

Denise Koch, Director  
Engineering & Public Works  
City & Borough of Juneau  
155 Heritage Way  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Director Koch,

The Utility Advisory Board (UAB) is writing to express our support for the City and Borough of Juneau's (CBJ) application to the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Implementation Grant opportunity from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The UAB is a 7-member board of appointed members of the Juneau public with the purpose of advising the Assembly on issues relating to water and wastewater utilities including long range planning and fiscal matters.

If awarded, the funding would provide beneficial electrification to the municipality's single highest energy consuming and greenhouse gas (GHG) emitting facility – the Mendenhall Wastewater Treatment Plant (MWWTP) – thereby significantly reducing GHG emissions in Juneau. The UAB is committed to helping CBJ achieve successful outcomes for this project.

The current oil-fueled boilers at the MWWTP have surpassed their useful life and will need to be replaced in the next three years. By upgrading the MWWTP's electrical infrastructure and installing an electric boiler to replace the current fuel boilers, the plant will burn approximately 80,000 fewer gallons of oil per year, creating a significant reduction in GHG for the community and make meaningful progress toward CBJ's GHG reduction goals stated in the Juneau Renewable Energy Strategy (as adopted in CBJ Resolution 2808). These resolutions specifically call for the implementation of several goals, including "A reduction in Juneau's dependence on fossil fuels for space heating."

CPRG funding would allow the CBJ Utility to accomplish these important climate action goals without passing these costs on to ratepayers. Conducting a facility energy audit will lay the groundwork for future energy efficiency projects at the facility and beyond, that may have the potential to reduce energy expenditures.

The UAB is committed to supporting the CBJ and the Utility throughout the life of this project, as well as evaluating future energy efficiency measures identified as a result. Our membership will follow this project in its entirety and will advise on and advocate for resources as needed to ensure its success.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (907) 321-2265.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Campbell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "A" and "C".

Andrew Campbell  
Chair, Utilities Advisory Board