

MERTARVIK RELOCATION PROJECT

Status Report for Steering Committee

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- 1) Primary focus has been on developing a spending plan, budget and grant management system for the relocation project; developing a schedule for the overall project; assisting NVC and agencies with securing funding for housing, MEC, travel and equipment; getting the MEC purchased helping NVC and HUD with the completion of the HUD EA; completing a gap analysis for the environmental work completed to date; identifying planning needs; and overseeing Goldstream Engineering's work on the roads portion of the project.
- 2) Roads and Quarry Development:
 - a) Route selected by NVC for road from town site to quarry.
 - b) The USACE Section 404 permit has been extended.
 - c) Funding is available for this portion of the project. DOWL proposes to use the entire SOA GO Bond for this project first. The SOA GO Bond is \$4.1 million and can be used for the MEC and Quarry Access Road. The Community Streets portion of the project and any other roads will need to be funding by the BIA Transportation \$.
 - d) The following preliminary schedule has been developed:
 - January 27, 2017 Road Design Complete
 - December 1, 2016 – April 1, 2017 Equipment, Freight and Material Procurement
 - April 28, 2017 Barge Departs Seattle
 - May 15, 2016 Barge Departs Anchorage
 - June 1, 2017 First Barge Landing in Mertarvik
- 3) Housing
 - a) Housing meeting on 9/2/2016. Meeting notes are attached.
 - b) Assisted BIA with preparing for the NVC/BIA Housing Meeting 9/26/16. DOWL assisted NVC with securing money for travel, and helped BIA with the agenda and communications to State and Federal partners.
 - c) Assisted NVC with completing required contract paperwork for the AVCP and BIA funding.
- 4) Mertarvik Evacuation Center (MEC)
 - a) Secured funding to cover the foundation for the MEC. CCHRC will be covering the foundation this fall.
 - b) Met with USACE Project Manager Dave Williams to discuss restarting the project; prepared credit request for the section 116 agreement per Dave Williams's request; set up meeting with the USACE Commander Randy Bowker to discuss NVC's request and the overall

schedule/urgency of the project. The meeting is set for Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 2pm at the Districts office.

5) Environmental

- a) HUD issued the EA for the town site. This is a major win that will allow funding and work to occur for the housing scope of the project.
- b) USACE 404 Wetlands permit reauthorized until 2021. Existing permit lapsed but through efforts by Goldstream and DOWL a renewal was issued with minor effort.
- c) Gap analysis prepared (see attached).

6) Planning

- a) DOWL's Planning Department has identified key steps needed to update the community plan and complete any planning work needed to make sure construction can begin FY17. DOWL understands that there are several agencies working on planning activities and suggest that a small focused planning group be assembled with key people that are working on planning activities for FY17.
- b) Key agencies working on planning activates that need to meet include SOA, ANTHC, Goldstream Engineering, Denali Commission and DOWL.

7) Skiff Purchase

- a) Assisted NVC/BIA/SOA with funding for the skiff purchase and shipping costs. The skiff was shipped to NVC. NVC is working to close the grant for this project.

8) Financial

- a) NVC is currently experiencing a cash flow problem that is affecting its ability to pay contractors. Of primary concern right now is payment to CCHRC for the demonstration house. Local Coordinator working to determine funding sources for the house and securing the funds so payment may be made.
- b) NVC attorney is preparing an RFP for procurement of Financial & Accounting Services to assist NVC with establishing appropriate grant account funds, payment of vendors and contractors, providing grant reporting, and general assistance to the community in the management of their finances.
- c) DOWL and BIA visited Newtok the week of 9/6 to determine the level of assistance required and recommend best course of action. A recommendation memo is attached.

9) General