

E. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Planning Commission Resolution 2022-13: A resolution recommending adoption of the updated 2022 Kenai Peninsula Borough Community Wildfire Protection Plan**

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
RESOLUTION 2022-13**

**A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF THE UPDATED 2022 KENAI
PENINSULA BOROUGH COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough is vulnerable to damages from wildfire events which pose a threat to wildlife habitat, public health and safety and could result in property loss or economic hardship; and

WHEREAS, the KPB Community Wildfire Protection Plan (“Plan”) encompasses all lands and serves two audiences: 1) it provides recommended projects designed to greatly reduce wildfire risk to residents, ensuring that communities live safely in this fire prone environment; and 2) it provides guidance to fire and emergency managers, as well as agencies who manage large land holdings; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Plan is aligned with the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy and the 2018 All Lands All Hands Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, this project was funded in part by the Borough, Alaska Division of Forestry and Department of Natural Resources pursuant to USDA Forest Service Award No. 2018-DG-110106-810; and

WHEREAS, the Anchor Point Advisory Planning Commission at its regular scheduled meeting of March 17, 2022 recommended _____; and

WHEREAS, the Cooper Land Advisory Planning Commission at its regular scheduled meeting of March 16, 2022 recommended _____; and

WHEREAS, the Funny River Advisory Planning Commission at its regular scheduled meeting of March 17, 2022 recommended _____; and

WHEREAS, the Hope Advisory Planning Commission at its regular scheduled meeting of March 16, 2022 recommended _____; and

WHEREAS, the Kachemak Bay Advisory Planning Commission at its regular scheduled meeting of March 17, 2022 recommended _____; and

WHEREAS, the Kalifornsky Advisory Planning Commission at its regular scheduled meeting of March 16, 2022 recommended _____; and

WHEREAS, the Moose Pass Advisory Planning Commission at its regular scheduled meeting of March 17, 2022 recommended _____; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Planning Commission to pass this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. The Planning Commission recommends adoption of the document entitled 2022 Kenai Peninsula Borough Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

SECTION 2. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its enactment.

ADOPTED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS ____ DAY OF _____ 2022.

Robert Ruffner, Chairperson
Planning Commission

ATTEST:

Ann Shirnberg, Administrative Assistant

Kenai Peninsula Borough

Office of Emergency Management

MEMORANDUM

TO: Anchor Point Advisory Planning Commission
Cooper Landing Advisory Planning Commission
Funny River Advisory Planning Commission
Hope Advisory Planning Commission
Kachemak Bay Advisory Planning Commission
Kalifornsky Advisory Planning Commission
Moose Pass Advisory Planning Commission

THRU: Melanie Aeschliman, Planning Director *MA*
Samantha Lopez, Senior Manager *SL*

FROM: Brenda Ahlberg, Emergency Manager *BH*

DATE: 02/15/2022

RE: Motion Recommending Adoption of the Updated 2022 Kenai Peninsula Borough Community Wildfire Protection Plan

The 2022 Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) update combines the former 17 plans developed in 2006 through 2009 and encompasses all lands, including unincorporated areas, municipalities and private land holdings as wildfire knows no boundaries across the landscape.

The CWPP project was driven a dedicated core team made of local, state, federal agencies as well as non-government agencies and residents. The team was tasked with decision making, data sharing, experience and communication with the communities. The core team conducted five meetings in addition to regular emails or conference calls. The project was broadly promoted throughout the borough, including public venues, comprehensive meetings with individual fire departments, Tribal entities, and critical infrastructure utilities and transportation agencies. The core team participated in a six-week review period to review the working draft. The Planning Commission was asked to participate in this review at the January 24, 2022 commission meeting.

Your consideration is greatly appreciated. The advisory planning commissions have been asked to review and to provide comments. This memo respectfully asks the advisory planning commissions to provide a motion supporting the 2022 Kenai Peninsula Borough Community Wildfire Protection Plan. The commissions' recommendations will be reflected in the March 21, 2022 Planning Commission resolution. An ordinance to adopt the plan by the Assembly is scheduled for public hearing April 5, 2022.