090	\$3,000
	01-830	Legal Fees	\$34,763	\$30,657	\$18,000	\$0
	03-850	Risk Management Insurance	\$12,547	\$16,856	\$24,582	\$0
	03-1016	Wildland Vegetation Mgmt	\$2,350	(\$4,234)	\$4,244	\$4,500
		Total OUTSIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$4,370,841	\$3,565,780	\$4,933,717	\$4,903,500
		RETIREE MEDICAL BENEFITS				
	03-521R	Medical/Vision/Dental (Retired)	\$51,638	\$35,476	\$47,637	\$53,000
		Total RETIREE MEDICAL BENEFITS	\$51,638	\$35,476	\$47,637	\$53,000
	03-967	Station Equipment			\$41,700	\$40,000
	01-968	Office Furniture/Equipment				
		Total Expenses	\$4,459,061	\$3,713,238	\$5,172,512	\$5,210,000
		Net Income	(\$3,999,360)	(\$3,315,387)	(\$4,709,979)	(\$4,956,198)



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Parks

Account #		Parks Revenue	FY 25 Actual	FY 26 YTD results -	FY 26 Adopted	FY 27
Old	New		Results	April 30	Budget	Proposed
424	04-402	Special Tax-Landscape and Learning Parks	\$45,716	\$44,675	\$49,000	\$50,000
427	04-427	Community Center Revenue	\$46,964	\$39,330	\$38,000	\$38,000
438	04-438	Tennis Court Revenue	\$2,770	\$1,438	\$2,500	\$1,500
439	04-419	Other Misc. Revenue	\$13,715	\$1,100	\$0	\$0
TOTAL REVENUE			\$109,165	\$86,543	\$89,500	\$89,500
471	04-470	KCC Annual Fees	\$30,097	\$15,249	\$30,000	\$31,000
Total Revenue			\$139,262	\$101,791	\$119,500	\$120,500
EXPENSES						
Salaries and Benefits						
601&602	04-807	Salaries	\$54,362	\$45,421	\$68,100	\$73,548
623	04-808	Payroll Taxes	\$4,360	\$3,452	\$5,210	\$5,626
Total Salaries & Benefits			\$58,722	\$48,873	\$73,310	\$79,174
Operations & Admin Expenses						
Parks Expenses						
640	04-640	General Maintenance	\$31,800	\$15,533	\$25,000	\$20,000
641	04-641	Utilities	\$32,945	\$21,762	\$28,000	\$30,000
642	04-580	Janitorial Supplies	\$2,524	\$2,076	\$2,500	\$2,500
643	04-590	Landscaping	\$40,825	\$26,615	\$36,000	\$32,000
644	04-644	Workers Compensation	\$3,000	\$1,667	\$4,000	\$5,600
645	04-851	Community Center Maintenance & Repairs	\$8,367	\$5,739	\$10,000	\$7,500
646&699	04-581	Legal	\$2,225		\$3,000	\$1,000
647	04-830	Consulting				\$0
647	04-835	Interest Expense	\$5,192			
649	04-649					
Total Park Expenses			\$126,877	\$73,392	\$108,500	\$98,600
Other Park expenses						



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Parks**

Account #		Parks Revenue	FY 25 Actual Results	FY 26 YTD results - April 30	FY 26 Adopted Budget	FY 27 Proposed
Old	New					
699	04-699	Community Center Expenses - Other				
657	04-850	Risk Management Insurance	\$15,000	\$12,500	\$15,000	\$18,000
658	04-658	Levy Administration	\$9,247	\$7,309	\$9,000	\$11,300
659	04-898	Other Expenses	\$67,978	\$10,670	\$10,000	\$10,000
674	04-674	Parks Maintenance and Repair	\$200		\$1,000	\$1,000
Total Other expenses			\$92,424	\$30,479	\$35,000	\$40,300
TOTAL EXPENSE			\$278,023	\$152,744	\$216,810	\$218,074
NET REVENUE / (EXPENSE)			(\$168,858)	(\$50,952)	(\$97,310)	(\$97,574)
Capital Outlay						
Capital Income						
		PATH Dedicated Capital Revenue		\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000
470	04-471	KCC Reserves	\$30,000	\$60,000		\$0
Total capital income			\$30,000	\$95,000	\$35,000	\$35,000
Capital expenses						
972	04-972	Park Capital Improvement		\$119,748		
978	04-968	Park Furniture and Equipment	\$1,157			\$0
	04-976	PATHS Capital Expense	\$460	\$32,913	\$30,000	\$65,000
975	04-975	Community Center Loan Repayment	\$25,294		\$30,500	\$30,500
Total capital expenses			\$26,911	\$152,661	\$60,500	\$95,500
Net Income			(\$164,152)	(\$108,613)	(\$122,810)	(\$158,074)



