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WASILLA CITY COUNCIL INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

IM No. 99-28

SUBJECT: Alternate Community Water Source Committee

PREPARED BY: Administration

DATE: March 2, 1999

FOR AGENDA OF: March 8, 1999

SUMMARY:

I wish to appoint a committee to work with Don Shiesl, Doug Abbas, and myself in our investigation of an alternative community water source. As you know, Wasilla is the fastest growing city in Alaska and we would be remiss in our duties as public servants if we hesitated in looking ahead to our future water needs to accommodate additional business and residential growth.

We drilled a well last summer (the Iditarod well) with the intent of finding an alternative water source to complement our Spruce Ave. well site, which is the main water server. Gilfilian Engineering, after analyzing the flow rate and water quality, recommends this well be abandoned. Water treatment is possible, but Gilfilian recommends against this option. As an interim, Gilfilian will be analyzing the existing Spruce Avenue site to determine if additional production capacity is possible.

Mr. Shiesl and I will meet with Borough Manager Mike Scott and Public Works Director Jim Swing in two weeks to discuss the Borough's future water needs with new school construction. My intent is to investigate the potential of partnering with the Borough in our mutual need for water sources.

My recommendation is to appoint Councilman Chappel to this committee, based on Dave's interest in infrastructure and knowledge of Wasilla's water/sewer future needs.

FISCAL IMPACT: No Yes, amount requested: \$ Fund:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:


Reviewed by: SARAH PALIN, Mayor

Attachments: