

Municipality of Anchorage



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Attn: Rob Holland, Sr. Director, Maintenance & Operations, ASD, holland_robert@asdk12.org
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Re: Erosion of levee along California Creek in Girdwood Town Square

The portion of California Creek that flows between Crow Creek Road and Alyeska Highway, adjacent to the Girdwood Town square, is actively eroding a section of levee that protects the commercial and residential district. This section of creek flows through Anchorage School District (ASD) and Heritage Land Bank (HLB) land before eventually crossing under Alyeska Highway to Girdwood Park land. The eroding levee that holds California Creek is located on ASD managed land. This levee is undergoing significant erosion and requires attention to prevent damage to an apartment complex, nearby homes, and several commercial businesses. Photos of the erosion and a general map of the location are attached.

The Girdwood Valley Service Area Manager has notified the ASD of this situation and HLB was informed by ASD. No response has been received as of the date of this letter. The Girdwood Board of Supervisors will be discussing this situation at their August 19th, 2024, regular meeting to establish a plan to fix and reinforce the California Creek embankment to protect the significant Town Square infrastructure adjacent to it.

Since the Municipality of Anchorage is the land owner, with ASD and HLB as the responsible land managers, we request that both organizations attend the meeting. Please provide any relevant written material to us beforehand so we can include it in the meeting packet. Upcoming fall and winter weather are likely to continue to add to flow volume and we are very concerned that a failure of the levee could be imminent.

If you have any questions, please contact Kyle Kelley, MOA Girdwood Service Area Manager, at 907-343-8374 or Kyle.Kelley@anchorageak.gov.

Sincerely,

Mike Edgington

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General location and photos of active bank erosion

