Item #23

Kensington Community Services District

DATE: August 13, 2026

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: David Aranda, Interim General Manager (IGM)

SUBJECT: General Manager's Report for the Month of July 2026

July was a busy month for the entire staff. The General Manager was involved in the following:

- Ongoing work with the Fiscal Year 2027 budget, comparisons with the Ridgeline financial estimates and a review of the Fiscal Year 2026 actual financial results as opposed to the 2026 budget. (To be discussed as a separate agenda items).

- I interacted with legal counsel on a few items.

- Follow up on the Red Flag No Parking Program. It appears that by the board meeting of August 13th, signs should be installed by the County and the Fire Department, and the Police Department will be in position to act on red flag days as proclaimed by the National Weather Service.

- Contacted various residents in the community about various issues regarding roads, vegetation, and broad questions.

- Followed up on the application process for the vacant board seat. (see agenda item). This also involved an enjoyable conversation with one applicant.

- Attended the EPC meeting via Zoom.

- Zoom meeting with the City Manager of El Cerrito.

- Worked with a vendor regarding the IT needs for the administration operations in the Public Safety Building. (see agenda).

- Worked with Fernando as he began working on the park fire hardening project around the park buildings.

- Conversations with Ian of Bob Murray and Associates as the General Manager recruitment process progressed.

- Follow up to keep the website fresh with current information. (The integration of the two websites into a work in progress).

- Interaction with KCC representatives on assorted items.

- Various discussions and follow-up on issues with the Public Safety Building, i.e., internet problems, elevator issues and ice makers not working.

- Meeting with Mary and Johnny as we are working on a new journal replacing the fire plug.

- Begin working on the KCSD newsletter that will be mailed in late August, asking for input from various staff and consultants and volunteers.

- Signed off and confirmed that the potential lawsuit regarding the Public Safety Building is closed and no further action is required.

- Coordinated a meeting with SDRMA, Police Chief and Administrative Assistant regarding safety training that will provide required training and discounts on the SDRMA premium costs.

- Inquired with SDRMA about the invoice for property and liability for Fiscal Year 2027 and was able to have the invoice reduced by $27,541.

- Finalized the purchasing of the modular for police operations.

- Zoom meeting with the Path Keepers to discuss the existing paths, future work on those paths and preparing to look at additional paths to be added to the ownership of the KCSD.

- Worked with the consultant and Bay View required documents for solid waste operations.

- Performed an employee evaluation with the Chief of Police.

- Zoom meeting with Five Star Bank and staff as we consolidated and updated the various bank accounts the District has.

<u>EXHIBIT(S)</u>:
- CCC Report - ADOPT Traffic Resolution No. 2026/4555 to prohibit stopping, standing, or parking at all times during "Red Flag" Events, Kensington area
- Signed Traffic Resolution NO. 2026/4555
- Cooperative Agreement By and between Contra Costa County and the Kensington Com/.''munity Services District Regarding "red flag" Event Parking Enforcement
- Letter dated July 14, 2026 from SDRMA re "No Paid Workers' Compensation Claims in 2025-26

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Title: ADOPT Traffic Resolution No. 2026/4555 to prohibit stopping, standing, or parking at all times during "Red Flag" Events in Kensington, and APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Public Works Director, or designee, to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Kensington Community Services District for parking enforcement in Kensington on "Red Flag" days, as recommended by the Public Works Director, Kensington area. (No fiscal impact)

Attachments: 1. Traffic Resolution, 2. CCC-KCSD Agreement re Red Flag Parking Enforcement - Draft1, 3. Exhibit A, 4. Signed Traffic Resolution C.141

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result	Tally
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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Warren Lai, Public Works Director/Chief Engineer

Report Title: ADOPT Traffic Resolution No. 2026/4555 to prohibit stopping, standing, or parking at all times during "Red Flag" Events, Kensington area.

☒Recommendation of the County Administrator ☐ Recommendation of Board Committee

RECOMMENDATIONS:

ADOPT Traffic Resolution No. 2026/4555 to prohibit stopping, standing, or parking at all times during "Red Flag" Events, Kensington area.

