



AGENDA

Newtok Planning Group Quarterly Meeting

Friday, March 29, 2024 / 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

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- I. **Blessing** (1:30 pm/5 min)
- II. **Welcome/Review of Agenda** (1:35 pm/5 min)
- III. **Introductions** (1:40 pm/20 min)
- IV. **Community Update:** Christina Waska, Newtok Relocation Coordinator (2:00 pm/20 minutes)
- V. **Introduction to Newtok Village Council's Relocation Project Manager:** Tracy McKeon, RESPEC (2:20 p.m./ 5 minutes)
- VI. **Agency Project Updates + Critical Issues Discussion** (2:25/1 hour, 45 minutes)
 - A. **Power Distribution**
 1. **Power outages:** Dillon Willis, Rob Tingstrom, Northern Generation and Power (2:25 p.m. /10 minutes)
 2. **Fiscal impacts of funding power plants at two communities:** Stefani Dalrymple, Yukon Accounting; Grant Todd, CPA, Altman, Rogers & Co. (2:35 p.m. /10 minutes)
 - B. **FEMA to Tribe Direct Awards from Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program:** Molly Parkan, Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) - Alaska Tribal Section Chief, FEMA Region 10 (2:45 p.m. /10 minutes)
 1. **2020 Resilient Water Systems**
 2. **2020 Resilient Home Mitigation**
 3. **2021 Resilient Power Distribution Mitigation Newtok to Mertarvik Relocation**
 4. **2021 Resilient Washeteria Mitigation Newtok to Mertarvik Relocation**
 5. **2021 Resilient Home Mitigation Newtok to Mertarvik Relocation**
 - C. **Newtok and Mertarvik Schools:** Kim Sweet, Director of Operations, Lower Kuskokwim School District (2:55 p.m./15 minutes)
 1. **School Closure/Demolition**
 2. **Mertarvik School Schedule**
 3. **School construction impact on existing infrastructure**
 4. **Critical issues and solutions moving forward:** group discussion

- D. **Mertarvik and Newtok Airports:** Ben White, Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (3:10 p.m./ 10 minutes)
 - 1. **Status of Mertarvik Airport**
 - 2. **Future of Newtok Airport**
- E. **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program 36-Home Acquisition Project:** Garrett Brooks, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (3:20 p.m./ 10 minutes)
 - 1. **Project scope, schedule**
 - 2. **Need for replacement homes for homeowners.**
- F. **Water/Sewer Distribution System:** Ryan Beckett, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (3:30 p.m./ 10 minutes)
- F. **Housing:** Group discussion (3:40 p.m./15 minutes)
 - 1. **No plans for construction season 2024. 2025? Temporary housing?**
 - 2. **Housing pads**
 - 3. **Critical issues and solutions moving forward** (group discussion)
- G. **Voluntary Community-Driven Relocation Demonstration Project Updates:** Jennifer Robinette, Bureau of Indian Affairs (3:55 p.m. /5 minutes)
- H. **Updates from Environmental Protection Agency** (4:00 p.m. /5 minutes)
 - I. **Other Agency Updates** (4:05 p.m. /5 minutes)
- VII. **Recap of Critical Issues Moving Forward** (4:10 p.m./20 minutes)
- VIII. **Adjourn (4:30 p.m.)**

About the Newtok Planning Group

The Newtok Planning Group (NPG) was organized in May 2006 when members of Newtok’s tribal council requested assistance from the State of Alaska with the village relocation effort. Representatives from state and federal agencies and non-governmental organizations began meeting regularly with Newtok’s tribal leadership to coordinate assistance for the relocation of the community to a new village site, Mertarvik, on Nelson Island. The unique partnership of the NPG has worked with Newtok since the first relocation planning and early infrastructure development, collaborating to provide advice, support, and critical problem-solving for Newtok’s relocation to Mertarvik.