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PRE-BID MEETING (NON-MANDATORY): 6 AUGUST 2026

SUNDANCE DRIVE 6-INCH WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT: D01-26

Note: All items in red text are additions or corrections from or following the pre-bid meeting.

Project Description:

- Approximately 1700 LF of 6-inch C900 PVC and 60 LF of 4-inch C900 PVC pipe with domestic DI fittings as indicated on the Contract Documents (Bid Item 5).
- Removal of the existing pipe is required (Bid Item 8). The District excavated and removed a section of existing AC pipe from this area and is of the opinion that the AC is non-friable, which indicates that it is landfillable, following specific EPA and landfill disposal and packaging requirements.

“It is the policy of Mesa County Solid Waste Management (MCSW) that all asbestos disposals are properly packaged, sealed, and labeled appropriately with the required caution or danger statement. All asbestos-containing material must be double wrapped in 6 mil poly. All asbestos deliveries shall be labeled in type at least .50 inches tall.”
- Trench excavation and backfill (Bid Item 2) is Class I and Class II as shown on the drawings and described in the specifications and bid schedule. Class I excavation/backfill removes native material from site. Class E pit run import should be placed and compacted in trench zone.
- Bid Item 3a-c – Engineering-Directed Material shall be used only as directed by Engineer for various purposes; generally, to address/improve unsuitable subgrade and provide foundation stabilization. The District is not performing this work even though unit prices are given in the bid schedule; rather, these are the prices the District will pay for base, pit run and rock when stabilization is needed. These prices were accidentally omitted from the SOV in the IFB and will be included in an addendum. Prices are as follows: **\$26.00** for aggregate base course, \$21.50 for pit run, and \$27.00 for 1-1/2” Screen Rock.
- Bid Items 4a-f are surface restoration. **4a** and **4b** are full depth and mill & overlay, respectively, where the pipe is under the existing road surface. **4c** and **4d** uses Class D and is for concrete driveways, sidewalks, curb, gutter, v-pans, etc. **4e** is gravel shoulder and driveway replacement. **4f** is used to reset signs, mailboxes, etc. which are disturbed during construction.

- Bid Item 5c – Cathodic protect is to be welded to the casing under OMID canal #1. No test station is required at this time.
- Bid Item 6 includes water service connection to the new water main. Pipe service saddle should include brass top with stainless bands. Since temporary service connections are planned at meters for this project, the new services can be connected to the new main as it is placed and covered. Service from main will be restored following passing tests. Service lines will be burped at service meters. Service connections shall be disinfected. Surface restoration related to service connections is included in Bid Item 7 as indicated in the Schedule of Values.
- Bid Item 7 includes 3 new fire hydrant assemblies. Assembly includes trench excavation, backfill, concrete blocks and thrust blocks, surface restoration and hydrant assembly.
- The District has included an adder for flaggers on the bid schedule to address traffic control (Bid Item 9). However, road closure with detour on 29 Rd is anticipated.
- The Plans show the results of subsurface investigation of existing utilities along the proposed alignment which are shown on the P&P sheets. Additional Engineer-directed potholing is provided in Bid Item 10.
- During the potholing investigation there was no obvious indication of groundwater within our excavation. However the Orchard Mesa Irrigation Canal was off at the time. All equipment, labor and materials required by the Contractor to manage/mitigate groundwater during all phases of construction shall be considered incidental to the work. Any necessary discharge permitting is the responsibility of the contractor to obtain and maintain. (see page 4, Q&A for updated information)
- The contractor shall bid every item on the Schedule of Values.
- The Contractor is responsible for construction sequence, methods and connections. Ute Water will establish temporary water service connections for the project area. Contractor must coordinate work with District staff to minimize construction time, number of shutdowns and disruption to customers.

Project Milestones:

- Bid Date: 20 August 2026 at 2 p.m.
- Notice of Award within 10 days.
- Notice to Proceed issued once Contract, Insurance & Payment Bonds are received and upon coordinating the construction schedule.
- Substantial Completion: within 45 calendar days of date of Notice to Proceed and no later than 8 September 2026.
- Final Completion: Within two (2) weeks of date of Substantial Completion and no later than 23 October 2026.

