



SPECIAL ASSEMBLY MEETING 2023-20 REVISED AGENDA

August 07, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers/Zoom Webinar

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Immediately followed by Assembly Committee of the Whole Worksession

A. CALL TO ORDER

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. AGENDA TOPICS

1. Resolution 3036 A Resolution of the City and Borough of Juneau Declaring a Local Emergency in Response to Historic Flooding Due to the Release of Water from Suicide Basin and a Request for State and Federal Assistance.

E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The public may participate in person or via Zoom webinar. Testimony time will be limited by the Mayor based on the number of participants. **Members of the public that want to provide oral testimony via remote participation must notify the Municipal Clerk prior to 4pm the day of the meeting by calling 907-586-5278 and indicating the topic(s) upon which they wish to testify.** For in-person participation at the meeting, a sign-up sheet will be made available at the back of the Chambers and advance sign-up is not required. Members of the public are encouraged to send their comments in advance of the meeting to BoroughAssembly@juneau.gov.

F. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

2. Resolution 3036(b) A Resolution of the City and Borough of Juneau Confirming a Local Emergency in Response to Historic Flooding Due to the Release of Water from Suicide Basin and a Request for State and Federal Assistance.
3. Mendenhall River Flooding Update - Presentation by Katie Koester

G. ADJOURNMENT

ADA accommodations available upon request: Please contact the Clerk's office 36 hours prior to any meeting so arrangements can be made for closed captioning or sign language interpreter services depending on the meeting format. The Clerk's office telephone number is 586-5278, TDD 586-5351, e-mail: city.clerk@juneau.org.

Presented by: The Manager
Presented: 08/07/2023
Drafted by: S. Layne

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 3036

**A Resolution of the City and Borough of Juneau Declaring a Local
Emergency in Response to Historic Flooding Due to the Release of
Water from Suicide Basin and a Request for State and Federal
Assistance.**

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2023, the City and Borough of Juneau (“CBJ”), a political subdivision of the State of Alaska, sustained substantial losses to property from historic Mendenhall River flooding levels due to the release of water from Suicide Basin at the Mendenhall Glacier that resulted in severe damage for some property owners in the CBJ; and

WHEREAS, initial estimates indicate financial impacts throughout the Valley area of the City and Borough of Juneau to public and private properties, including two structures completely lost to the Mendenhall River, three lift stations submerged, multiple fuel tanks swept away, and several other residential and public properties with water damage and severe structural damages due to the river rising to record levels; and

WHEREAS, given the severity and magnitude of the damage caused by the historic flooding, State and Federal assistance may be needed to supplement local efforts to respond to and recover; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to CBJC 03.25.040(a) and AS 26.23.140, the Assembly may declare the existence of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, because of the ongoing nature of the emergency, this declaration of local emergency shall remain in effect until December 31, 2023, or until _____, whichever occurs first.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. The Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau hereby declares a local emergency to exist within the City and Borough of Juneau. A copy of this Resolution shall be filed promptly with the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

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Emergency in Response to Historic Flooding Due to the Release of
Water from Suicide Basin and a Request for State and Federal
Assistance.**

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2023, the City and Borough of Juneau (“CBJ”), a political subdivision of the State of Alaska, sustained substantial losses to property from historic Mendenhall River flooding levels due to the release of water from Suicide Basin at the Mendenhall Glacier that resulted in both damage to public infrastructure and private property owners in the CBJ; and

WHEREAS, initial estimates indicate financial impacts throughout the Valley area of the City and Borough of Juneau to public and private properties, including two structures completely lost to the Mendenhall River, three lift stations submerged, multiple fuel tanks swept away, and several other residential and public properties with water damage and severe structural damages due to the river rising to record levels; and

WHEREAS, given the severity and magnitude of the damage caused by the historic flooding, State and Federal assistance may be needed to supplement local efforts to respond to and recover; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to CBJC 03.25.040(a) and AS 26.23.140, the declaration of the existence of a local emergency by the director of emergency management organization shall be subject to confirmation by the Assembly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. The Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau hereby confirms a local emergency to exist within the City and Borough of Juneau. A copy of this Resolution shall be filed promptly with the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

Section 2. The City and Borough of Juneau requests that the Governor of Alaska provide State public assistance and individual assistance as may be available, assistance with emergency permitting within the waterway, and to request additional assistance from Federal agencies where State capability is not adequate.

