

**COLLEGE OF THE SEQUIOIAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
November 4, 2024

**LEASE OF EVANS DITCH WATER STOCK**

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**Status:                      Action**

Presented by:              Ron Ballesteros Perez  
   Vice President, Administrative Services

**Issue**

The District owns through deed or purchase 30 water shares in Evans Ditch Company (19 Shares – deeded May 19, 1953; 11 Shares – purchased Feb. 14, 1972).

The District currently leases these shares to the Evans Ditch Company, with the current lease expiring on December 31, 2024.

The District has no need of utilizing these shares and plans to lease them for an initial one-year term, with the option to renew for additional terms.

**Background**

The District published notice of the intent to lease the stock for two weeks in October with a deadline of bid submittal on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Three bids were submitted, received and reviewed. The highest bidder was Moonlight Dairy with a bid of ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000.00) for the lease of all thirty shares for an initial term of one calendar year beginning January 1, 2025.

Education code requires that a California Community College that owns shares of stock in a mutual water company, which stock is not appurtenant to any District-owned land, bid these shares for rent, lease, or assignment annually. However, if there are no bidders, administration understands that a lease can be negotiated.

The only other option for the District would be to *not* lease the water shares for 2025, in which case the water would go unallocated, and would return to the general pool of water and be used for free by the water company shareholders.

This lease would provide a payment of \$90,000.00 for 2025 calendar year, and the District would assume the responsibility of paying for the annual regular assessment fees (generally \$5,000 annually).

**Recommended Action**

It is recommended that the Board approve the lease agreement for 30 shares of Evans Ditch Stock to Moonlight Dairy for an initial one-year period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, and grant the Vice President, Administrative Services, authority to make minor revisions only if needed to complete the lease agreement after it has been initiated.



**BID: RFP # 1545A**

**PROJECT: RFP# 1545A Evans Ditch Company Stock Bid**

**DUE DATE: Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at 2:00pm**

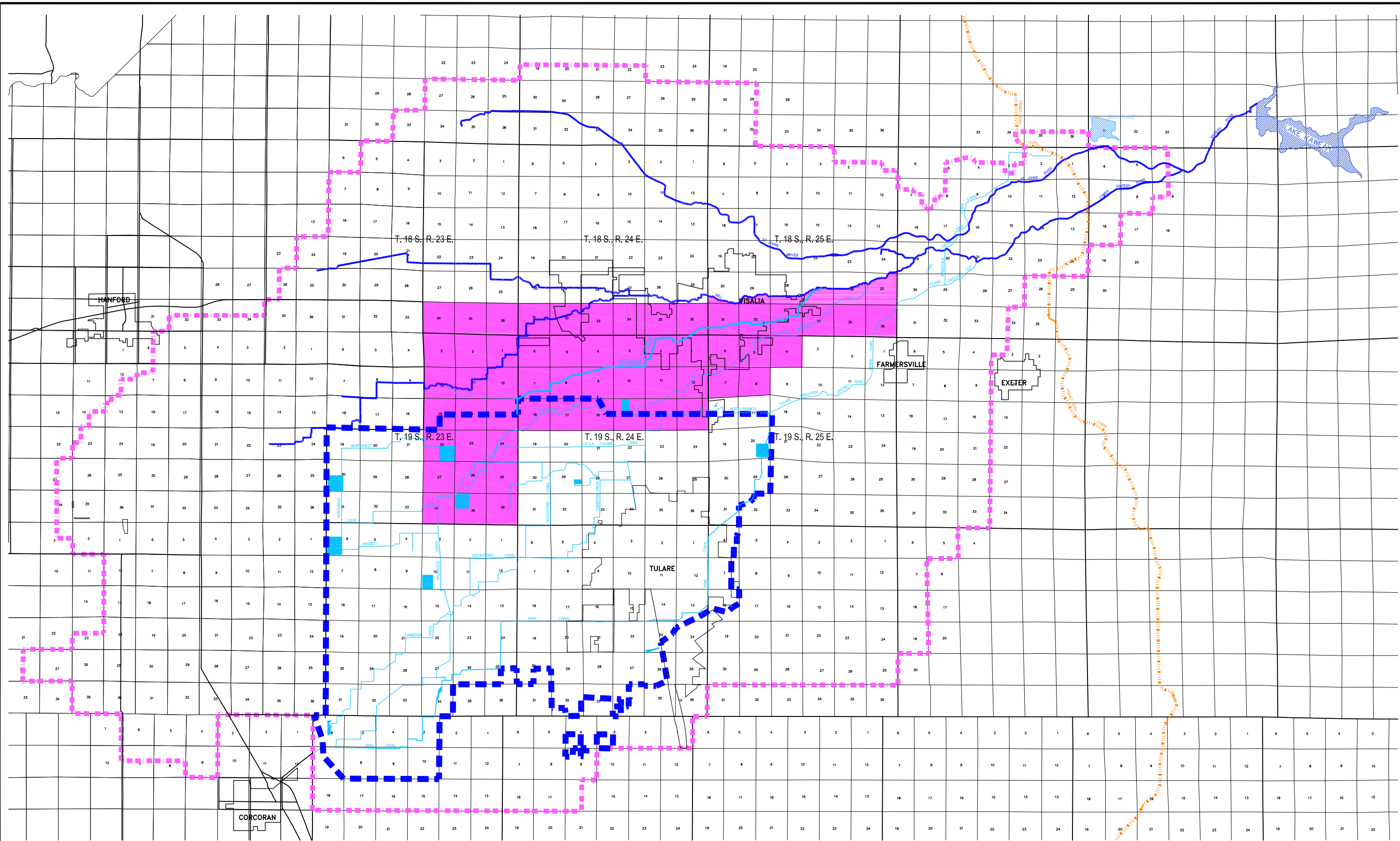
**OPENING DATE: Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at 2:00pm**

