Item #16

Kensington Community Services District

DATE: August 13, 2026

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: David Aranda, Interim General Manager (IGM)

SUBJECT: Discussion of the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget as Compared to Ridgeline Projections

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RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for discussion.

BACKGROUND:

The Board of Directors requested a comparison of the Fiscal Year 2027 budget (amended as noted in the previous agenda item) as compared to the Ridgeline projections. Attached are the spreadsheets showing the comparable dollar amounts. The bullet points below attempt to provide some explanation on the differences between Ridgeline and the actual budget for Fiscal Year 2027.

- The primary dollar difference between Ridgeline and the Fiscal Year 2027 budget submitted by staff and approved by the board would be the salary line item. The Ridgeline projection was based on a full-time General Manager and additional administrative staff working for the district in 2027.

- Overall, the Ridgeline projections as compared to the actual police budget for 2027 are comparable. Line items differ, especially the salary for police officers. The Ridgeline projection was made before the district approved MOU with the Police Officers Association.

- For the fire department, increases over what Ridgeline projected are found in the contract fee, reconciliation cost, and utilities. The Emergency preparedness coordinator fee and the vehicle insurance costs were not incorporated in the Ridgeline estimate.

- For the parks department the increase that the board approved to fund capital projects in the park were not reflected in the Ridgeline projections.

- For Waste Management the District budget includes consulting fees and legal fees, which Ridgeline did not include.

A comparison of the overall revenue between Ridgeline and the Fiscal Year 2027 budget is aligned. The expenses between Ridgeline's projections and the district's budget reveal capital costs in parks that were not discussed with Ridgeline and even though Ridgeline worked with the Fire Chief on the El Cerrito contract estimates, what the district had submitted by El Cerrito for Fiscal Year 2027 is significantly different than what was projected.

Questions and comments are welcomed.

<u>EXHIBIT(S)</u>:

- Updated In Progress FY 27 Budget with Ridgeline Comparison

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	FY 27 Revenues	Capital Revenue	FY 27 Expenditures	FY 27 Capital Expenses	Reserves	Net FY 27 End	Ridgeline FY 27 Projections
Gen Fund	$9,130,700.00		$900,006.19	$150,673.00		$8,080,020.81	$7,890,250
Police	$1,767,000.00		$3,851,107.01	$55,000.00		($2,139,107.01)	($2,171,152)
Parks	$122,500.00	$35,000.00	$236,074.42	$215,500.00		($294,074.42)	($117,692)
WM	$120,000.00		$99,200.00			$20,800.00	$36,130
Fire	$256,802.00		$135,018.00	$5,376,701.00		($5,254,917.00)	($4,690,559)
Total	$11,397,002.00	$35,000.00	$5,221,405.62	$5,797,874.00		$412,722.38	$946,977

Rolling Stock Reserve	$237,247	*Fully funded in LAIF
6 mos. Reserve addition	$169,199	*Fully funded in LAIF

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Proposed Budget FY 26/27
General Fund

Account #		General Fund	Total Combined FY 26 Actual	FY27 Proposed Approved Amendments	FY 27 Ridgeline Projections
Old	New				
401	01-401	Levy Tax - Co. Prop 1%	$8,596,718	$8,800,000	$8,816,554
456	01-456	Interest	$164,795	$300,000	$305,522
458	01-458	Other District Revenue - Allocation	$23,802	$30,700	$31,767
		Other Revenue			$22,722
480	01-480	Rental Revenue			
		Total Revenue	**$8,785,315**	**$9,130,700**	**$9,176,565**
		Expenses			
800	01-800	**District Expenses**			
815	01-815	Admin Communications	$14,723	$15,000	
	01-814	Website Development/Maintenance	$4,738	$10,000	$3,819
	01-813	IT Services & Equipment	$20,845	$25,000	$15,383
816	01-816	Office Supplies	$19,365	$10,000	$16,305
817	01-817	Printing & Postage	$6,383	$6,000	$2,652
818	01-818	Mileage Reimbursement	$1,247	$1,500	$1,061
819	01-819	Subscriptions/Memberships	$12,420	$20,000	$15,450
820	01-820	Copier Contract	$4,212	$2,000	$4,120
825	01-825	Board Continuing Ed/Conferences	$2,369	$5,000	$10,300
826	01-826	Board Meetings	$665	$0	
831	01-831	Training and Travel Admin	$10,021	$15,000	$3,000
	01-832	Landscape & Maintenance		$6,000	
	01-580	Utilities	$8,770	$5,000	$6,366
		Staff Appreciation			$2,652
		Total District Expenses	**$105,758**	**$120,500**	**$81,108**
		Salaries			
807	01-807	Salaries	$339,584	$390,396	$635,137
808	01-808	Payroll Taxes	$28,870	$29,865	$42,994
809	01-809	Benefits / Unemployment	$3,000	$0	$44,000
		Total salaries	**$371,454**	**$420,261**	**$722,131**
		Professional Services			
835	01-835	Consulting	$43,934	$10,000	$25,000
	01-836	Operational Consulting	$119,451	$50,000	
	01-838	Other Consulting	$3,250		$2,652
840	01-840	Consulting Accounting	$46,584	$45,000	
840	01-841	Audit	$20,500	$30,000	$30,900
830	01-830	Legal (District/Personnel)	$62,611	$60,000	$64,231
850	01-850	Risk Management Insurance	$75,135	$47,245	$83,669
851	01-851	Workers Compensation	$4,519	$7,500	$6,531

