



September 29, 2026

Ref: Contract No. 26027

Board of Supervisors
Kern County Administrative Center
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

**CONTRACT NO. 26027, PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND NOTICE TO BIDDERS, FOR
RAILROAD TIE CULVERT REPLACEMENTS ON BENA ROAD, CALIENTE (S.D. #2)**
(Fiscal Impact: \$545,688; Local (Road Fund); Budgeted; Discretionary)

The Public Works Department requests your Board's approval of plans and specifications and to authorize the Department to publish the Notice to Bidders for the railroad tie culvert replacements on Bena Road project. Sufficient funds have been budgeted for this project.

The work to be performed consists, in general, of road reconstruction, grading of slopes, and removal of existing cattle crossings. The redwood from cattle crossing will be salvaged and reclaimed.

Plans and specifications are on file at the Clerk of the Board's office.

Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED that your Board make a finding that this project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, per Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines; approve the plans and specifications, authorize Chairman to sign the plans; and authorize the Public Works Department to publish the Notice to Bidders in a newspaper of general circulation, pursuant to Section 20392 of Public Contract Code. Bid opening date is to be Wednesday, October 28, 2026, 11:00 A.M., at 2700 "M" Street, Bakersfield, CA 93301.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joshua Champlin", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Joshua Champlin
Director

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Attachments

cc: CAO, County Counsel, Contract File, Construction File

**Public Works Department
County of Kern, State of California**

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS
CONTRACT NO. 26027**

1. The County of Kern (**County**) will receive sealed Bids for construction on a highway in accordance with the plans and special provisions therefor to which special reference is made as follows: **FOR CONSTRUCTION OF RAILROAD TIE CULVERT REPLACEMENTS ON BENA ROAD**, until 11:00 a.m. on **October 28, 2026**, at the following locations:
 - (a) Mailed via United States Postal Service to Kern County Public Works Department, 2700 "M" Street, Suite 400, Bakersfield, California, 93301;
 - (b) Delivered in person or by courier service to the Kern County Public Works Department, Suite 400, 4th Floor, Public Services Building, 2700 "M" Street, Bakersfield, California; or
 - (c) From 10:45 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. delivered in person to the first floor meeting room of said Public Services Building.
2. No bid will be considered unless it is made on a Bid form furnished by the County's Public Works Department (**Department**) and accompanied by bidder's security in an amount equal to 10% of the amount bid in accordance with the provisions set forth under Section 2, "Bidding," of the Standard Specifications of the State of California Department of Transportation, dated 2025, as modified by the special provisions. Plans, specifications, any addenda, and standard Bid form to be used for bidding on this project may be obtained at <https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/59079/portal-home>.
3. The successful bidder must complete the work, including plant establishment work, within **30** working days.
4. The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids. If the contract is to be awarded, it will be awarded by the Board of Supervisors to the lowest responsible bidder whose bid complies with all prescribed requirements. The successful bidder must furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond each in the amount of 100% of the contract price and on the County's form. Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22300, the substitution of securities for money withheld by Kern County to ensure performance of the contract will be permitted. All documents submitted in compliance with the requirements of this bid package and the contract must be scannable and photocopyable.
5. Each bidder must be licensed as required by law at the time the contract is awarded. Failure of the bidder to obtain proper and adequate licensing for an award of a contract shall constitute a failure to execute the contract and shall result in the forfeiture of the security of the bidder. The contractor license classification required for this project is: **A or C-12**.
6. This contract is subject to state contract nondiscrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government Code Section 12990.
7. No discrimination shall be made in the employment of persons for this project. Labor Code Section 1735 and all other applicable State and Federal requirements relating to employment discrimination shall be complied with.
8. Pursuant to the provisions of Labor Code Section 1771.1, a contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a Bid, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, as defined in Chapter 1 of Part 7 of Division 2 of the California Labor Code, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Civil Code Section 1725.5. **Please note: It is not a violation of Section 1771.1 for an unregistered contractor to submit a bid that is authorized by Section 7029.1 of the Business and Professions Code or by Section 10164 or 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code, provided the contractor is registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 at the time the contract is awarded.** Any bids submitted without proof that Bidder and any listed subcontractor(s) are currently registered and qualified to perform public work, pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5, shall not be accepted by the County.
9. In accordance with Labor Code Section 1771.4, the project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF WORK

The work to be performed consists, in general, of road reconstruction, grading of slopes, and removal of existing cattle crossings. The redwood from the cattle crossing will be salvaged and reclaimed.

