Resolution 2023-11
Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors

Support for an Intra-Governmental Use Permit (IGP) between Girdwood Parks and Recreation and Alaska Water and Wastewater Utility (AWWU) for a substation at Vail Drive

Whereas, AWWU provides water and wastewater service to the Girdwood Valley; and

Whereas, over time, the initial infrastructure of Girdwood’s water system requires updates and improvements in order to serve the community appropriately; and

Whereas, current water service to the homes uphill of Alpine Meadows Drive, including those on St. Moritz and Echo Ridge Drive, lacks water flow and has limited capacity to provide water during power outages; and

Whereas, AWWU will realize efficiency in combining three existing smaller substations into one substation to allow for old equipment to be decommissioned and improvements to water lines; and

Whereas, the new substation will have increased capacity, decreased maintenance costs and will meet the needs of the community in the years to come; and

Whereas, the location of the new substation will be on Girdwood Parks and Recreation land, with required piping underground to disturb the natural setting as little as possible, with an exterior that will be similar to nearby homes with a pitched roof and stained cedar siding; and

Whereas, additional benefits to the community are improved pressure regulation, increased water pressure, water service during power outages, and the potential to support a hydrant service area to bring hydrants up St. Moritz and Echo Ridge Roads; and

Whereas, the Girdwood Land Use Committee has reviewed the project as presented at their June 12, 2023 regular meeting and has recommended this resolution by a vote of 11 in favor, 1 opposed and 8 abstaining.

THEREFORE, the GBOS supports an intra-governmental use permit between Girdwood Parks and Recreation and AWWU for a substation at Vail Drive.

Passed by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed on this 19th day of June, 2023.

Guy Wade
Parks and Recreation Chair

Margaret Tyler
Attest