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General Fund

Account #		General Fund	Total Combined FY 26 Actual	FY27 Proposed Approved Amendments	FY 27 Ridgeline Projections
Old	New				
860	01-860	Election		$8,000	$8,487
861	01-861	LAFCO	$4,405	$3,000	$4,350
870	01-870	County Expenditures	$45,670	$68,000	$70,126
898	01-898	Other Expenses	$5,212	$5,000	$5,430
550.6	01-550.6	FSA Expenses	($1,489)	$1,500	
997	01-997	Payroll Expense	$12,377	$14,000	$15,914
	01-572	Recruiting/Hiring/Background	$16,000	$10,000	
		Contingency			$21,218
		Total Administrative expenses	**$458,158**	**$359,245**	**$338,508**
		Debt Service			
	01-977	PSB Loan principle	$57,002	$59,322	$141,478
	01-979	PSB loan interest	$84,523	$81,351	
		Total Expenses	**$1,076,895**	**$1,040,679**	**$1,283,225**
		Net Operating Revenue/ (Expense)	**$7,708,420**	**$8,090,021**	**$7,893,340**
		Capital Outlay			
		Computer Equipment AV equipment			
	01-969	Office Furniture & Equipment	$1,879	$10,000	$3,090
		Net Revenue/ (Expense)	**$7,706,541**	**$8,080,021**	**$7,890,250**

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Proposed Budget FY 26/27
Police Department

Account # Old	Account # New	PD Account	FY 26 Actual Results	FY27 Proposed Approved Amendments	Ridgeline Projections
402	02-402	Special Tax-Police	$686,040	$686,000	$645,233
404	02-404	Measure G Supplemental Tax	$714,443	$741,000	$742,630
410	02-410	Police Fees/Service Charges	$13,659	$15,000	$6,365
		Total Assessments	**$1,414,142**	**$1,442,000**	**$1,394,228**
		Grant Revenue			
414	02-414	POST Reimbursement	$9,741	$3,000	$10,609
415	02-415	SLESF	$201,537	$200,000	
422	02-422	Grant Revenue		$0	$103,000
		Total Grant Revenue	**$211,277**	**$203,000**	**$113,609**
		Reimbursemets&fees			
418	02-418	CERBT Disbursements	$133,103	$122,000	
441	02-419	Other Misc. Revenue/Refunds	$12,327		
		TOTAL REVENUE	**$1,770,849**	**$1,767,000**	**$1,507,837**
		EXPENSES			
	500	**Police Salaries**			
502.1	02-807	Salaries	$1,428,586	$1,532,278	$1,415,806
503	02-503	Holiday Pay	$51,734	$50,373	$48,635
503.4	02-503.4	Incentive pay - Longevity	$10,126	$13,760	$17,720
504	02-504	Incentive Pay- Education	$16,061	$17,110	$14,500
505	02-505	Incentive Pay- POST Certificate	$45,286	$51,174	$28,716
		Total Officer Salaries	**$1,551,795**	**$1,664,695**	**$1,525,377**
506	02-506	Overtime	$109,605	$80,000	$60,903
		Overtime Special Events		$10,000	
508	02-508	Non-Sworn Salaries			
		Total Police Salaries	**$1,661,400**	**$1,754,695**	**$60,903**
		Benefits			
509	02-509	Hiring Bonus	$12,000	$10,000	$8,000
510	02-510	Vacation Cash Out			
516	02-516	Uniform Allowance	$1,200	$1,200	$5,150
520	02-520	In Lieu Health Expense		$12,000	
521-A	02-521A	Medical/Vision/Dental (Active)	$226,928	$205,000	$286,723
521-R	02-521R	Medical/Vision/Dental (Retired)	$96,481	$90,000	$157,445
522	02-522	Officer Life Insurance	$4,188	$3,300	$6,527
		Total Benefits	**$340,796**	**$321,500**	**$463,845**
		Taxes & Workers Comp			
523	02-808	Payroll Taxes	$23,898	$26,170	$23,192
524	02-524	Payroll Taxes (non sworn)			