NOTICE: CONTRACTORS ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE LICENSED, AND REGULATED BY CONTRACTOR'S STATE LICENSE BOARD. QUESTIONS CONCERNING A CONTRACTOR MAY BE REFERRED TO THE REGISTRAR OF THAT BOARD, WHOSE ADDRESS IS: CONTRACTORS' STATE LICENSE BOARD, 1020 "N" STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814.

COUNTY OF KERN

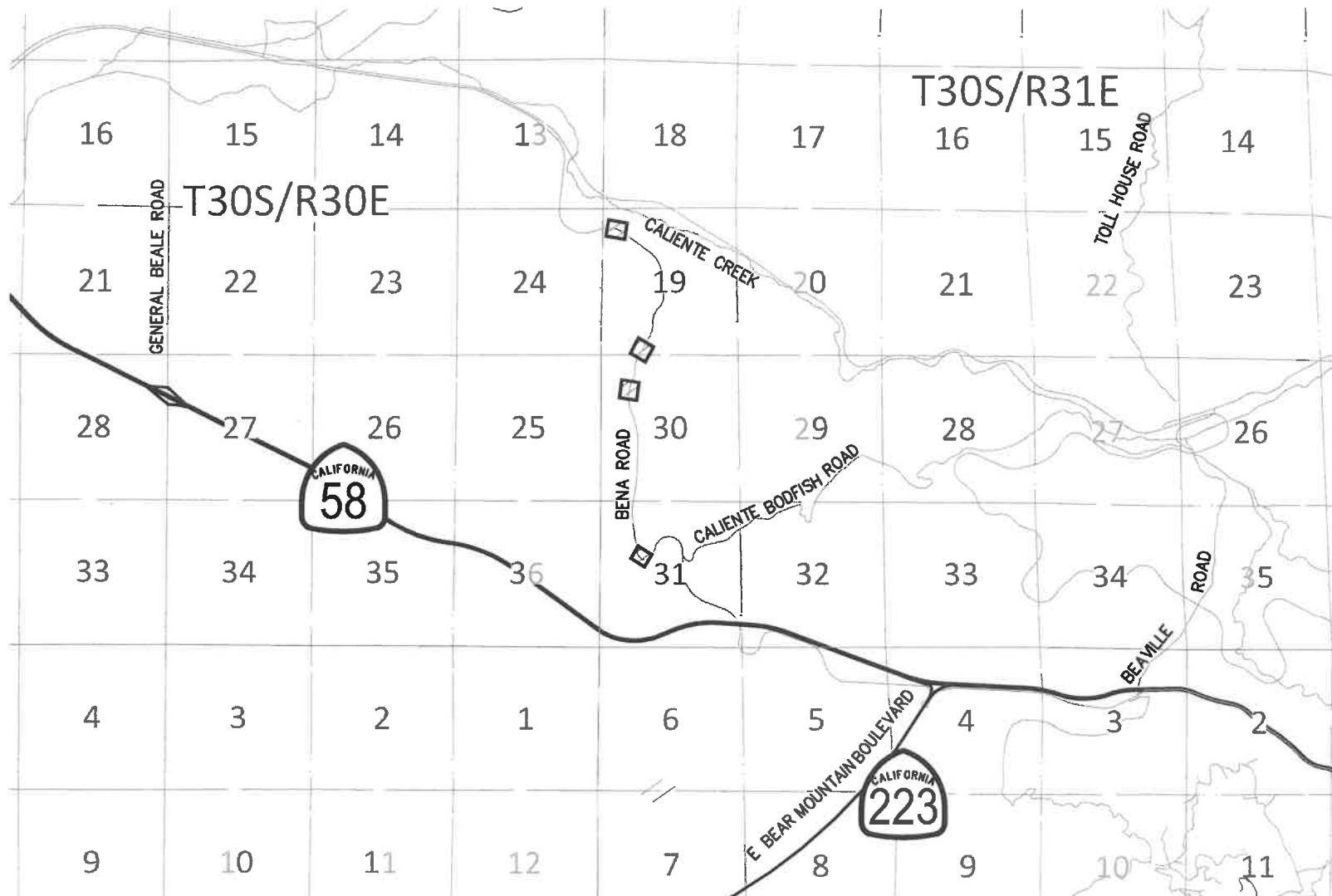


Joshua R. Champlin

Director, Public Works Department

Date: September 29, 2026

 **PROJECT LOCATION**



LOCATION MAP

COUNTY OF KERN - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

**PLANS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF RAILROAD TIE CULVERT
REPLACEMENTS ON BENA ROAD**

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SCALE IN INCHES	0	1	2	3
CALCULATED- DESIGNED BY	J. QASEMI	DRAFTED BY	I. NUNEZ	
CHECKED BY	M. ENSMINGER	DATE DRAFTED	9/14/2026	