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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dale Bagley, Assembly President
Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members

FROM: Stan Welles, Assembly Member
Kelly Wolf, co-sponsor

DATE: May 7, 2015

RE: Amendment to Budget Ordinance 2015-19 to Add Funding for a K-Beach Area High-Water Relief and Prevention Feasibility Study

I am very concerned about the high water and flooding problems experienced in the Kalifornsky Beach ("K-Beach") Road area. In my opinion, the Kenai Peninsula Borough is maintaining roads in that area, which appear to act as dams and contribute to the drainage problems. Additionally, in my view a number of roadside ditches do not seem to be providing adequate drainage. This high water has damaged private property and threatened groundwater quality and public health across a wide area from improperly treated septic system discharges.

The affected area includes the area formed by Kalifornsky Beach Road to the north, east, west, and Rustic Avenue with its projection from east Kalifornsky Beach Road westward to intercept west Kalifornsky Beach Road.

On January 26, 2015, the K-Beach High-Water Task Force, a group of private citizens trying to find solutions to the high-water problems in that area, approved a High-Water Relief and Prevention Feasibility Study. According to their web page, it would "[i]dentify, evaluate, and rank potential remedies to the high water and flooding, evaluate costs of the most feasible alternatives; and provide recommendations for further action." Following is their approved scope of work:

1.	Review existing records	\$	15,000
2.	Perform reconnaissance investigations	\$	15,000
3.	Develop objectives and criteria	\$	8,000
4.	Develop alternatives for addressing flooding problems	\$	30,000
5.	Evaluate and rank the alternatives	\$	30,000
6.	Provide a cost estimate for each alternative	\$	24,000
7.	Provide recommendations for prioritization and implementation of alternatives	\$	7,000

8.	Prepare project reports and make public presentations	\$	50,000
9.	Project management	\$	17,900
SUB-TOTAL		\$	196,900
10.	Contracting administration (10 percent)	\$	19,690
11.	Contingency (20 percent)	\$	43,318
TOTAL		\$	259,908

I would like the borough to fund this study and think this budget is likely to be insufficient to cover all costs. If the additional funds are not spent, they will lapse to the general fund. Therefore, I will make the following motion:

- I move to amend the FY 2016 budget to appropriate \$300,000 from the General Fund fund balance to account # 100.94910.KPCHF.43011.

Thank you for your consideration.

SINCERELY,

Stanley W. Wells