

Kenai Peninsula Borough  
Seward-Bear Creek Flood Service Area

MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Peter Ribbens, Assembly President  
Members, KPB Assembly

**THRU:** Peter A. Micciche, Mayor *PM*  
Brandi Harbaugh, Finance Director *BT*  
John Hedges, Purchasing & Contracting Director *JH*

**FROM:** Nick Chapman, SBCFSA Program Manager *NC*

**DATE:** February 13, 2025

**RE:** Ordinance 2024-19 - 30, Appropriating Additional Funds from the Seward Bear Creek Flood Service Area Fund Balance for the Kwechak Creek Drainage Sediment Extraction Project (Mayor)

The mission of the Seward Bear Creek Flood Service Area (SBCFSA) is to provide flood planning, protection, and mitigation services in coordination with appropriate agencies to reduce the risk of flood damage to private and public property through addressing issues that best reflect a fair use of the tax levy for watershed wide benefit.

On an annual basis the SBCFSA executes a number of maintenance and improvement projects to fulfill their mission. The Salmon Creek drainage is a major contributor to the risk of flood damage for the Service Area. The upper portion of the Salmon Creek drainage, locally known as the Kwechak, is in need of a major project to place engineering controls and reestablish the stream channel. The project removes 93,295 CUs of material and will bring this section of Kwechak Creek to the design specifications that the Service Area has adopted, and is the last project in a multi-phase push to make the Salmon Creek drainage less susceptible to smaller weather events and easier to routinely maintain.

The Service Area currently has \$100,000 in its FY25 operational budget that would be obligated to this project along with the remaining \$450,000 coming from the fund balance for a total project budget of \$550,000.

At its meeting on February 3, 2025, the Seward Bear Creek Flood Service Area Board recommended approval of the project of up to \$550,000.

Your consideration is appreciated.

| FINANCE DEPARTMENT<br>FUNDS/ACCOUNT VERIFIED |                        |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Account:                                     | <u>259.21212.43011</u> |
| Amount:                                      | <u>\$100,000</u>       |
| Account:                                     | <u>259.27910</u>       |
| Amount:                                      | <u>\$450,0000</u>      |
| By:                                          | <u><i>NC</i></u>       |
| Date:                                        | <u>2/11/2025</u>       |