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Waste Management

Account #		WM	FY 25 Actual	FY 26 YTD results -	FY 26	FY 27
Old	New	Account	Results	April 30	Adopted	Proposed
Revenue						
448	05-448	Franchise Fees	\$128,795	\$87,984	\$120,000	\$120,000
461	05-461	Waste Removal Franchise Fee				\$0
481	05-422	Grant Revenue	\$75,000			\$0
455	05-456	Interest				\$0
TOTAL REVENUE			\$203,795	\$87,984	\$120,000	\$120,000
EXPENSES						
Operations & Admin Expenses						
751	05-751	Waste Removal Franchise Fee Expense	\$54,509	\$36,408	\$51,000	\$51,000
752	05-752	Waste Management Program Admin	\$24,362		\$25,844	\$30,700
753	05-898	Other Expenses	\$2,714	\$700	\$5,000	\$2,500
754	05-830	Legal	\$5,849		\$10,000	\$2,500
754	05-835	Consulting				\$10,000
799	05-799	Waste Management grant expenses	\$57,035	\$8,936	\$25,000	\$2,500
Total Operations & Admin Expenses			\$144,468	\$46,044	\$116,844	\$99,200
Net Revenue/ (Expense)			\$59,327	\$41,939	\$3,156	\$20,800



Kensington Community Services District

DATE: May 11, 2026
TO: Finance Committee
FROM: David Aranda, KPPCSD Interim General Manager
SUBJECT: Summary of the draft budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

At the May Board of Directors meeting a draft budget for fiscal year 2027 will be presented. The Finance Committee is meeting on Monday the 11th. Any significant changes, errors or questions that are found by the finance committee will be noted and included verbally at the board meeting. This is since the board packet will have gone out prior to the finance committee meeting.

Please keep in mind that this is a draft for the fiscal year 2027 budget. A final budget will be presented to the board at the June 11, 2026, meeting after a public hearing is held on the budget.

I have noted some key features of the draft budget as follows:

1. The summary page provides a quick glance at projected revenues for each department, expenses, capital expenses/debt payments, and the balance that is projected when the fiscal year ends June 30, 2027
2. Melissa worked with Mary and I and we reformatted the chart of account numbers so that the first two digits denotes the department and the second three digits the specific item. We feel that this will make for easier recognition of charges to the various departments.
3. General Fund notations include projected property taxes. We are going to show gross property tax revenue and then in expenses (01-870) reflect that amount the county charges for handling the property tax processing. Mary and I agree that this is a more accurate measurement in showing true property tax revenue received each year.
4. The general fund reflects the change of what, in past years, would have been fire-related costs but truly are administrative costs. A utility line item for example (01-580) reflects utilities at the public safety building that are the result of administrative use in the building.
5. The general fund salaries are capturing seventy-five percent of the fiscal year for a new general manager and the salary for the current general manager for a bit of an overlap of working time. The general fund also captures the consulting costs for Mary for a portion of the year and for Raychel throughout the year.
6. Please note that the public safety building debt payment is included as a capital expense in the budget.
7. The police department budget was primarily produced by the work of the Chief and the LT. They did a thorough job in reviewing all costs and working with Melissa on calculating the salaries that you see projected. The salaries are reflective of the current memorandum of understanding between the officers and the district.
8. The remaining portion of the police budget is based on the history of expenses and the expectation of ongoing costs.
9. You will note that the pension obligation bond for the police retirement is a large expense noted as 02-529.
10. The capital items are based on the approval of CHP grants which offset some large expenses, but the district would still incur some additional expenses in outfitting new vehicles.
11. The fire department budget has been formatted to reflect costs that are reflective of fire operations only. You will note that the emergency preparedness coordinator is listed as a consultant under the fire department budget, not in general administration.
12. The big line item, \$5,000,000 is for the contract that KCSD has with the city of El Cerrito for the fire services. This dollar amount is a ballpark estimate due to the city not having any information yet on the actual cost for the contract for fiscal year 2027.
13. The parks budget and the solid waste budget for 2027 do not differ much from the 2026 budget.
14. We will discuss this at 5 p.m. on Monday. If you have a chance to look over the budget and my comments and you have questions for me prior to the meeting it may be more productive but in any case I look forward to our discussion on Monday.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**KENSINGTON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR PROPOSED BUDGET**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the Kensington Community Services District (District) has fixed **Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.**, or as soon as the matter may be heard, as the time for a Public Hearing by the Board of Directors to be held at the Kensington Community Center, located at 59 Arlington Ave., Kensington, CA 94707.

The Board of Directors of the KCSD will conduct a hearing pursuant to Government Code 61110 and as directed by the KCSD Board of Directors regarding the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Proposed Budget, which commences on July 1, 2026. A copy of the proposed budget will be available for review at the District office and can be accessed on the [KPPCSD website](#). The Board will also receive and consider any written comments, which should be directed to the District at 217 Arlington Ave., Kensington, CA 94707. The Board will consider all questions, comments, and objectives regarding establishing the budget at the hearing.

Dated: May __, __, 2026

Lynelle M. Lewis
Clerk of the Board