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MEMORANDUM

TO: Pete Sprague, Assembly President
Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members

THRU: *DM Carey* David R. Carey, Borough Mayor

FROM: *sm* Eric Mohrmann, Emergency Manager
MB Max Best, Planning Director

DATE: May 27, 2010

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2010- 26, Adopting the 2010 update to the Kenai Peninsula
Borough All-Hazard Mitigation Plan

In October 2004, the Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB) enacted Ordinance 2004-33, adopting a borough-wide multi-jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan (Plan). This Plan was subsequently approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on August 17, 2005, and will expire on August 17, 2010. The KPB must have a FEMA-approved plan in place to be eligible for certain types of hazard mitigation funding. An update of the Plan has now been completed and will be submitted to FEMA for approval following assembly adoption.

The purpose of this hazard mitigation planning effort is twofold: first, as a viable tool for reducing community vulnerability to disaster loss and damage; and second, as a prerequisite for receiving certain types of future federal and state hazard mitigation funding.

To fulfill the multi-jurisdictional aspects of the Plan, the KPB cooperated and coordinated this update with the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, the Cities of Homer, Kachemak, Kenai, Seward, Soldotna, and Seldovia, the All Lands/All Hands Interagency Wildfire Mitigation group, and the Seward/Bear Creek Flood Service Area board. Additionally, as required by FEMA, a public participation process was carried out that included published public notices, meetings with advisory planning groups, email, mail, and phone outreach to stakeholders, and establishment of an informational online website, which included an interactive public hazard survey.

Five of the cities have completed draft plans, which are included in the KPB Plan as Annexes. Each city will formally adopt and work with FEMA on approval of their plans. An Annex has been reserved for the City of Seldovia, which anticipates completion of its plan in the fall of 2010.

The Interagency All Lands/All Hands Action Plan (AL/AH), which was also adopted by KPB Ordinance 2004-33, is once again included in the Plan as the wildfire hazard mitigation section (see Annex H). Although the AL/AH is a part of the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan, it is implemented through the interagency agreements specifically spelled out in the AL/AH document. As provided in KPB 2.80.020, the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan shall be implemented by a steering committee, coordinated through the office of the Borough Mayor, composed of KPB Department heads, or their designees. Pursuant to KPB 2.80.010, the KPB assembly will be advised of any required administrative changes to the plan.

The Plan is available for review at the borough clerk's office and also on the Internet through the borough clerk's and planning department's pages, both of which can be reached from www.borough.kenai.ak.us.