AUTHORIZE the Public Works Director or designee to amend Exhibit A if the State Fire Marshal amends the boundaries of the Very High, High, and Moderate Fire Hazard Severity Zones located in Kensington.

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Public Works Director, or designee, to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Kensington Community Services District for parking enforcement in Kensington on red flag days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact.

BACKGROUND:

California is experiencing a greater number of "Red Flag" events - days when weather conditions are such that the potential for a wildfire is extremely high, including when relative humidity is 15 percent or less with either sustained winds of 25 mph or greater or frequent gusts of 35 mph or greater for a duration of 6 hours or more, or when relative humidity is 10 percent or less for a duration of 10 hours or more, or when there is widespread and/or significant dry lightning, or for other hazardous local conditions.

The State of California, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection has designated significant portions of the Kensington area as Very High, High, and Moderate Fire Hazard Severity Zones that face greater risk of hazards during Red Flag events. The Kensington area contains narrow and winding roads, roads with tight curves, and critical intersections that would create choke points, making emergency response and resident evacuation extremely challenging in the event of a wildfire.

To increase public safety in the community of Kensington in the event of wildfire, the Kensington Community Services District and the Public Works Department has partnered to establish a Red Flag Parking Restriction Program.

This traffic resolution and memorandum of understanding will restrict parking on designated roads in Kensington. The Kensington Community Services District will determine Red Flag Warning Days and notify the Kensington community. The Kensington Community Services District will enforce the Red Flag Warning Days no-parking areas. Public Works will administer the traffic resolution and provide the necessary signage necessary to support the program.

Vehicle Code section 22507, Contra Costa County Ordinance Code section 46-2.004, and other applicable laws, authorize the Board of Supervisors to adopt traffic orders to prohibit parking at all times on County roads for various reasons.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Parking will remain unrestricted at this location.

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Adopted this Traffic Resolution on June 9, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: **Gioia, Andersen, Burgis, Carlson, Scales-Preston**

NOES: **None**

ABSENT: **None**

ABSTAIN: **None**

TRAFFIC RESOLUTION NO. 2026/4555
Supervisorial District I

SUBJECT: Red Flag" Event Parking Restrictions, Kensington area.

WHEREAS, California is experiencing a greater number of "Red Flag" events – days when weather conditions are such that the potential for a wildfire is extremely high, including when relative humidity is 15 percent or less with either sustained winds of 25 mph or greater or frequent gusts of 35 mph or greater for a duration of 6 hours or more, or when relative humidity is 10 percent or less for a duration of 10 hours or more, or when there is widespread and/or significant dry lightning, or for other hazardous local conditions;

WHEREAS, the State Fire Marshal has designated significant portions of the Kensington area as Very High, High, and Moderate Fire Hazard Severity Zones that face greater risk of hazards during Red Flag events;

WHEREAS, the Kensington area contains narrow and winding roads, roads with tight curves, and critical intersections that would create choke points, making emergency response and resident evacuation extremely challenging in the event of a wildfire; and

WHEREAS, Vehicle Code section 22507, Contra Costa County Ordinance Code section 46-2.004, and other applicable laws authorize the Board of Supervisors to adopt traffic orders to prohibit parking at all times on County roads for various reasons.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, as follows:

1. Emergency Response and Evacuation Routes. All County roads within the Very High, High and Moderate Fire Hazard Severity Zones shown on Exhibit A, as may be amended from time to time, are designated as emergency response and evacuation routes, and are subject to the parking restrictions in Section 2 during any "Red Flag" event declared by the National Weather Service or the Kensington Community Services District (KCSD) Fire Chief or designee. The KCSD will be responsible for developing its communication procedures for notifying the public when a "Red Flag" event is declared.

2. "Red Flag" Event Parking Restrictions. Whenever, with reference to any road or portion of a road within a Very High, High or Moderate Fire Hazard Severity Zone shown on Exhibit A (as may be amended from time to time), the KCSD Board of Directors determines, on advice of the KCSD Fire Chief and KCSD Police Chief, that parking on one or both sides of the road would create a hazard to life or property by interfering with emergency vehicle access or resident evacuation, on-street parking at that location or locations is prohibited at all times until the "Red Flag" event is declared to be ended. Vehicles parked in violation of this restriction are subject to removal at the owner's expense. The County Public Works Director or designee is authorized to install and maintain at that location or locations signs giving notice that on-street parking on those roads is prohibited during declared "Red Flag" events, and that vehicles parked on those roads during a declared "Red Flag" event are subject to removal pursuant to Vehicle Code section 22651(n) and other applicable laws. The County Public Works Director or designee is authorized to amend Exhibit A from time to time based on revisions made by the State Fire Marshal to fire hazard severity zone designations in the Kensington area.

3. Enforcement. The law enforcement and traffic officers of the KCSD are authorized to enforce this traffic resolution.

4. Exception. Vehicles of any federal, state, or local agency, or any public utility, are exempt from the parking restrictions in Section 2

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct Copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: **June 9, 2026**
Monica Nino, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By Stacy M Boyd, Deputy

CL:cp

Orig. Dept: Public Works (Traffic)
Contact: Chris Lau, 313-2276

cc: California Highway Patrol
Sheriff Department

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
BY AND BETWEEN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY AND THE KENSINGTON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT REGARDING "RED FLAG" EVENT PARKING ENFORCEMENT

This Cooperative Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into as of June 9, 2026, ("Effective Date") by and between Contra Costa County, a political subdivision of the State of California ("County"), and the Kensington Community Services District, a community services district formed under the Community Services District Law, Government Code section 61000, et seq. ("District"). The County and the District are sometimes referred to herein together as the "Parties," and each individually as a "Party."

Recitals

A. California is experiencing a greater number of "Red Flag" events – days when weather conditions are such that the potential for a wildfire is extremely high. The State Fire Marshal has designated significant portions of the Kensington area as Very High, High, and Moderate Fire Hazard Severity Zones, which means Kensington faces even greater risk of wildfire hazards during "Red Flag" events.

B. The Kensington area contains narrow and winding roads, roads with tight curves, and critical intersections that could create choke points, making emergency response and resident evacuation extremely challenging in the event of a wildfire or firestorm. District staff determined that parking restrictions on roads within Kensington during "Red Flag" events will enhance public safety and emergency response by making roads passable for emergency vehicles and any necessary resident evacuations.

C. The County is authorized to adopt and enforce parking restrictions on County roads. The District is authorized to provide police protection and traffic enforcement within its jurisdiction. On June 9, 2026, the County Board of Supervisors adopted Traffic Resolution No. 2026/___, establishing parking restrictions on certain County roads within the District when a "Red Flag" event is declared. The purpose of this Agreement is to delegate parking enforcement on certain County roads to the District during "Red Flag" events.

Agreement

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree, as follows:

1. **Term; Termination.** The term of this Agreement commences on the Effective Date. This Agreement shall remain in effect until it is terminated. This Agreement may be terminated by either Party upon 30 days' advance written notice from the other Party, or at any time upon the mutual written agreement of both Parties.

2. **"Red Flag" Event Parking Enforcement.** The District represents that it is authorized to enforce "Red Flag" event parking restrictions on roads within the District, as determined

by the District to best facilitate emergency vehicle access and resident evacuations. The ticketing and towing of vehicles in violation of District's "Red Flag" event parking restrictions shall be at the sole discretion of the District. The District shall be solely responsible for collecting any fines for violation of "Red Flag" event parking restrictions within the District, and for seeking reimbursement from responsible third parties of any other costs the District incurs in connection with "Red Flag" event parking enforcement. While this Agreement remains in effect, the County will not be responsible for enforcing any "Red Flag" event parking restrictions within the District.

3. **Signage.** The County will install signs on roads designated by the District for "Red Flag" event parking restrictions. The signs will give notice that on-street parking is prohibited during declared "Red Flag" events, and that vehicles parked on those roads during a declared "Red Flag" event are subject to removal pursuant to Vehicle Code section 22651(n) and other applicable laws. The locations of those signs will be determined by the KCSD Board of Directors, on advice of the KCSD Fire Chief and KCSD Police Chief. Upon the initial installation of any such sign by the County, the use, maintenance, operation, repair, replacement, and removal of that sign shall be the responsibility of the County.

