



Y O L O C O U N T Y
 FLOOD CONTROL &
 WATER CONSERVATION
 DISTRICT

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 27, 2026, 3:15 PM

YCFC&WCD Offices
34274 State Highway 16
Woodland, CA 95695

The special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District (District) was held at 3:15 p.m. on Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Vice Chair Smith convened the meeting. The following people were in attendance:

District Board

Mary Kimball, Chair
 Lee Smith
 Tom Barth
 Jim Mayer
 Shane Tucker

District Staff

Kristin Sicke, General Manager
 Erik Cadaret, Assistant General Manager
 Sal Espinoza, Operations and Maintenance Supervisor
 Mat Timothy, Irrigation Operations Worker
 Tommy Ostrowski, District Engineer (Davids Engineering)

Members of the Public

Geoff Klein

1. OPEN FORUM

None.

2. CONSIDERATION: Award Contract to Eschelman Construction Company for the Winters Canal Siphon and Walnut Canal Headgate Replacement Project

Sicke reviewed pertinent information about the Winters Canal Siphon and Walnut Canal Headgate Replacement Project (Project) and the urgency to complete the Project before the start of the irrigation season. District staff and Davids Engineering opened the bid solicitation period on December 17, 2025 and held a pre-bid site walk on January 8, 2026. Bids were collected until January 26, 2026, when they were opened at 10 a.m. by District staff and Davids Engineering to review bids received and determine the lowest cost, responsive, and responsible bidder for considering awarding the contract and constructing the Project.

District Irrigation Operations Worker, Mat Timothy, is currently serving as the Project Manager for the Project and provided a brief review of updated conditions at the site: installation of an all-weather access road and a coffer dam upstream in the Winters Canal, and removal of the trees within the project area in preparation for construction activities. Sicke briefly discussed CDFW requirements related to mitigating Project impacts such as removal of the large oak tree.

Director Smith asked about the purpose of the coffer dam installation and the distinction between the contractor's proposed activities for controlling stormwater runoff during construction. Sicke and Ostrowski shared more about the District's responsibilities to control stormwater in the canal, and the contractor's responsibility to be prepared for stormwater runoff in the Chickahominy Slough and area surrounding the Project site to keep the construction site as dry as possible.

Ostrowski reviewed the bidding process and reported that 8 bids were submitted ranging from \$529,897 to \$2.14 M. The engineer's estimate for construction of the Project was approximately \$913,000. The bid review process considers cost, responsiveness, and ability to meet project responsibilities and requirements (ability to construct the proposed project). At the bid opening, each contractor's name and bid price was shared with those in attendance, and Davids Engineering assisted with ensuring all necessary criteria was met within all bids received.

Kimball asked Ostrowski what the outlier bids mean and how it's related to contractor responsiveness to the bid. Ostrowski reviewed potential reasons why outlier bids might come in low or high and how that's reviewed relative to the engineer's estimate and other bids.

Smith asked if we share the engineer's estimate as part of the bid package. Ostrowski said that the engineer's estimate is not shared ahead of time to prevent bidders from estimating higher than the actual cost to complete the project.

Director Tucker asked more about the bid review process. The team's review, in consultation with the District's Legal Counsel, found that the lowest bidder did not complete a fully responsive bid as there were irregularities. The lowest bidder failed to submit a completed acknowledgement of

the Contractor's Workers' Compensation Certificate (Labor Code Section 1861) as required by Section 2.4 of the Instructions to Bidders (page 9) and submitted a blank, unmarked, and unsigned Contractor's Workers' Compensation Certificate (Labor Code Section 1861) form. The lowest bidder also failed to submit signed acknowledgement by their Surety Provider/Surety Representative of insurance and bonding requirements as required by Section 1.8 Acknowledgement of Insurance and Bonding Requirements. The portion of Section 1.8 for acknowledgement by surety was left blank in the submitted bid.

With the determination of the lowest bidder being a non-responsive bidder, District staff recommended that the Board award a contract to the next lowest cost, responsive, and responsible bidder, Eschelman Construction Company, in an amount not to exceed \$1,095,382.50 for the Winters Canal Siphon and Walnut Canal Headgate Replacement Project.

M/S/C approved of conditional award of contract to Eschelman Construction Company for the Winters Canal Siphon and Walnut Canal Headgate Replacement Project

Ayes: Directors Kimball, Smith, Tucker, Mayer, and Barth

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

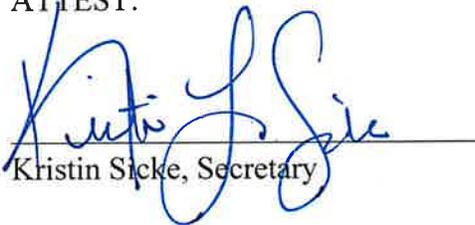
3. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.



Mary Kimball, Chair

ATTEST:



Kristin Sicke, Secretary

