



Memorandum

September 3, 2010

To: Jim Dinley, Municipal Administrator
From: Christopher Brewton, Utility Director - Electric Department
Subject: Archeological Investigations – Paleo Logics

Request

In accordance with SGC 3.16.060(D), this is to request Assembly approval of a Purchase Order for archeological investigations by Paleo Logics, Wrangell, Alaska to perform archeological analysis and surveys related to the Takatz Lake Hydroelectric Project (Covering only Proposal A in the attached Proposal from Paleo Logics) and authorize the Municipal Administrator to execute a Purchase Order in the amount of \$60,000.

Purpose:

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) requires compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA). The Act requires federal agencies to protect or mitigate for the loss of archaeological, historical or cultural properties that are eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. To comply, an archaeological survey within the Area of Potential Effect (APE) for the Takatz Lake Hydroelectric Project would need to be conducted in order to document the presence of historic properties.

This archeological survey will look at essential areas within the APE according to the guidelines presented in the Cultural Resources Study Plan and provide the required study report when completed.

Background:

Paleo Logics was previously selected to complete work for the Blue Lake Expansion Project and the Blue Lake Relicensing Project. Paleo Logics provides a proven field methodology which is crucial due to the remote, rugged Takatz Lake project area. Paul Rushmore, the principle investigator for Paleo Logics, has 35 years field experience, 16 of which are in Southeast Alaska. In the past, Paul and his team have provided a quality product on schedule and budget.

Funding:

The contemplated work is budgeted under the Takatz Lake Hydroelectric Feasibility Project and approximately \$1.3M in overall project funds is available.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Assembly approve a Purchase Order for Archeological Investigations to Paleo Logics for the archeological analysis and surveys related to the Takatz Lake Hydroelectric Project (Covering only Proposal A in the attached Proposal from Paleo Logics) and to authorize the Municipal Administrator to execute a Purchase Order on behalf of the Assembly.

Recommended Motion:

I MOVE to award a Purchase Order to Paleo Logics, for archeological analysis and surveys related to the Takatz Lake Hydroelectric Project (Covering only Proposal A in the attached Proposal from Paleo Logics); and authorize the Municipal Administrator to execute the Purchase Order in the amount of \$60,000 on behalf of the Sitka Assembly.

Cc: Dave Wolff, Finance Director