

Briefing for PWSRCAC Board of Directors – September 2025

INFORMATION ITEM

Sponsor: Jeremy Robida and the OSPR Committee

Project number and name or topic: Project 6540 - Copper River Delta Flats Vicinity GRS Development

1. **Description of agenda item:** This is an informational item to provide the Board with an update on the Copper River Delta Flats (CRDF) vicinity Geographic Response Strategies (GRS) Development project. The project has been progressing steadily and in line with the anticipated timeline, with the focus shifting from the earlier information-gathering phase to creating and finalizing the GRS.

2. **Why is this item important to PWSRCAC:** The CRDF vicinity is of high ecological sensitivity and value, and biologically diverse, deserving of pre-incident planning. Past GRS work in this area is dated and no longer readily accessible in Area planning documents. The project funds a workgroup process involving local Cordova stakeholders, resource trustee agencies, and the PWS Area Planning Committee, and the creation of 10 new modernized, GIS-based GRSs.

3. **Previous actions taken by the Board on this item:**

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>
Board	1/21/2021	Approved Project 6540 – Copper River Delta and Flats GRS History whitepaper in the amount of \$20,000 to commence in FY2021 vs the originally anticipated FY2022. Authorize a budget modification from the contingency fund in the amount of \$20,000.
Board	05/05/22	Accepted the white paper titled, “Geographic Response Planning for the Copper River Delta and Flats,” by Nuka Research as meeting the terms and conditions of contract 6540.22.01, and for distribution to the public.
Board	05/02/24	Approved the FY2025 budget, including project #6540, Copper River Delta and Flats vicinity Geographic Response Strategies Development for \$25,000.
Board	11/26/24	Approved the commitment of \$38,000 in the FY2026 budget for the continuation and completion of project 6540 Copper River Delta and Flats Geographic Response Strategies; and authorized the Executive Director to enter into a sole source contract with Nuka Research and Planning Group, LLC for project 6540 - Copper River Delta and Flats Geographic Strategies in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.

4. **Summary of policy, issues, support, or opposition:** None known.

5. **Committee Recommendation:** The OSPR Committee continues to receive updates and provide support for this project.

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6. **Relationship to LRP and Budget:** Work associated with this project was included in the FY2025 and FY2026 budget and is being completed under contract 6540.25.01, in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.
7. **Action Requested of the Board of Directors:** None. Item is for information only.
8. **Attachments:** None.