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Police Department

Account #		PD			
Old	New	Account	FY 26 Actual Results	FY27 Proposed Approved Amendments	Ridgeline Projections
530	02-851	Workers Compensation	$83,000	$77,190	$47,741
		GASB	$3,200		$5,305
		Total Taxes & Workers Com	**$110,098**	**$103,360**	**$76,238**
		Retirement			
527	02-527	CalPERS District Share	$268,325	$436,194	$397,511
528	02-528	CalPERS Officers Share			
529	02-529	Pension Obligation Bond Payment	$327,640	$331,258	$331,021
		Total retirement	**$595,964**	**$767,452**	**$728,532**
		Operations & Admin Expenses			
519	02-519	Axon - Body Camera/Tasers/Storage	$23,324	$30,500	$26,523
	02-555	CAPS		$11,500	
554	02-554	Traffic Safety/Equipment	$6,742	$18,000	$10,300
568	02-568	Evidence, Investigation, Forensic Services	$4,425	$7,000	$8,487
571	02-571	Records, PRA, and Redaction Software	$2,626	$0	$8,487
575	02-575	Community Safety Cameras	$16,192	$15,000	$15,914
576	02-819	Subscriptions/Memberships	$11,321	$8,000	$3,183
594	02-594	Community Events & Volunteer programs	$9,740	$9,000	$6,366
569	02-569	Emergency Preparedness			
		Total Police Operating	**$74,370**	**$99,000**	**$79,260**
		Building & District Expenses			
552	02-816	Office Supplies And Expenses	$10,260	$10,000	$5,305
567	02-567	Building Alarm, Fire, Security, and Maintenance	$5,182	$5,000	$5,305
580	02-580	Utilities	$33,452	$35,000	$37,132
581	02-581	Building Repairs and Maintenance	$3,540	$4,000	$5,305
587	02-587	IT Contract	$52,277	$45,000	$53,045
590	02-590	Janitorial	$14,435	$13,000	$12,731
592	02-592	Website Social Media Contracts	$3,763	$1,000	$7,957
597	02-597	Police Building Lease	$72,977	$12,600	$83,977
		Total Building & District Expenses	**$195,886**	**$125,600**	**$210,757**
		Fleet Related Expenses			
561	02-561	Fleet Maintenance, Fuel, Toll, Transportation	$90,876	$75,000	$56,228
563	02-563	Vehicle Lease	$28,839	$16,000	$54,105
566	02-566	Radio Maintenance	$17,648	$10,000	$12,731
588	02-588	Police Fleet Cellular Contract	$10,456	$12,000	$10,609
		Total Fleet	**$147,819**	**$113,000**	**$133,673**
		Personnel Misc.			
553	02-553	Uniforms, Equipment, and Duty Gear	$16,634	$20,000	$20,600

