



DATE: July 31, 2013

TO: Randy Wanamaker, Chair
Public Works and Facilities Committee

FROM: John Bohan, Chief CIP Engineer

RE: Last Chance Basin Well Field ADEC Grant Application Resolution of Support

Staff is working on investigations and a design for improving the capacity of the Last Chance Basin (LCB) Well Fields and is in the process of applying for Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) grant monies. In this statewide program, ADEC scores and ranks projects, giving more favorable scores for a variety of reasons (plans completed, local funds in place, improvement to public health, etc).

Projects can obtain additional points if the local governing body passes a resolution stating that the project is the community's first priority project (not just highest water or sewer priority) for the current fiscal year.

The LCB well field is diminishing in production capacity. As a result, there have been times when the water available to cruise ships has been reduced to a limited amount or no water at times to protect the wells in LCB from damage due to running all the time. This grant request represents a portion of the funding for the initial phase of a project to improve production capacity of the LCB wells.

Staff recommends that the Committee forward this resolution to the full Assembly for approval.