



# STAFF REPORT

**Meeting Type:** Board of Directors  
**Title:** Award of Contract No. 1901 - Capital Improvement Program – Bolinas Road Pipeline Replacement Project (D18026)  
**From:** Alex Anaya, Director of Engineering  
**Through:** Ben Horenstein, General Manager  
**Meeting Date:** February 24, 2026

**TYPE OF ITEM:** X Action Information

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve a resolution authorizing award of Contract No. 1901, Capital Improvement Program – Bolinas Road Pipeline Replacement Project, to Argonaut Constructors, Inc., in the amount of \$2,320,855

**SUMMARY:** This item was reviewed by the District Planning Committee on February 10, 2026. The Capital Improvement Program – Bolinas Road Pipeline Replacement Project will replace approximately 4,350 feet of leak prone cast iron pipe installed as early as 1920 with new pipe along Bolinas Road in the Town on Fairfax.

**DISCUSSION:** The Capital Improvement Program – Bolinas Road Pipeline Replacement Project (Project) is a component of the of the District’s Capital Improvement Program. This Project will install approximately 4,350 feet of new 10”, 8”, 6” and 4” welded steel pipe to replace leak prone cast iron pipe that’s over 100 years old. Staff have been coordinating closely with the Town of Fairfax on this project since it spans along Bolinas Road between Broadway and Deer Park Villa. District staff will continue to coordinate with Town staff on a regular basis during construction.

The project will take place in the location described in Table 1 and shown on the map provided in Attachment 1.

**Table 1**

STREET	LENGTH (ft)	INSTALLATION DATE	EXISTING SIZE AND TYPE*
Broadway	125	1921	4” CI & 8” CI
Bolinas Road	3600	1920	8” CI
Elsie Lane	150	1975	8” CI
Sherman Oaks	205	1962	6” CI
Frustuck Ave	165	1960	6” CI
Cascade Drive	50	1969	10” WSP

Porteous Ave	55	1937	6" CI
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\*CI = Cast Iron, \*\*WSP = Welded Steel Pipe

This street segment was evaluated for the installation of recycled water piping. The nearest recycled water pipeline is approximately 6.6 miles away, located on the intersection of San Pedro Road and Sequoia Road in the community of Los Ranchitos. The closest wastewater treatment plant, Central Marin Sanitary Agency, is located 6.4 miles away, however, this facility is not equipped to provide tertiary recycle water.

On February 12, 2026, the District opened seven (7) bids, as shown in Table 2, for the Capital Improvement Program – Bolinas Road Pipeline Replacement Project. Argonaut Constructors, Inc. submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid in the amount of \$2,320,855. Therefore, staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve a resolution awarding Contract No. 1901 to Argonaut Constructors, Inc. in the amount of \$2,320,855 and authorizing the General Manager to execute any necessary amendments to Contract No. 1901, which do not exceed \$350,000.

**Table 2**  
**Bid Results**  
**Bolinas Road Pipeline Replacement Project**

Bid Rank	Contractor Name	Bid Amount
1.	Argonaut Constructors, Inc.	\$2,320,855
2.	Maggiora & Ghilotti, Inc.	\$2,838,373
3.	D & D Pipelines, Inc.	\$2,853,500
4.	Team Ghilotti	\$3,230,000
5.	W.R. Forde Associates, Inc.	\$3,342,850
6.	Piazza Construction	\$3,464,000
7.	Westrock Engineering	Non-Responsive

*Engineer's Estimate: \$3,000,000*

Summaries of the estimated Project costs and schedule are provided below.

Budget:

Contract Award:	\$ 2,320,855
Contingency (15%):	\$ 350,000
Materials:	\$ 430,000
District Labor/Inspection:	\$ 200,000
Total Budget:	\$ 3,300,855
Budget Category:	A1A02A

Project Implementation:

Project Advertisement:	January 29, 2026
Bid Opening:	February 12, 2026
Project Award:	February 24, 2026
Estimated Completion Date:	September 30, 2026
Duration:	218 days

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:** The Director of Engineering has found that the Project is Categorically Exempt pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guideline Section 15302 (c), Replacement or Reconstruction, and statutorily exempt under Public Resources Code section 21080.21, Pipelines less than one mile. The Project qualifies for exemption pursuant to Section 15302 (c) inasmuch as it is the replacement of existing water pipeline involving negligible or no expansion of capacity and statutorily exempt pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.21 since the Project will replace less than one mile of pipe within the public right of way or street.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The total cost to complete the Bolinas Pipeline Replacement Project is \$3,300,855, inclusive of District labor, materials, and contingency.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Site Map
2. Proposed Resolution
3. Notice of Exemption

DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION	DIVISION MANAGER	APPROVED
Engineering	 Alex Anaya Engineering Director	 Ben Horenstein General Manager