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Action Item: Discussion and consideration to the Board of Directors to:

- 1) Find that the Prop 68 Chowchilla Subbasin Round 1 Funding Construction Project, including construction, is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Executive Order N-7-22.
- 2) Entering into an Agreement with JT2 Inc. dba Todd Companies, in the amount of \$3,757,745.00, for recharge construction projects in the Chowchilla Subbasin, for fiscal years 2025-2026, 2026-2027, and authorize the Chair to sign.



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Background

Typically, water districts have an inventory of shovel-ready projects ready and waiting for grant funding

As a new agency, we are working to have projects shovel ready

Proposed project leveraged previous work with Red Top Landowners group for a previously failed grant (OES)

Landowners were recruited that were able to take water and willing to provide a financial contribution to the work

Significant inflation occurred between construction estimates in original grant to present



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Timeline

2021 – Signed Agreement, 4 turnouts off the Chowchilla Bypass with appropriate conveyance to farmland and/or two dedicated groundwater recharge basins. Recharge capacity of approximately 8,000 acre-feet

2022 – Performed fieldwork for design and permitting, prepared 30% Designs, 60% Designs, CEQA suspension documentation and permit applications

2023 – Bypass was full of water

2024 – Over \$600,000 has been spent from the grant on Planning, Design, and Permitting

2025 – Permitting completed late in 2025 and First Bid;

- To combat inflation, scope adjusted from 4 turnouts to 3 turnouts and grant funds from Chow1 and Chow 2 utilized
- One responsive bid, base bid surpassed available grant funds by over \$500,000

2026 – Second bid conducted with a reduced scope to be within available grant funding; construction; funds end/grant closes mid-April 2026

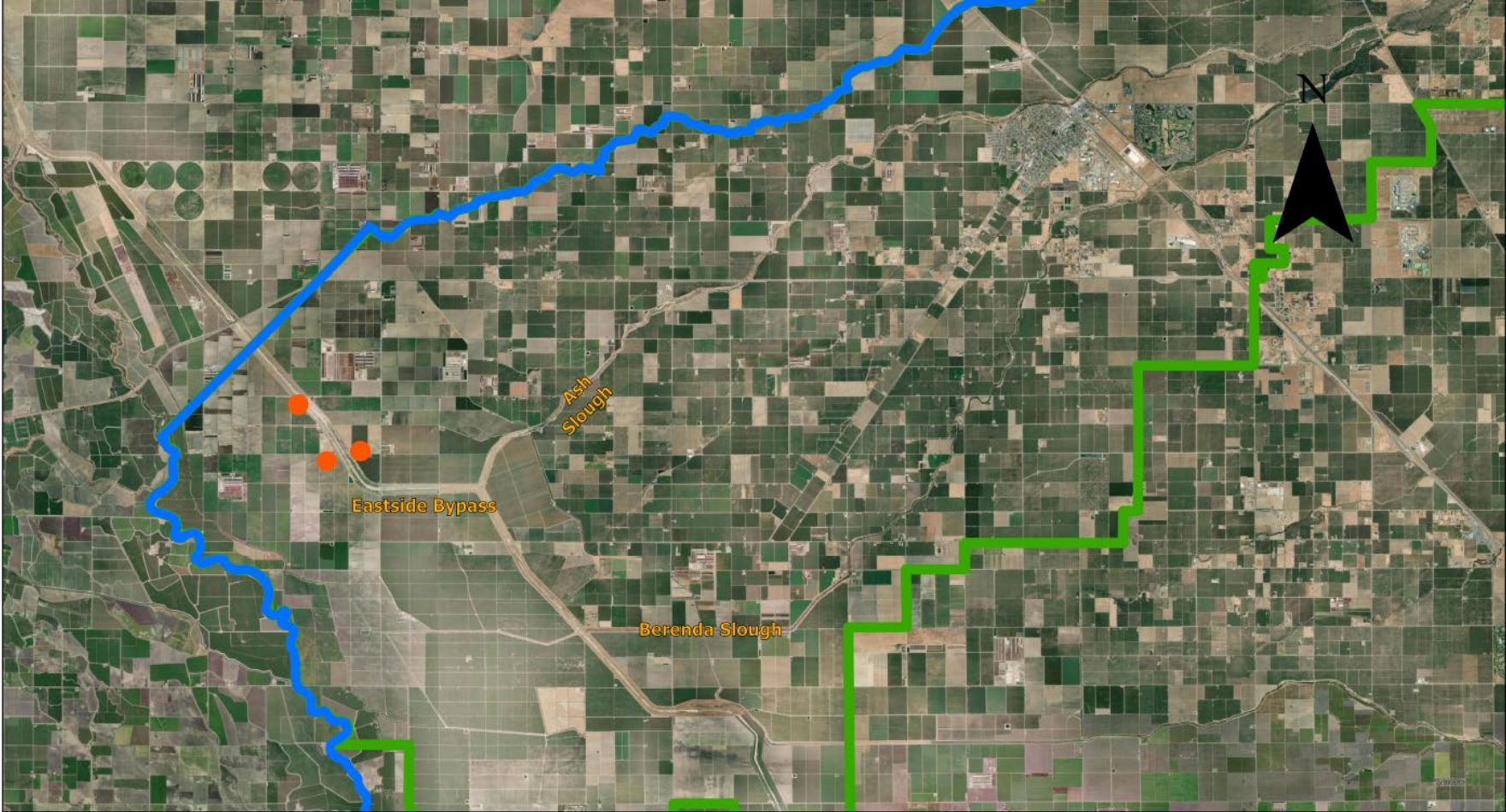






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Grant Funded Chowchilla Projects Along Eastside Bypass



-  Madera County Boundary
-  Chowchilla Subbasin Boundary
-  Chowchilla East Bypass Project Sites
-  Waterways



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Initial bid: November 19, 2025

- Public Works Department standard bidding process used
- Initial pre-bid meeting hosted 13 businesses
- Bids opened on December 15, 2025
- Received one responsive bid
- Bid was rejected due to the proposal exceeded available grant funds for the base project



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Rebid: January 2, 2026

- Scope of project reduced to stay in budget for the rebid in consultation with DWR
- Madera County Public Works Department standard bidding process used
- 17 businesses attended the pre-bid meeting
- Bids were opened on January 28, 2026
- Received 4 responsive and responsible bids
- Lowest bid received from JT2 Inc. dba Todd Companies
- Lowest bid received within grant available funds



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What does this Construction Contract Get the GSA?

- It is the first major capital project undertaken by the Madera County GSA in implementing the Chowchilla Subbasin GSP
- Helps the Madera County GSA meet Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) sustainability goals by reducing overdraft, mitigating land subsidence, and supporting environmental, and community water needs.
- Specific Project benefits include:
 - (1) increases groundwater levels
 - (2) increases groundwater storage
 - (3) reduces subsidence
 - (4) increases water supply reliability



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Recommendation

Find that the Prop 68 Chowchilla Subbasin Round 1 Funding Construction Project, including construction, is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Executive Order N-7-22.

Approve the agreement for the Prop 68 Chowchilla Subbasin Round 1 Funding Construction Project.



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