4. **Indemnification.**

   A. Except to the extent Section 4.B. provides otherwise, the District shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the County, its officers, employees, and agents ("County Indemnitees" and each a "County Indemnitee") from and against any and all claims, demands, costs, expenses, damages, liabilities, fees, attorney's fees, judgments, attorney's fee awards, and penalties (collectively, "Liabilities") that arise from or are attributable to the negligence or willful misconduct of the District or any of its employees, contractors, and agents in the performance of, or failure to perform, any of the District's obligations under this Agreement, including but not limited to the enforcement or failure to enforce "Red Flag" event parking restrictions.

   B. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Section 4.A., the County shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the District and its officers, employees, and agents from and against any Liabilities, to the extent that those Liabilities arise from the negligence or willful misconduct of any County Indemnitee in the performance of, or failure to perform, any of the County's obligations under this Agreement.

   C. This Section 4 shall survive and remain enforceable following the termination of this Agreement.

5. **Compliance with Laws.** The Parties shall comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations while performing their obligations under this Agreement.

6. **No Joint Liability.** Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as creating any joint liability with regard to any of the activities undertaken by the Parties under this Agreement.

7. **No Third-Party Beneficiaries.** This Agreement is for the sole benefit of the Parties hereto. Nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, confers, nor shall it be construed to confer, any legal or equitable right, benefit, or remedy on any person or entity other than the Parties. Nothing in this Agreement establishes or creates, nor shall it be construed to establish or create, any legal duty or obligation owed to any third party.

8. **Applicable Law.** This Agreement shall be interpreted and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

9. **Entire Agreement; Amendment.** This Agreement includes the entire agreement of the Parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. This Agreement may not be amended except in a writing executed by both Parties.

10. **Counterparts; Digital Signatures.** This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all such executed counterparts, when taken together, shall constitute one and the same instrument. A Party may execute this Agreement with a digital signature affixed using a technology that meets the California Secretary of State's requirements for digital signatures.

The Parties have executed this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY	**KENSINGTON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**
By: ______________________________	By: David Aranda
Warren Lai Public Works Director	David Aranda Interim General Manager

Kensington Community Services District

July 16, 2026

The Honorable Sabrina Cervantes
Chair, Senate Committee on Appropriations
State Capitol, Rm. 412
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1383 (McKinnor) Public Employees' Retirement Benefits. OPPOSE *(As Amended July 1, 2026)*

Dear Chair Cervantes,

The Kensington Community Services District writes to inform you of its respectful opposition to Assembly Bill (AB) 1383. This bill would make several significant changes to public employees' retirement benefits, which would ultimately lead to increased pension liability for state and local agencies.

Kensington Community Services District provides POST Certified police services in Kensington, a community within Contra Costa County serving about 5000 residents. The District also provides fire and emergency services through a contract with the City of El Cerrito's Fire Department. This proposed bill will have a severe financial impact over our small agency and could result in a decrease in these essential services.

The Public Employees' Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) was passed in 2012, and most of its provisions went into effect Jan. 1, 2013. PEPRA was designed to address a wide range of issues involving public employee pensions and was a major step in helping public agencies better manage future pension costs and prevent the California Public Employees Retirement System from sliding into insolvency. AB 1383 would upend many of the reforms put in place in 2013 by PEPRA.

Specifically, this bill would:

- Increase the pensionable compensation cap;
- Reduce the retirement age for public safety from 57 to 55 prospectively;

- Add a 4th safety tier that is 3% @ 55, prospective and subject to bargaining; and,
- Allow local agencies to adjust their local formula in a prospective manner.

Through these changes, the bill would dramatically increase state and local pension obligations and undo critical pension reform.

