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## **Buckland Meeting Notes November 9, 2010 Meeting Denali Commission**

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Sharon Lind opened the meeting introducing and welcoming those in attendance by phone. There was difficulty getting the City of Buckland on line and the meeting started a few minutes late while the conference call was set up. Sharon turned the meeting over to Debra Addie from VSW for an update.

**Update from Debra Addie - VSW** – Debra provided the following report to the group and highlighted key items:

**Buckland Water and Sewer Project**  
**VSW Monthly Report November 8, 2010**

**Brief report**

Debra Addie and Chris Allard (SCS) made a site visit on October 28, 2010, and met with the city council to discuss a revised schedule. Dave Cramer, principal of SCS, attended by phone. Completion of the 2010 scope items will occur in 2011. A revised schedule was presented.

Recently, safety concerns regarding the equipment in the existing water tank have been raised. VSW recommends modifying this plant to remove the detention tubes which are not properly braced. ADEC Drinking Water Program concurs with these changes. Additional upgrades to the existing plant are being developed by VSW and EDC Engineers.

A Tag-up meeting (via phone) was held on 11/5/10 with Debra Addie, Tim Gavin and Darlene Hadley. We discussed the issues with the detention tubes. Tim asked that before removing the tubes, the water be tested to confirm that the treatment process works properly without the tubes. The vessels formerly used as contact clarifiers may be used for detention time.

The other topic discussed during the tag-up meeting was timeliness of daily reports for the field superintendent. This matter will be discussed with the superintendent and Dave Cramer on the next site visit.

A meeting is planned with VSW and SCS in Buckland on Thursday, November 11. Dave Cramer will attend and discuss the project schedule with the community.

New Grant offer for \$2,147,521 was sent to Buckland on November 5, 2010, to fund completion of the water plant and other work. At the time the grant was prepared, the city was not meeting RUBA essential indicators. Once the city approves this grant, funds construction funds will be released for the balance of the 2010 season. RUBA Indicators will be checked in January 2011 prior to releasing 2011 construction funds.

### Project Schedule as of November 2010

Year	Scope	Comments
2010	<p>Complete downtown lift station</p> <p>Complete raw waterline</p> <p>Construct project camp</p> <p>Construct water plant including equipment for water distribution</p> <p>Water and sewer mains and service lines to first group of services (12 homes, city office, clinic, store, old clinic, new camp).</p> <p>Start-up first group of homes</p>	<p>Funding in place.</p> <p>Work under contract.</p> <p><b>Scope will be completed in early 2011.</b></p>
2011	<p>Construct treatment equipment in plant</p> <p>Water and sewer service to Downtown area.</p> <p>House plumbing for 30 to 50 homes</p>	<p>Funding in place for mains and service. Partial funding for house plumbing.</p> <p>19 BIA Easements needed by January 1, 2011, in order to extend mains to downtown area. Otherwise, project will be limited to Lower End of Airport Road, approximately 10 homes.</p> <p><b>Utility ordinance needed by January 1, 2011. RUBA Indicators will be verified prior to releasing construction funds.</b></p> <p>Contract amendment needed.</p>
2012	<p>Construct water storage tank</p> <p>Complete house plumbing downtown</p> <p>Midtown mains, service lines, and lift station.</p>	<p>Anticipate funding to WST in June 2011 from ANTHC-SDS.</p> <p>Funding needed for Mid-town and uptown mains, service lines, lift stations, house plumbing. VSW three-year-list funding is anticipated in 2012 for this project.</p> <p>Contract amendment needed.</p>

## **Discussion items during the meeting as follows:**

- Debra Addie from VSW went over her report and highlighted an upcoming visit to Buckland on November 11, 2010.
- Safety concerns in the existing water plant were discussed. Darlene from the City of Buckland asked about the faulty pipes that needed bracing in the water plant. Debra explained to the group that the current building was not designed or intended for bracing pipes and stated that this would affect water treatment equipment. Debra stated that the situation needed to be evaluated.
- Debra went on to discuss the new \$2.1M grant that was forwarded to Tim at the City of Buckland. Debra stated the purpose of these dollars – namely the water treatment plant.
- Debra reiterated to the City of Buckland that they must meet RUBA requirements and it must be verified in January that the community in Buckland is meeting these requirements. Debra also communicated to the group that a utility ordinance was required. Sharon Lind stated she would be adding the utility ordinance item to the next agenda so that this item did not get missed.
- Dave Williams from the Corps of Engineers that one item was pending before the Water Intake Project could go out on the street for bid. Dave stated that he had the City Resolution and he knew a checklist for this project was signed off on and forwarded to headquarters for approval. Dave reported the need for an amendment signing after this took place. He also reported he expected the checklist returned from headquarters in January after which it will go to Buckland for signature. After all completed RFP will be issued. Dave reported that construction could start next spring on the water intake.
- The City reported that the council needed to put the utility ordinance in the bylaws at which time the school district contract for water could be completed. Darlene reported this would take place at the next meeting. Again it was discussed that this would be discussed on the next agenda.
- The City said that Maniiliq reported that the 19 easements were at BIA and should be done by January as planned. It was suggested that the City follow up with BIA before the next meeting to ensure this was/is completed by January as needed.
- Percy from the City stated he had a meeting with NANA on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and would be discussing the management of gravel. Percy asked if there were any other issues he should bring to the table at this meeting. No further input was provided but it was suggested that should anything come up it be given to Percy for this meeting.
- Glenna from the City brought up the BIA providers conference and her attendance at this meeting.
- The meeting closed and Sharon thanked everyone for participating.

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