

Village Safe Water Program

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Quarterly Project Summary - Quarter Ending 3/31/2026



The following is a list of active projects Village Safe Water is managing on behalf of your community, a brief update on work accomplished in the last quarter, and our plans for the coming quarter.

Project Number	Project Name	Update	Actions Needed From Community
ANI0002 22EX81;24RV47	<p>Title: First Service Water</p> <p>Scope: Develop a Preliminary Engineering Report evaluating alternatives for providing community-wide piped water service. Complete an Environmental Report for the preferred alternative.</p>	<p>Accomplishments in the past quarter: CRW has received the comments back from the 65% Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) submittal to the Multi Agency Review Committee (MARC) and community meeting held in February. CRW is working on the comments and well information the City provided to allow for the 95% submittal.</p> <p>Activity Planned for Next Quarter: Complete the 95% PER for submittal to the MARC and obtain the resolution from the City to allow for a CIP Construction Funding Application to be completed for this year's funding cycle.</p> <p>Problems Impacting Project: The major outstanding item for CRW to complete this PER is to get a better number of deficient wells and integrate this number into the cost estimates, etc. The City Clerk provided CRW a list of 62 names and phone numbers, but they are not correlated to the house-to-house survey lot locations.</p>	Complete the needed resolution for the PER and assist CRW in matching the well list provided to home survey.
ANI0003 24AV78	<p>Title: Wastewater Treatment Upgrades</p> <p>Scope: Evaluate the conditions and the capacity of the existing wastewater lagoon system, considering the amount of sludge build-up and erosion risk, and project the remaining length of useful service life. Evaluate options for continued wastewater treatment for the next 25 years, including cost-benefit analyses. The options to be evaluated should include, but will not be limited to lagoon systems. The scope may include geotechnical and other preliminary work necessary to adequately evaluate the feasibility of options.</p>	<p>Accomplishments in the past quarter: CRW has completed the 65% PER, and it has been submitted to the Multi Agency Review Committee (MARC) for comments and are currently waiting on their response. Comments from the community meeting were also noted along with comments from VSW. CRW has moved forward to the 95% Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) based on the community and VSW comments.</p> <p>Activity Planned for Next Quarter: Receive the comments back from the MARC on the 65% submittal and then CRW can proceed to make changes to allow for a 95% submittal to be completed in time for CIP construction application.</p> <p>Problems Impacting Project: Currently waiting on the MARC to provide comments back on the 65% PER for CRW to proceed to a 95%. The City needs to provide a resolution accepting the PER to move the project forward.</p>	Provide the community resolution accepting the PER.
ANI0004 24AV72;24AV73	<p>Title: Solid Waste Upgrades</p> <p>Scope: Provide the following items for the Aniak landfill: A 20-yard capacity #4 Summit burn cage to stop practice of open burning on the ground and to reduce windblown litter; six fish totes to collect and properly store household hazardous wastes including lead acid batteries, electronic waste, paints, and other chemicals to prevent exposure to the public; a skidsteer to clean the burn cage out, move fish totes, and consolidate waste and apply cover material at the landfill; signs to meet regulatory requirements and reduce operational costs from unsegregated wastes. Expanded scope: Install fencing at the landfill construction waste site and repair the water truck that is used for trash compaction and ash control in the landfill.</p>	<p>Accomplishments in the past quarter: VSW has obtained the solid waste facilities signage needs.</p> <p>Activity Planned for Next Quarter: Find a service provider and complete the purchase and shipping of the SW signage to the community. Begin project funding consolidation and final funding usage to repair the water truck.</p> <p>Problems Impacting Project: Currently finding a service provider that has the signage the community needs.</p>	Provide needed information on materials and parts needed to repair the water truck.

Funding Opportunities:

- The Village Safe Water Capital Improvement Program (CIP) funding application period will begin on February 18 and run through April 24. Detailed information will be mailed to all communities before the beginning of the application period and VSW staff will be in contact prior to and during the application period to assist with funding applications for your community's water, wastewater, or solid waste needs.
- The Indian Health Service (IHS) funding cycle is also beginning for 2026. VSW staff will enter information about any eligible project discussed with the community during the CIP process into the national IHS Sanitation Deficiency System to be considered for funding.
- Water System Operator Reimbursement Program: Funds are available to current and aspiring water system operators seeking training and certification in the form of reimbursement for expenses related to course fees, commercial travel, and lodging. Pre-approval is required. More information can be found at: <https://dec.alaska.gov/water/operator-certification/water-system-operator-reimbursement-program>
- Additional funding opportunities are also available through the State Revolving Fund Program (SRF), where both traditional and forgivable loans are available. This is a great opportunity for needs that fall outside the requirements of or not funded by the CIP process. Applications are accepted year-round, with the following review deadlines for 2026: February 28th, June 30th, and October 31st. More information can be found at: <https://dec.alaska.gov/water/technical-assistance/state-revolving-fund/>

Upcoming Training Opportunities:

- Training opportunities are offered by various state agencies throughout the year for staff ranging from operators to administrators. Many of these classes are online, free to attend, and offer Continuing Education Units (CEUs.) A list of upcoming opportunities can be found at: <https://dec.alaska.gov/water/operator-certification/training-calendar/>
- The Division of Community and Regional Affairs (DCRA) Rural Utility Advisor Program (RUBA) has several trainings coming up designed to help elected officials and city staff with utility management and a course on operations and maintenance best practices. Trainings are free and available online. More information can be found at: https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/dcra/admin/Training?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery
- Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation is holding a Solid Waste Bootcamp May 5-7th. This free, on-line training is highly recommended for rural landfill operators, IGAP coordinators, city managers, or anyone who works with rural landfills. Completion of this training satisfies the landfill operator training requirement listed in the Waste Management Index for Class III Landfill Inspections. For more information or to register, visit: <https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/solid-waste/waste-in-rural-alaska/bootcamp/>

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