PEPRA has been in place since 2013, and we have had the opportunity to see its impact on pension funds and local agencies. According to a 2024 estimate, for the state, schools, and public agencies in CalPERS, PEPRA had already led to $5.8 billion in savings. As years go by and the public sector force skews towards more new members, those savings will increase dramatically. Over the next ten years, PEPRA is expected to result in $26.5 billion in cost savings for CalPERS members[1]. These data do not include the public agencies that maintain their own pension system, including twenty counties. The critical savings from PEPRA help support budgetary stability which supports operational and workforce stability.

AB 1383 increases mandated costs without a way for public agencies to absorb them. The potential cost of this bill comes at a time of fiscal uncertainty. Much like the state, local agencies are facing budget challenges, as the costs of delivering services increase, and new mandates are implemented. Some local agencies are currently considering significant budget cuts across all departments. AB 1383 would cause increased benefit costs and new cost pressures, leading to serious cost increases for local government.

According to CalPERS, given the current discount rate of 6.8%, **AB 1383 is expected to increase the required contributions of employers and PEPRA members and increase the present value of future benefits (PVB) by <u>$4.8 billion</u> across State, Schools, and Local Agency plans.** In addition to the change in PVB, CalPERS estimates that the **change to the accrued liability to be <u>$233 million</u>** across State, Schools, and Local Agency plans. Additionally, AB 1383 further proposes that employers may increase their PEPRA formula to 3% at age 55 through individual agency collective bargaining. The benefit for this formula will be limited to 90 percent of final compensation. The increase in the normal cost due to this change could lead to increased annual normal cost contributions of $353 million in the first year and increase the present value of future benefits by $3.4 billion.

The CalPERS analysis does not include estimates for non-CalPERS pension systems, including for the twenty county-operated pension systems. Additionally, these costs are based on a snapshot of current compensation for public employees and could be heightened significantly if compensation increases rise and exceed the current compensation cap.

[1] CalPERS 2024 Annual Review of Funding Levels and Risk (published November 2024)

As of June 30, 2026, the Public Employees Retirement Fund (PERF) was 85% funded. If CalPERS misses its investment return mark of 6.8%, local agencies in CalPERS and the State have to pay the difference. Again, this bill would compound costs for local governments and the State and do nothing to offset the costs.

While this bill may be prospective, agencies have already been authorizing salary increases since the passage of PEPRA under the assumption that the cost of benefits would remain in line with current PEPRA law. The prospective costs would likely cause an immediate financial strain on impacted agencies, especially those with a large number of PEPRA safety employees.

Local government decision makers and public agency department heads have been implementing innovative ways to try to boost recruitment and retention and would welcome additional state support and resources for these efforts. However, adding another unfunded mandate on public agencies will not solve the problem of retention and recruitment. It is critical that our pension policy offers sustainable retirement benefits to public agency employees while at the same time ensuring that public agencies have solid retirement benefits to attract and retain highly talented employees.

By increasing the cost of these benefits, AB 1383 would result in less money for salary increases, which could therefore harm future recruitment efforts. Additionally, the changes in this bill could result in labor unrest by furthering the equity issues between safety and non-safety employees. Additionally, according to CalPERS, AB 1383 would increase the total normal cost for the affected plans and as a result PEPRA employee contribution rates increases could increase as well to reach half of the new normal cost. This would mean that some PEPRA employees making under the pensionable compensation cap may have to pay more to CalPERS out of their check while not seeing a benefit from the increased pensionable compensation cap.

Unfortunately, pension costs for many California public agencies continue to be a challenge, threatening the delivery of basic public services, compromising general fund budgets and, indeed, posing a long-term fiscal challenge to the State itself. That is why it is increasingly important that any change to the system be sustainable, fair to taxpayers and employees, and provide long-term financial stability. Any change to PEPRA must protect the fiscal integrity of public agencies and retirement for public employees.

Our agency is committed to ensuring competitive benefits for public servants while maintaining the fiscal integrity of critical local services. However, this bill would not protect the fiscal integrity of public agencies and would send public agencies and our pension funds in the wrong direction.

For these reasons, our organization is respectfully opposed to AB 1383. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us directly.

Sincerely,

David Aranda

David Aranda
Interim General Manager