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Nuvista Mission and Commitment



Nuvista's team is small but impactful. A seven-member board oversees Nuvista's strategic vision and represents the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta's largest non-profits and business leaders. Incorporated in 2007, Nuvista is lead by the region we serve.

Nuvista is a non-profit electric cooperative that seeks to reduce energy costs and provide renewable sources of energy to the people of western Alaska. Our mission is to improve the energy economics in rural Alaska by creating energy generation and transmission infrastructure to serve, connect and enable the region to attain affordable, long term energy sustainability and self-sufficiency.

Access to affordable energy is a component of self-determination for our people and represents self-sufficiency for our businesses and families. Nuvista's role is to speak up for, and work on behalf of, the people we are trying to help. We will have succeeded when we have attained affordable, sustainable energy choices for every community in our region.

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Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Community Sustainability Model





In the Community Sustainability Model (also known as the Tri-Village Service Consolidation Model), options for consolidated services by sector and by community are researched–keeping in mind

the services that are currently being offered in each community. Additionally, the advantages and disadvantages for all of the service consolidation options are compiled into a final document. Potential for improved services was also explored in areas where basic services and infrastructure were not available.

Phase II of the Yukon-Kuskokwim community sustainability model was completed in July of 2017. In this phase, we focused on the communities of Emmonak, Nunam Iqua and Alakanuk. The end result of this initiative was a report containing recommendations for the communities and an implementation plan, along with funding opportunities for each sector.

Phase III of the community sustainability initiative is underway in Scammon Bay, Hooper Bay and Chevak. For Phase III of this project, Nuvista is working with contractors Agnew::Beck and Summit Engineering. The project team compiled a list of project and program candidates for coordination between the three communities based on information that was gathered through local and agency interviews and research. Additionally, each community's individual plan was outlined. The team will be visiting the communities for a second time on August 31st and September 1st to present the candidates for coordination. The final report will be completed by June of 2018 and will include recommendations for the possible shared or coordinated services and projects in these three communities, as well as funding opportunities for each sector.

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Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Regional Energy Plan





Nuvista started working on the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Regional Energy Plan in 2014. The overarching goal of the direct appropriation from the State of Alaska is to provide stable, sustainable energy to the YK Delta region; to help the communities become more energy efficient and reduce cost to the consumers.

The vision is for the Plan to become a tool for future decision makers and to provide a framework for future energy development in the region. There are currently a variety of opportunities and possibilities as we get further into this project. Potential outcomes include funding for whole village energy-efficiency retrofits in several villages and potential funding for a sub-regional wind and intertie project.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to receive a hard copy of any of these reports by mail.

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Nuvista's Executive Director, Natalie Hanson has been attending the National Renewable Energy Laboratory EnergyExecs Leadership Academy in Colorado. There are four sessions, the first of which was in June that focused mostly on solar and wind systems. The second session dealt with the built environment. Two more sessions are slated for August and September. As part of the academy, Ms. Hanson will be creating a report and presentation on a subject related to her local work at Nuvista.

Ms. Hanson will be competing in the International Powerlifting Federation World Championships in the Czech Republic in November. We wish her the best of luck.

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