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June 16, 2026

TO: Rio Dell City Council

FROM: Kyle Knopp, City Manager

SUBJECT: Discussion and Possible Action to Award the Construction Contract for the Chlorine Contact Basin Earthquake Damage Repair Project to Wahlund Construction in the Amount of \$690,335.00 and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract Documents in Coordination with the City Attorney and Future Change Orders.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:**

Find that Wahlund Construction is the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the Chlorine Contact Tank Earthquake Damage Repair Project. Award the construction contract to Wahlund Construction in the total amount of \$690,335.00 (Base Bid: \$660,335.00; Additive Item A1: \$30,000.00). Authorize the City Manager to execute the Notice of Award and all related contract documents in coordination with the City Attorney; or,

Take no action.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

The December 2022 Ferndale earthquake caused significant structural damage to the City of Rio Dell's water infrastructure, including the Chlorine Contact Basin (CCB) and the Infiltration Gallery Wet Well. The City has secured grant funding through CalOES via the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA), which reimburses 75% of eligible project costs.

GHD Inc., the City's project engineer, prepared bid documents for the Chlorine Contact Tank Earthquake Damage Repair Project. The project was structured with a Base Bid covering all work necessary to repair the CCB, and an Additive Bid Item (A1) for repair of the Infiltration Gallery Wet Well. The wet well repair was originally scoped as a separate CDAA project; following a condition assessment that reduced its scope, GHD incorporated it into this project via addendum given the similarity of work.

GHD opened bids electronically on June 3, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. One bid was received on time. The bid results are summarized below:

Bidder	Base Bid	Total Bid (Base + A1)
Wahlund Construction	\$660,335.00	<b>\$690,335.00</b>

GHD reviewed Wahlund Construction’s bid for responsiveness and responsibility. GHD confirmed that all required bid forms were complete and found no irregularities that would provide a material advantage over other bidders. GHD verified that Wahlund Construction holds an active and appropriate contractor’s license through the Department of Consumer Affairs Contractors State License Board, that Wahlund Construction and all listed subcontractors have active registrations with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR), and that Wahlund Construction is not currently debarred from public bidding.

Based on this review, GHD has determined that Wahlund Construction is the lowest responsive, responsible bidder and has recommended award of the contract.

The awarded contract covers the following work:

- Base Bid — CCB repairs, including demolition and replacement of piping, fittings, and appurtenances; concrete repairs (Types 1–3 and vertical/leaking crack repair); pipe penetration repairs (4-inch, 6-inch, and 12-inch); installation of new fiberglass-reinforced plastic (FRP) baffles and FRP wrap; temporary bypass pumping; traffic control; and erosion and sediment controls.
- Additive Item A1 — Infiltration Gallery Wet Well repair (\$30,000.00).

The total contract award amount is \$690,335.00. The project is funded through CalOES/CDAA, which reimburses 75% of eligible costs. The City’s share is the remaining 25% of eligible costs. The City will apply for full 100% reimbursement. Staff will confirm available appropriations with the Finance Director prior to contract execution.

Following City Council award, GHD will issue the Notice of Award to Wahlund Construction. Wahlund Construction will then provide the required performance bonds and certificates of insurance within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of the Notice of Award. Upon review, GHD will prepare the contract forms and Notice to Proceed for City execution.

#### ATTACHMENTS

- GHD Recommendation to Award Memorandum (June 8, 2026)
- Bid Tabulation — Wahlund Construction
- Notice of Award (draft)

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