Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District
10940 San Pablo Avenue
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KENSINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
217 Arlington Avenue
Kensington, CA 94707

DATE: August 12, 2025 Agenda Item 02

TO: Board of Directors

RE: Introduction of General Counsel with Best Best And Krieger

SUBMITTED BY: David Aranda, KPPCSD Interim General Manager

Recommended Action
This item is provided to allow the boards the opportunity to meet and greet Joshua Nelson.

Background
The Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District has a contractual arrangement with Best Best & Krieger and over the past two years has had Ann Siprelle as General Counsel. There are no retainer fees, and the district is billed based on actual hours that BB&K works performing legal services for the District.

Ann has retired and the District has had Joshua Nelson replacing Ann as the District's General Counsel. Board President Spath and I were introduced to Joshua, and I am very comfortable with his background in serving special districts. Joshua can provide that information tonight, as he will be on zoom to meet all the board members present.

It is very important to recognize that BB&K can provide attorneys that specialize in the various needs that a Community Services District may have. I have used a specialist at BB&K in police work, contracts, solid waste, franchise fees, real estate, human resources and, most importantly, CalPERS issues.

I would like all board members to understand that the District has been the subject of a CalPERS audit for over one year now and the specialist that works at BB&K, Isabel Safie, is the premier CalPERS attorney. She only takes clients that have BB&K as their General Counsel. It may be advantageous at a regular meeting for the entire board of directors to meet in closed session to discuss the CalPERS audit in more detail.

Fiscal Impact
Not applicable.