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Police Department

Account #		PD			
Old	New	Account	FY 26 Actual Results	FY27 Proposed Approved Amendments	Ridgeline Projections
570	02-831	Training And Travel Expense	$24,187	$25,000	$31,827
572	02-572	Recruiting, Hiring & Background	$2,738	$1,500	$5,305
574	02-574	Reserve Program		$1,500	$3,183
598	02-835	Consulting - background/hiring/rec	$47,310	$50,000	$74,263
		Total Personnel Misc.	**$90,869**	**$98,000**	**$135,178**
		Professional Services & Liability			
591	02-850	Risk Management Insurance	$74,157	$80,000	$68,959
595	02-830	Legal	$9,070	$4,000	$15,914
	02-596	Lexipole		$4,500	
564	02-564	Cal-ID, ARIES, SunRidge, LEFTA	$182,993	$190,000	$180,353
		Total Prof. Services & Liability	**$266,221**	**$278,500**	**$265,226**
963	02-963	Patrol Car Accessories	$48,617	$40,000	
967	02-967	Station Equipment	$17,353	$15,000	
968	02-968	Office Furniture/Equipment			
982	02-982	Polce Building Capital Projects		$190,000	
		Total Expenses	**$3,549,392**	**$3,906,107**	**$3,678,989**
		Net Income	**($1,778,543)**	**($2,139,107)**	**($2,171,152)**

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Fire Department

New	Account (Fire)	FY 26 Actual Results	FY27 Proposed Approved Amendments	Ridgeline FY 27 Projections
	Revenue			
03-418	CERBT Disbursements	$52,459	$53,000	$58,985
03-450	Lease Agreement			
03-419	Other Revenue		$3,000	
03-452	Other Tax Income	$15,321	$0	
03-453	Investment Income	$142,340	$0	
03-402	Special Taxes	$210,842	$200,802	$201,000
	Total Revenue	**$420,963**	**$256,802**	**$259,985**
	Expenses			
	COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES			
03-569	Emergency Preparedness	$5,979	$6,000	$15,355
03-906	Hazardous Vegetation Removal Grant	$39,410	$80,000	
03-908	Public Education	$16,609	$16,000	$15,914
03-905	KEEP Grant		$15,000	$10,609
	Total Expenses	**$61,998**	**$117,000**	**$41,878**
	DISTRICT ACTIVITIES			
	Building Activities			
01-567	Building Alarm, Fire, Security, and Main	$7,562	$16,000	$1,591
01-644	Landscaping	$2,380	$5,000	$2,546
01-590	Janitorial Service	$208	$1,000	$2,546
03-590	Janitorial (Med Waste Disposal)	$4,905	$5,000	$2,334
01-567	Miscellaneous Maint.	($5,808)	$0	$5,305
	Total Building Activities	**$9,247**	**$27,000**	**$14,322**
03-553	Uniforms, Equipment, and Duty Gear	$1,432	$4,000	$1,591
03-898	Other Expenses	$125	$5,000	$5,305
03-576	Subscriptions/Memberships	$7,914	$5,000	
03-580	Utilities (Telephone & PG&E)	$50,009	$52,500	$14,397
	Total Office	**$59,480**	**$66,500**	**$21,293**
	OUTSIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES			
01-840	Accounting	$20,215	$0	
03-1009	Actuarial Valuation	$9,500	$6,000	$4,800
01-898	Bank Fee	$165	$0	
03-1010	El Cerrito Contract Fee	$4,480,522	$4,923,081	$4,715,923
03-1011	El Cerrito Reconciliation(s)	$58,313	$127,638	$80,000
03-837	Emergency prep coordinator	$113,468	$110,000	

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Fire Department

New	Fire Account	FY 26 Actual Results	FY27 Proposed Approved Amendments	Ridgeline FY 27 Projections
03-1012	Fire Abatement Contract	$0	$0	$5,788
03-1015	Fire Engineer Plan Review	$2,855	$3,000	$3,183
01-830	Legal Fees	$34,248	$0	
01-850	Risk Management Insurance	$16,856	$34,000	
03-1016	Wildland Vegetation Mgmt	($4,234)	$4,500	$4,371
	Total OUTSIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	**$4,731,908**	**$5,208,219**	**$4,814,065**
	RETIREE MEDICAL BENEFITS			
03-521R	Medical/Vision/Dental (Retired)	$43,304	$53,000	$58,986
	Total RETIREE MEDICAL BENEFITS	**$47,577**	**$53,000**	**$58,986**
03-967	Station Equipment		$40,000	
	Total Expenses	**$4,900,963**	**$5,511,719**	**$4,950,544**
	Net Income	**($4,480,000)**	**($5,254,917)**	**($4,690,559)**

