

## Chugach pursues potential hydro projects

Chugach is studying four potential hydroelectric projects in Southcentral Alaska to reduce reliance on natural gas and meet its decarbonization goals.

The utility has filed preliminary permit applications with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and water right applications with the Alaska Department of Natural Resources. These filings allow further study of the sites but do not authorize construction or ground disturbance.

The four projects under consideration are:

- Canyon Creek (run-of-river, about 6 megawatts)
- Godwin Creek (storage, about 16 megawatts)
- Boulder Creek (storage, about 12 megawatts)
- Caribou Creek (storage, about 18 megawatts)

Chugach began its hydro review more than two years ago, screening 158 possible sites. Projects that would place dams or diversions on salmon-bearing streams were excluded. Over the past six months, Chugach has



met with agencies, tribes, landowners, and nonprofit groups to gather input and refine criteria before narrowing the list to four sites.

Chugach's decarbonation goals are to reduce its carbon intensity by at least 35% by 2030 and by at least 50% by 2040, starting from the baseline year of 2012, without having a material negative impact on rates or reliability.

Hydropower is dependable, reduces fossil fuel use, and is the lowest cost power on the Railbelt. Storage projects can also support wind and solar by supplying power when those resources are unavailable.

Please submit questions or comments to [hydroinfo@chugachelectric.com](mailto:hydroinfo@chugachelectric.com).

## Current member information important for voting in annual election



As we prepare for Chugach's 2026 Annual Meeting and Election, it is important for members to have current contact information on file to streamline the voting process. Chugach conducts its election using electronic voting, with paper ballots

available upon request. If you are receiving your billing statement in the mail or by email notification, your contact information is up to date and no action is required.

If you want to use a different email address for voting in the Chugach election, log into your My Account portal from the website, click the profile icon, and select Update Election Email. Watch for a Chugach election email to arrive from Survey & Ballot Systems, our 2026 election administrator.

### *Two board seats on the ballot*

Voting in the annual election will begin on April 29, with members choosing two candidates to serve on the Chugach Board of Directors. Members can also expect any proposed bylaw amendments to be on the 2026 election ballot.

### *Annual Meeting and Member Appreciation Event*

The Chugach Annual Meeting and Member Appreciation Event are scheduled for Friday, May 29, at ChangePoint Alaska. {1092068}



# CHUGACH Town Hall

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March 24, 2026  
6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
BP Energy Center

## Join us for a Chugach town hall on March 24

This is a unique opportunity to get first-hand information from Chugach leaders. Come hear an update from management on programs and priorities of the cooperative including gas supply, renewable projects, recent accomplishments, and more. Members will have a chance to ask questions about issues that concern them.

The event is on March 24 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Birch Room at the BP Energy Center. {141013516}

## In the community: A banner day

Chugach linemen helped prepare for Fur Rendezvous by hanging the banner across Fourth Avenue. Fur Rony fun runs from Feb. 26 to March 8.



## Red means go!

Chugach was pleased to sponsor and attend the American Heart Association's "Go Red for Women" luncheon. Each year the event promotes ways to be heart healthy for women and men.

## CHUGACH EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

From Engineering to Operations to Member Services, all of Chugach's roughly 450 employees live and work in Alaska.

Each month we introduce you to one of our employees who works every day to provide safe, reliable power to our members.



**Name:** Haide Oyao  
**Position:** Project Coordinator  
**Time at Chugach:** 18 years

Haide says one of her proudest accomplishments at work has been her career growth at Chugach, starting in Member Services and now supporting the Distribution Engineering team.

## Green Corner Reducing our carbon footprint

Energy efficiency is for everyone; homeowners, businesses, and renters alike. Switching to LED bulbs, using outlet timers, or turning down the temperature on your hot water tank by a few degrees can all add up to make a meaningful difference. Learn about other efficiency tips by visiting the 'Save Energy' section of our website.



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