



## KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

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MIKE NAVARRE  
BOROUGH MAYOR

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Gary Knopp, Assembly President  
Members of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

**THRU:** Mike Navarre, Mayor *P.O. for M.N.*  
Eric Mohrmann, Emergency Management Director *EM*  
John Mohorcich, River Center Director  
Brenda Ahlberg, Community & Fiscal Projects Manager *B.A.*

**FROM:** Dan Mahalak, Water Resource Manager *DM*

**DATE:** March 1, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Ordinance 2011-19- 81, an ordinance accepting and appropriating a grant in the amount of \$230,220 from the State of Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to complete a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Annex in the Seward Bear Creek Flood Service Area

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The Seward Bear Creek Flood Service Area (SBCFSA) was established as a service area in 2003. The SBCFSA board completed a local flood hazard mitigation plan (FHMP) in July 2005, which was updated in 2007 and 2010. Mitigation efforts to date in the SBCFSA have focused primarily on debris removal from rivers and streams on an as-needed and emergency basis. However, an annex that identifies and prioritizes mitigation projects in the service area should be completed and added to the 2010 FHMP. Therefore, the borough applied for funds through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to complete such an annex, and award notification was recently received from the Alaska Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management.

The proposed annex will follow a framework to be completed by a consulting firm. After acquiring and compiling the necessary data, a baseline flood risk assessment for SBCFSA will be performed. Future conditions, hazard identification and risk assessment will lead to the development and evaluation of adaptation options to be presented through a series of public meetings. The final annex will serve as: (1) a revision to the local Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan; (2) an addendum to the Kenai Peninsula Borough All Hazard Mitigation Plan; and (3) a prioritization summary of mitigation projects to be completed within the SBCFSA.

In closing, the consultant will be expected to work with the project manager and provide written progress reports and public presentations to SBCFSA board of directors and area residents.

Additionally, the consultant will present the final annex to the borough assembly for adoption consideration into the KPB All Hazard Mitigation Plan.

At a special board meeting held February 23, 2012, the service area board failed to pass a motion recommending acceptance of the grant. The vote was three in favor and one against and a minimum of four affirmative votes is required to pass a motion. The board chair is expected to provide additional information and the board may consider this again. The project performance period ends February 2013; however, a request extending the performance period will be submitted to the granting agency, allowing the final annex to be completed. Dan Mahalak, the borough's Water Resource Manager, shall provide grant oversight and project completion.

Attachments: award notification

FINANCE DEPARTMENT	
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Acct. No.	<u>211.21212.18432.49999</u>
Amount	<u>N/A</u>
By:	<u>C/BW</u> Date: <u>3/1/12</u>
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