Saint George Harbor Feasibility Study

Appendix G – View of Sponsor

Saint George, Alaska

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Dear Mr. Herzog:

This letter will serve as the preliminary view of the local sponsor, the City of St. George. These views should be considered for inclusion in selected plan report.

Beginning the end of November 2017, I met Bruce Sexaurer and other staff to discuss for the first time, the subject of incorporating the alternative site study and engineering for the harbor location on St George North Shore adjacent to our village. Subsequent to that I had a meeting wth the St George City Council to gauge their views with regard to this proposal. We discussed the work the Army Corps had already accomplished regarding the harbor located on the South side of St George. We also discussed the estimated costs to bring the South side location to safe navigation conditions. For this purpose we discussed estimated costs to be between 100 million and 385 million. To many members of our City Council these costs estimates were of concern.

Given the discussion in November 2017, and subsequent follow-up with the City Council about the need to review and study the alternative harbor location, on the north side, The City Council agreed it would be prudent to review the alternative North side location. On march 7, 2018 the Army Corps submitted the harbor alternatives, St George Harbor Feasibility Study for review and comment by the Non-Federal Co-Sponsor.

Staff of the Alaska District made attempts to visit St George, meet with the City Council, and local residents in a community meeting. It was unfortunate that the weather did not allow the staff to travel to St George for this important meetings. However we were able to conduct a telephonic conference with the Districts Staff in Anchorage and The City Council of St George on

March 7, 2018. The Staff discussed specifically the harbor location on the south side and the work and costs necessary to make that location safe for navigation. Staff also discussed and presented drawings of the North location proposal.

Given the above, the City Council has determined that the proposal submitted by the Alaska District for study and possible construction on the North side of St George island is both prudent and wise. The City Council fully supports and endorses the proposed study and engineering for the North location. We recognize that some work has already been accomplished to give the people of St George an idea of what the North side location might be. We understand that additional work and study will be required. We stand ready to assist this effort in any manner deemed necessary.

The Non-Federal Co-Sponsor fully supports the Alaska District North shore harbor proposal. If you have questions please feel free to contact me at (907) 859-2263 X-23.

Sincerely,

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