



UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

January 8, 2026 at 5:15 PM

Water Utility Shop 2520 Barrett Ave./Zoom Webinar

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Or Call In: 1-253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 830 1320 2186

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Stuart, in place of Chair Campbell

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to acknowledge that the City and Borough of Juneau is on Tlingit land and wish to honor the indigenous people of this land. For more than ten thousand years, Alaska Native people have been and continue to be integral to the well-being of our community. We are grateful to be in this place, a part of this community, and to honor the culture, traditions, and resilience of the Tlingit people. *Gunalchéesh!*

C. ROLL CALL

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

F. AGENDA TOPICS

1.

- Active Project Updates
- Salmon Creek Outage Update
- December Water System Issues
- Hiring Update

Crusher Project

- Construction preparation underway by Dawson Construction.
- Start date may be delayed due to late delivery of a dust collector component.
- Original schedule targeted late January through mid-March completion.

JD Wastewater Treatment Plant Projects

- Vactor Receiving Station Phase 1 construction approximately one-third complete.
- Major concrete vault installation completed before winter conditions halted work.
- Project expected to resume in spring and finish in 2026.

Outer Drive / West Juneau Lift Station Upgrades

- Nearly complete with only punch-list items remaining.
- Pump replacements improve wet-weather flow capacity and system resilience.

Last Chance Basin Wells 4 & 5

- Pump replacement and communications upgrades underway.
- Major construction activities will resume in spring.

Salmon Creek Clearwell Connection

- Planned water system resiliency project to allow Last Chance Basin water to supply the Salmon Creek system during future outages.
- Estimated cost approximately \$100,000.

JD Clarifier Rehabilitation

- Project scope revised to complete roof, structural, electrical, and mechanical upgrades one clarifier at a time.
- Summer construction preferred to minimize operational impacts and reduce costs.

Cope Park Pump Station Replacement

- Bids scheduled to open the following week.
- Assembly approval may be required depending on bid amount.
- Project will improve water distribution reliability and fire-flow capability.

Biosolids/Pyrolysis Project Discussion

- Board discussed the proposed pyrolysis project for biosolids management.

- Staff confirmed the project remains a priority and is moving forward.
- Utility staff are preparing an RFP to evaluate technologies and begin design work.
- Discussion emphasized the importance of thoroughly evaluating alternatives before investing in major treatment infrastructure.
- Potential benefits include:
 - Reduced biosolids shipping and disposal costs.
 - Elimination of transportation-related risks.
 - Potential energy recovery and biochar production.

G. NEXT MEETING DATE February 12th, 2026

H. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1751