**RFP Respondent Opening Summary**

VENDOR NAME	Date Delivered	Proposal Signed	Hold Harmless	Non-Collusion	Workers Comp	Drug-Free	Pricing
EVANS DITCH CO.	10/28/24	X	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	X
SARJIT MALLI	10/22/2024	X	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	X
MOONLIGHT DAIRY	10/29/2024	X	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	X

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO LEASE EVANS DITCH COMPANY STOCK BY THE SEQUOIAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT:**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the College of the Sequoias Community College District, of Tulare County, California, acting by and through the Board of Trustees, hereinafter referred to as "DISTRICT", requests sealed bids, which must be received by the DISTRICT not later than 2:00 P.M. on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024, for the leasing of thirty (1) shares of stock in the Evans Ditch Company, hereinafter referred to as "Stock". The lease of Stock shall be to the person or entity which submits the highest rent bid for the leasing of the Stock. The lease term will be for a period of one (1) year commencing January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025, with option to renew for additional (1) year terms, not to exceed three (3) years total. The DISTRICT will also consider a maximum three (3) year agreement. A minimum bid of \$20,000 is required and the District will pay the annual assessment fees for the Stock. The water from Evans Ditch Company represented by the Stock must be used within the Evans Ditch Company Service Area. A complete description and map of the Evans Ditch Company Service Area may be viewed at the Purchasing Office at 915 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia, CA, 93277 or online at <https://www.cos.edu/en-us/administration/admin-staff-support/purchasing-and-business-services>. The DISTRICT reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any bids or in the bidding process. All sealed bids must be received no later than 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, October 29, 2024. The mailing address to submit sealed bids and the address for personal delivery of the sealed bids is: Sequoias Community College District, Purchasing Office, Attn: Ashley Collins, 915 S. Mooney Blvd., Sequoia 4, Visalia, CA 93277. If a bid is accepted, the DISTRICT shall notify the highest bidder that the bid has been accepted by December 14, 2024. Interested bidders may direct questions as to the bidding process to Ashley Collins, Manager, Purchasing & Business Support at (559) 730-3765 or [ashleyco@cos.edu](mailto:ashleyco@cos.edu).



**LEGEND**

- TULARE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
- EVANS DITCH COMPANY SERVICE AREA
- KAWEAH DELTA WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
- RIVER CHANNELS
- IRRIGATION CANALS
- FRIANT KERN CANAL

**EVANS DITCH COMPANY**  
**SERVICE AREA**



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