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EXETER IRRIGATION DISTRICT

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
150 South E Street
Exeter, California

October 2, 2026

The special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Exeter Irrigation District was called to order by President Ferrara at 9 a.m. Directors present were Joseph Ferrara, Keith Cosart, Greg Crosson, and David Nielsen. Director Bob Ward, and was absent. Others present were General Manager Gene Kilgore, Special Projects Administrator Cohen Hunter, and engineering consultant Dennis Keller.

PUBLIC COMMENT
President Ferrara opened the floor for public comment; none were presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
There were no announcements.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA
No changes were requested, and the agenda was accepted as posted and presented.

YOKOHL CREEK PROJECT

Background: Department of Water Resources Component 9 grant Project utilizes an existing natural creek bed to introduce Central Valley Project (CVP) water supplies, when available. Component 9 is in the northeast portion of the Exeter Irrigation District (EID). Yokohl Creek intersects the FKC approximately three (3) miles northeast of the City of Exeter, south of the Kaweah River. Component 9 improves diversion capability into Yokohl Creek at a design introduction rate of 30 cubic feet per second through EID facilities by creating turnout capacity into Yokohl Creek by means of replacement of the existing small-diameter discharge and/or adding additional locations. Recharge capability is enhanced and enabled by the raising of banks in depressed bank areas, allowing for the use of approximately three (3) miles of Yokohl Creek for recharge. The pipeline sections will be constructed from the existing EID distribution system and introduced into the Yokohl Creek channel. The discharge pipelines will be equipped with metering facilities to allow for a determination of the volumes introduced for recharge, augmented in this phase by temporary rubble dams to allow for flow retention and optimized recharge. Levee restoration will either be of compacted native material or from the Hannah Ranch recharge basin facility located less than three (3) miles from the Creek. Based on the history of CVP deliveries, the capability exists of a delivery capacity of approximately 60 acre-feet daily over a period of not less than 30 days per year. The completion of Component 9 is expected to result in a minimum average yield of approximately of 1,800 acre-feet per year.

Engineering Consultant Dennis Keller reported that ten (10) bids were received for the Project, the bids ranged from $508,789 to $1,555,897. Mr. Keller further reported that his engineer's estimate for the Project was approximately $955,000. On motion by Director Cosart, seconded by Director Nielsen, and carried, the Board awarded the construction contract to RT Nelson Company in the amount of $508,789 as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The Board further authorized Mr. Keller to administer the bid protest process and issue final determinations on any bid protests in accordance with the solicitation documents. Upon completion of the bid protest period and resolution of any protests, a Notice to Proceed shall be issued to RT Nelson Company after October 22, 2026.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board did not convene to closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

President Ferrara adjourned the Board meeting at 9:20 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Exeter Irrigation District's Board of Directors is scheduled for October 15, 2026.

Gene Kilgore

Secretary/Manager