



## UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES DRAFT

October 20, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Water Utility Shop 2520 Barrett Ave./Zoom Webinar

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### A. CALL TO ORDER

Brian McGuire opened the meeting at 5:35pm

### 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. Legislative Capital Priorities - Due: October 24, 2025

- Brian explained that the primary purpose of the meeting was to confirm the utility's legislative funding priority for FY27.
- The proposed project remains the FOG (Fats, Oils, and Grease) removal system at the wastewater treatment facility.
- The estimated project cost was updated from approximately **\$6.3 million to about \$6.75 million** due to a 7% construction cost escalation.
- Brian noted that the utility had previously narrowed its legislative requests from two projects to one, helping focus support and momentum.
- Brian explained that the project is intended to reduce operational and regulatory risks associated with fats, oils, grease, and foam accumulation.
- Existing issues include:
  - Equipment fouling and maintenance burdens.
  - Grease buildup in plant infrastructure.
  - Foam and filament growth contributing to effluent Total Suspended Solids (TSS) permit violations.

- The project was presented as one of the remaining major steps to reduce wastewater treatment compliance risks after previous SCADA system improvements addressed wet-weather flow issues.

**Outcome:** The board reviewed and reaffirmed the FOG removal project as its legislative priority.

**G. NEXT MEETING DATE**

2. November 13, 2025 @ 5:15 PM

**H. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS**

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 1750