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Mendenhall River Flooding Event Update

CBJ Assembly Special Meeting
Suicide Basin Release 8.7.23



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- Flooding occurs when water levels rise and pressure builds triggering a release from Suicide Basin under the glacier into the lake.
- Traditional flooding is minor; highest level was 11.99. This event was 14.97.
- National Weather Service has developed a model and inundation maps.

Video: Saturday 8.5.23 Morning Courtesy Tom Mattice







- Condo C and D (Riverside) at 8am Sunday morning. 12 units currently condemned.

Section F, Item 3.



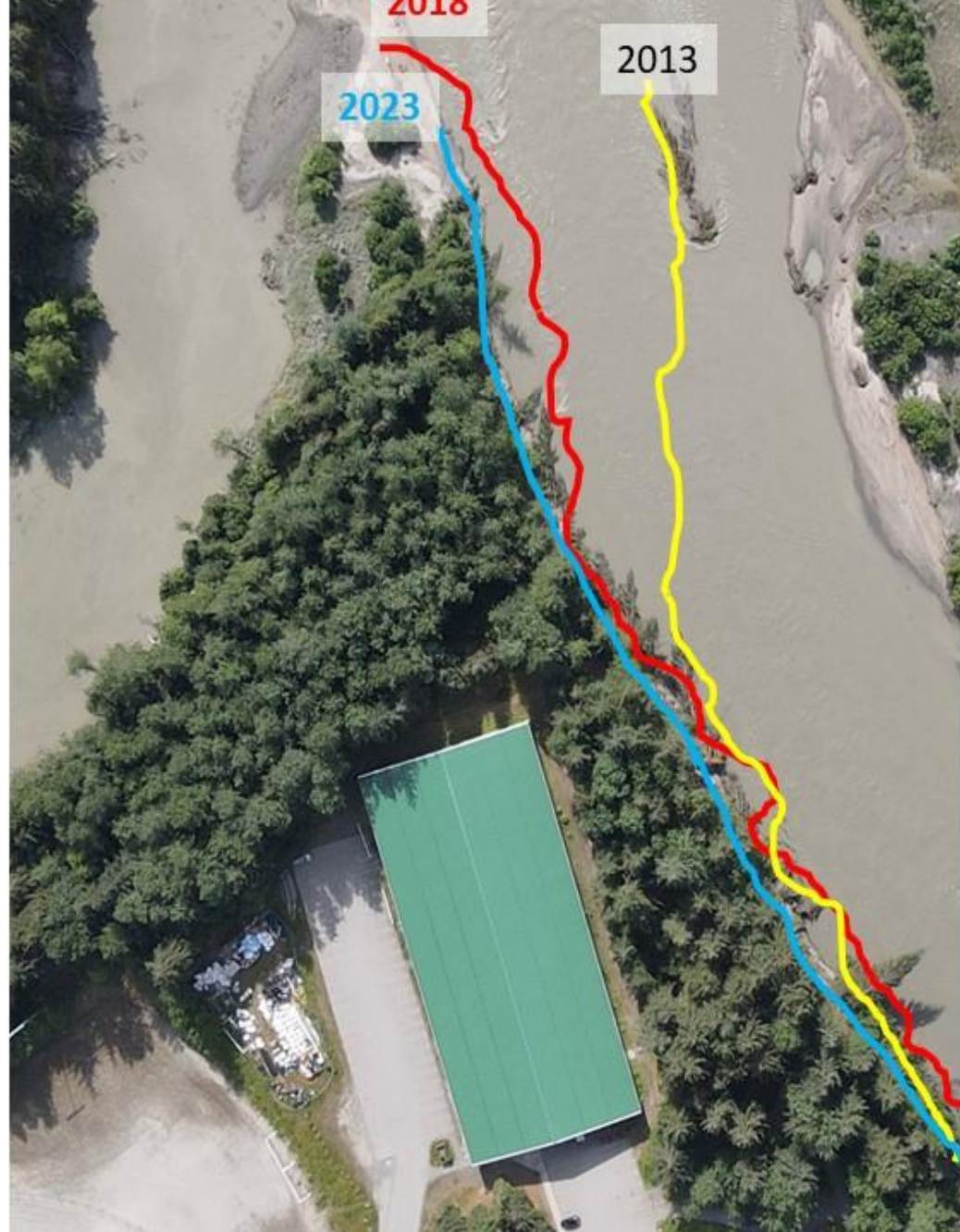
Meander Way 8.6.23 morning

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