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Parks

Account # Old	New	Parks Revenue	FY 26 Actual Results	FY 27 Approved Budget	Ridgeline FY27 Projections
424	04-402	Special Tax-Landcape and Learning Parks	$47,026	$50,000	$49,862
427	04-427	Community Center Revenue	$53,716	$40,000	$31,827
438	04-438	Tennis Court Revenue	$1,666	$1,500	$2,122
439	04-419	Other Misc. Revenue	$1,321	$0	
		TOTAL REVENUE	**$103,730**	**$91,500**	**$83,811**
471	04-470	KCC Annual Fees	$30,497	$31,000	$30,766
		Total Revenue	**$134,227**	**$122,500**	**$114,577**
		EXPENSES			
		Salaries and Benefits			
601&602	04-807	Salaries	$59,751	$73,548	$66,194
623	04-808	Payroll Taxes	$4,545	$5,626	$5,064
		Total Salaries & Benefits	**$64,296**	**$79,174**	**$71,258**
		Operations & Admin Expenses			
640	04-640	**Parks Expenses**			
641	04-641	General Maintenance	$19,294	$20,000	$26,523
642	04-580	Utilities	$27,196	$30,000	$26,523
643	04-590	Janitorial Supplies	$2,075	$2,500	$2,652
644	04-644	Landscaping	$38,620	$45,000	$36,071
645	04-851	Workers Compensation	$2,000	$5,600	$3,183
646&699	04-581	Community Center Maintenance & Repairs	$6,701	$7,500	$4,244
647	04-830	Legal	$1,067	$1,000	$5,305
647	04-835	Consulting		$5,000	
649	04-649	Interest Expense			
		Total Park Expenses	**$96,954**	**$116,600**	**$104,501**
		Other Park expenses			
699	04-699	Community Center Expenses - Other			
657	04-850	Risk Management Insurance	$15,000	$18,000	$15,914
658	04-658	Levy Administration	$8,893	$11,300	$7,957
659	04-898	Other Expenses	$11,186	$10,000	$1,061
674	04-674	Parks Maintenance and Repair	$211	$1,000	$1,061
		Total Other expenses	**$35,290**	**$40,300**	**$25,993**
		TOTAL EXPENSE	**$196,539**	**$236,074**	**$201,752**
		NET REVENUE / (EXPENSE)	**($62,313)**	**($113,574)**	**($87,175)**
		Capital Outlay			
		Capital Income			
		PATH Dedicated Capital Revenue	$35,000	$35,000	

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Parks

Account #		Parks	FY 26 Actual Results	FY 27 Approved Budget	Ridgeline FY27 Projections
Old	**New**	**Revenue**			
470	04-471	KCC Reserves	$60,000	$0	$30,000
		Total capital income	**$95,000**	**$35,000**	**$30,000**
		Capital expenses			
972	04-972	Park Capital Improvement	$119,748	$120,000	$30,000
978	04-968	Park Furniture and Equipment		$0	
	04-976	PATHS Capital Expense	$57,495	$65,000	
974	04-974	Other Park Improvements			
975	04-975	Community Center Loan Repayment	$30,517	$30,500	$30,517
		Total capital expenses	**$207,760**	**$215,500**	**$60,517**
		Net Income	**($175,072)**	**($294,074)**	**($117,692)**

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Waste Management

Account #		WM	FY 26 Actual Results	FY 27 Approved Budget	Ridgeline Projections
Old	New	Account			
		Revenue			
448	05-448	Franchise Fees	$127,948	$120,000	$127,308
461	05-461	Waste Removal Franchise Fee		$0	
481	05-422	Grant Revenue		$0	
455	05-456	Interest		$0	
		TOTAL REVENUE	**$127,948**	**$120,000**	**$127,308**
		EXPENSES			
		Operations & Admin Expenses			
751	05-751	Waste Removal Franchise Fee Expense	$54,792	$51,000	$54,106
752	05-752	Waste Management Program Admin	$23,802	$30,700	$31,767
753	05-898	Other Expenses	$700	$2,500	$5,305
754	05-830	Legal		$2,500	
754	05-835	Consulting		$10,000	
799	05-799	Waste Management grant expenses	$11,861	$2,500	
		Total Operations & Admin Expenses	**$91,155**	**$99,200**	**$91,178**
		Net Revenue/ (Expense)	**$36,793**	**$20,800**	**$36,130**