



## KENSINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

**DATE:** May 12, 2021

**TO:** Board of Directors  
Kensington Fire Protection District

**RE:** **Agenda Item 4a**  
Public Safety Building Renovation - Progress Update

**SUBMITTED BY:** Bill Hansell, General Manager

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### Recommended Action

Accept Report. Discuss and Direct Staff as needed.

### Background

In accordance with the staff direction approved at the April 14, 2021 Board of Directors meeting, RFPs have been issued for architectural and engineering services with a due date of Friday, June 4, 2021. I have also requested proposals from as-built services companies to laser-measure the building in order to supply accurate CAD backgrounds (plans, sections, and elevations) that will be necessary for the design work to proceed.

The attached “*Kensington Public Safety Building Renovation: Questions and Answers*” fact sheet was created in response to Directors’ requests for a communication document that will clarify the current status of the project and substantiate the Board’s recent determinations.

Finally, I had an extensive conversation with Jason Lee from IDA Structural Engineers regarding the September 5, 2019 report titled “*Conceptual Retrofit Design Based on ASCE 41-17 Tier 1 and 2 Seismic Evaluation*”. We reviewed the details of the “*Basic Performance Objective for Existing Buildings*” (BPOE) and how it was applied to the PSB analysis described in the report. Mr. Lee confirmed that the recommendations in his report will substantially improve the resistance of the building to seismic damage. The specific target of structural performance will be determined during the actual design process based upon the standards referred to in the report, the current building code, and cost v. benefit analyses of whether even higher standards are feasible. Mr. Lee was clear that a completely new building, designed to the greatest levels of compliance for a Risk Category IV building, would be the ideal solution, but given the constraints of the Alquist-Priolo Act that is not achievable in a renovation project. That said, he reiterated that the PSB will be far safer if the recommended work is undertaken.

### Fiscal Impact

Not determined at this time.