



KENSINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

DATE: November 09, 2022

TO: Board of Directors
Kensington Fire Protection District

RE: **PSB and Temp Facilities Construction Update**

SUBMITTED BY: Bill Hansell, General Manager

Recommended Action

Discuss and direct staff as needed.

Background Info

The move to the temporary Fire Station 65 occurred during the week of 10/10/2022 and the station was operational on 10/17/2022. Some final punch-list work is still ongoing, including cable and fiber connections, minor repairs to the modular, finish weather sealing at the base of the carport, gutters, and other sitework improvements, but overall, the station is operating well.

On Thursday, 10/20/2022, a Groundbreaking Ceremony was held in front of the Public Safety Building. Both the El Cerrito-Kensington Fire Department and the Kensington Police Department participated in the proceedings which began with comments by President Nagel, and was followed by lowering of the flags jointly by Firefighter Joel Ferreira-Clifton and Police Lieutenant Brad Harms. President Nagel and Director Dommer then broke ground to officially begin the project. The ceremony was attended by El Cerrito Mayor Gabe Quinto, El Cerrito City Manager Karen Pinkos, KPPCSD Vice-President Mike Logan, Kensington Police Chief Mike Gancasz, the MarJang architecture team, Mack5 construction managers, and members of the public. The audience was then invited to an open house at the new temporary fire station on Craft Avenue. Photos from the event are included below.

The General Contractor, CWS Construction Group Inc., mobilized the Public Safety Building Seismic Renovation Project on 10/17/2022 and begin demolition preparations. A hazardous materials company was engaged to test numerous material samples from the building. The samples were sent to a lab, which identified materials that must be removed by a separate hazmat contractor. The abatement list includes:

Materials with detectable asbestos content:

- *Joint Compound on untextured partition wallboard system throughout building*
- *Light brown adhesive on 4-inch gray cove base*
- *Yellow adhesive on FRP panels*
- *Joint compound on untextured core area wallboard (Restrooms, Laundry Rm., IT/Electrical/Gym Rm)*
- *Joint Compound/Texture on textured wallboard system*
- *Joint Compound on textured perimeter wallboard system throughout building*

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Materials with detectable lead content:

- *4-inch white ceramic tile in restrooms*

Abatement is scheduled to start on 11/14/2022 and take approximately one week. In the meantime, site demolition activity has been focused on the removal of items such as doors, trim, shelving, accessories, etc. Some photos of the initial work are attached.

As part of the prep and mobilization work, the GC has been issuing Requests for Information (RFIs) and our Construction Manager, Grace Seferian with Mack5, has been coordinating responses from our architects and engineers. While the hazmat removal has its own schedule, the overall project is proceeding as planned. The Finance Transmittal in the Board Packet includes the first month's construction payment to CWS for the PSB, and the majority of the final balance payment to OBS for the Temp Fire Station.

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10/20/2022 Temporary Station 65 Open House



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