



Kensington Community Services District

DATE: February 12, 2026

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: David Aranda, Interim General Manager (IGM)

SUBJECT: Approval of the Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) 2026 Work Plan and Approval of Annette McCoubrey as a Public Member of the Emergency Preparedness Committee

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Annette McCoubrey as a public member of the EPC and approve the work plan without including the Long-Range Acoustic Devices in the plan.

BACKGROUND:

There are two requests on this agenda item. First, the board approves Annette McCoubrey as a member of EPC. We have checked with legal regarding a possible conflict of interest because of her belonging to the Firewise nonprofit. Our legal counsel does not see a conflict.

The second request is to approve the work plan that the EPC discussed at their last committee meeting. Overall, I support the work plan, but I have two comments. First, I do not agree with the committee's desire to keep Long Range Acoustic Devices on the work plan. This is a large capital project that needs to be discussed by the Board and the Fire Chief before it has any possibility of moving forward. Second, I have requested that staff hold a workshop to discuss the subject of Red Flag Parking. Mary and I had a discussion with the Police Chief and Fire Chief about this subject and they both have a clear thought on what direction this program should take. It is not necessarily the same thought that the committee members have. My belief is a workshop with the two chiefs and the EPC and any interested parties would go a long way in paving a solid plan for the board to approve.

Another note of interest would be the possibility of working with the two chiefs and the EPC regarding a CERT program that is active for the benefit of the community. As the Interim General Manager, I am going to attempt to gain some traction on this program.

Exhibit(s)

- EPC 2026 Work Plan
- Application



KENSINGTON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT Emergency Preparedness Committee January 22, 2026

Pending KCSD Board of Directors approval on February 12, 2026

2026 Emergency Preparedness Committee Work Plan		
Work Plan Goal/Project	Assigned Members	Steps/Status
1. Red Flag Day Parking - staff to facilitate a workshop with Fire and Police Chiefs and the EPC to arrive at consensus on an approach to be submitted for Board approval.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination of workshop
2. Create two grant tiers (small vs. large) for Board approval and initiate program for FY 2026-27.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved • 3/1 grant opens
3. Secure \$15k BOD approved funding and develop Kensington Ember Exclusion Program (KEEP) Pilot Program.	Blonz, McCoubrey (<i>pending</i>), Watt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$15k approved • Develop mesh program
4. Increase coordination and awareness of vegetation removal program through Firewise leads, block presentations, and FPO inspections.	Madugo, Paul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify areas
5. Support Firewise leadership development and resident participation in Kensington Firewise Strategic Plan objectives.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD
6. Determine next steps for Long Range Acoustic Devices (LRADs).		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD
7. Reinforce the community's understanding of the Red Flag Day Banners and improve the community's understanding of WatchDuty to promote early pre-evacuation.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD
8. Increase earthquake preparedness.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD



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Application to Serve on the KCSD EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Please review the attached Emergency Preparedness Committee Protocols (draft) and Board and Committee Member Remote Meeting Attendance

Name: _____ Date: _____

(Please do not supply private contact information; this document is accessible to the public.)

I am a Kensington resident aged 18 or over

Areas of interest (check all that apply):

- Evacuation preparation
- Emergency notification (remote sensing/cameras, sirens, cell towers, radios, phones)
- Path ownership, clearing, etc.
- Collaboration and coordination with other agencies (County, Parks, FireSafe Councils, other towns)
- Hazard mitigation (education about hazardous plants, house-hardening, etc.)
- CERT training and network formation
- Development of Firewise neighborhood designations
- Public education about emergency preparedness, earthquake and related topics
- Red Flag Day Parking Strategy
- Other _____

Please explain your experience and current efforts in your areas of interest:

If named to the Committee, what goals and objectives would you recommend for the work plan?

*Thank you for your interest. Applications will be considered annually and/or as the need arises.
Committee size is limited to five (5) public members. Please email your application to
fire@kensingtonfire.org.*