

MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR LYNN AND BOROUGH ASSEMBLY
FROM: KARL HAGERMAN, UTILITY DIRECTOR 
SUBJECT: SEAPA MEETING NOTES – APRIL 28, 2026 SPECIAL MEETING
DATE: 4/28/2026
CC: STEPHAN HARBOUR, UTILITY DIRECTOR (INCOMING)

SEAPA held a special meeting on April 28, 2026. Action items are as follows:

- The Board approved a land lease agreement between SEAPA and the City and Borough of Wrangell (CBW). The lease is a critical milestone in a process that included an alternative energy study, project site selection, land procurement by the Wrangell municipality and approval of the agencies first project outside of hydropower. This project will be built by SEAPA on CBW land and it will contain a 5 MW Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and a solar farm. The solar panels will initially be built to a capacity of 1.5 MW but will be fully built out to a 5 MW facility in the future. This project also provides Wrangell with its first power generation facility outside of its diesel generation fleet and will have positive impacts to the north end of SEAPA's system by injecting battery power during system faults or other disturbances, thereby reducing occurrences of outages.
- The Board also approved a contract with Commonwealth Associates Inc. to advance design on the Wrangell Solar/BESS project to construction ready documents for a summer 2026 start.
- The Board approved a new 5+ year contract with current SEAPA CEO Robert Siedman. Mr. Siedman's knowledge, experience, initiative and personal energy have made him an outstanding asset to the agency and the Board is pleased to approve this longer-term contract. The CEO is now secured to lead the agency through FERC relicensing for both Swan and Tyee Lakes, the Tyee Third Turbine project, and the Ketchikan Substation project.
- The Board approved a change order with McMillen, design engineer on the Tyee Lake Third Turbine project, to cover a larger than anticipated effort to coordinate and manage the equipment supply contract. The additional work performed by the engineering firm was made necessary by the project's split into an equipment procurement phase and a construction phase, but is critical to ensuring that the construction phase proceeds smoothly once the equipment is delivered to the remote site. The project is still on schedule to be completed in calendar year 2027.