January 31 Coalition Meeting Recap

On January 31 the Southcentral Mayors' Energy Coalition met to introduce the new special projects manager, Cassandra Day, the first informational binder titled "Cook Inlet Economic Political and Factual History," and to discuss the formation of a Technical Committee.

New business from Mayor Bronson included updates on sand and water entering two separate gas storage facilities, impeding on their ability to deliver natural gas to Southcentral Alaska, along with a mechanical issue at Beluga Point. There was also discussion on the current solutions being proposed by various state entities, and how the Coalition can use their leadership abilities to work with and support those entities in the policy-making process.

Manager Cassandra Day gave a brief presentation of the binder and took questions regarding the information presented. (The informational binder presented at the meeting can be found here).

The Coalition members agreed to start developing a Technical Committee to advise them in the policy process regarding the Cook Inlet natural gas situation. They agreed to reach out to the people and entities with boots-on-the-ground experience such as natural gas producers, electricity developers, natural gas distributors, engineers, etcetera. The mayors made the unanimous decision that having a dedicated team of experts is essential to developing educated and well-informed policy decisions.

View the full meeting minutes here.