Construction Staking:

- Owner may provide construction staking as needed (e.g. fittings, grade-critical locations and other areas as necessary). The District can stake the limits of asphalt removal upon request from the Contractor. District can provide as-built survey

- Contractor must provide necessary QC Surveying to assure construction within tolerances described in the Contract Documents.

Easements:

- All work is within Mesa County ROW. No work or staging shall occur staging in CDOT ROW.

Access Roads & Staging Area:

- Staging areas and access are the responsibility of the Contractor.
- Access to business and residences must be maintained at all times.

Project Water:

- Ute Water will have project water available at no charge to the Contractor for loading the mainline, soil moisture-conditioning, dust control, and road maintenance as necessary using one of the existing appurtenances on our water system adjacent to the work area as approved by the District.
- The contractor must provide labor and equipment necessary to use the water. Water truck must have an approved backflow prevention device.
- Water for flushing the main will be available. We assume connecting both ends with necessary means of loading water and evacuating air; flush both direction to opposite side of fire hydrant.

Project Permits:

- Owner will obtain the necessary Mesa County ROW Utility permits. Selected contractor must submit traffic control plan ASAP.
- Road closures to through traffic must be coordinated with Mesa County.

Subsurface Conditions:

- Existing Utilities depicted based on best available information from subsurface investigation. Testhole (TH) information is quality level A & B. Sanitary Storm Sewer data are quality level B based on engineering judgement and survey, not geophysical or pothole methods. Other utilities depicted are quality level C & D – not fully investigated due to proximity of the proposed construction.

QA/QC:

- The Contractor shall chlorinate the main line and appurtenance as necessary to obtain a minimum chlorine residual in accordance with the Contract Documents.
- Owner will provide bacteriological laboratory sampling of the water from the main after flushing as necessary. If the presence of a bacterial indicator exists, additional chlorination or flushing could be required at no expense to the Owner.
- After successful bacteriological testing, the Contractor shall perform a field hydrostatic pressure test of the system for 4 hours within the allowable leakage described in the Contract Documents at the low point.
- Owner will hire a qualified materials testing firm to provide laboratory and field testing of backfill material including soils, asphalt, etc.

As-Built Documents:

- Owner will not require record drawings from the Contractor. The Contractor shall coordinate with Owner throughout the work to ensure that staff can record as-built survey data in accordance with CI/ASCE 38 and the Colorado 811 Law.

Submittals:

- Owner will review submittals and provide comments in a timely manner.

Addendum Items:

- Final Addendum will be published Tuesday, 18 August 2026.
- Questions are due in writing by 5 p.m. Friday 14 August 2026.
- Items so far: Q&A; Pre-bid agenda and attendance list; Plan set Rev 1 to show temp service asphalt cuts and utility depths

Utility Owners:

- Gas – Xcel
- Electric – Grand Valley Power
- Sewer – City of Grand Junction
- Phone –
- Cable –
- Irrigation – Orchard Mesa Irrigation District

Question/Answer:

1. Has the carrier pipe in the casing at OMID Canal been pressure tested?
 - a. Yes – pressure test was passed. No bacteriological testing was conducted and will need to be included in the Contractor's QC testing.
2. Is service line copper required all the way to the meter pit for all existing services?
 - a. New copper service pipe is not required to replace existing where not disturbed. New copper is only required for connection to existing service line from corporation stop. Refer Construction Plans sheets 5-8, Note 1.
3. Where AC pipe is not aligned with the new C900, is the AC pipe to be removed or abandoned in place?
 - a. AC pipe that can be avoided with the alignment of the new water main should be capped and abandoned in place. Contractor must coordinate as-built survey with Ute Water for ends of pipe abandoned in place.
4. There is an additional location for potential ground water. A Sundance resident noted to Ute Water staff following the pre-bid meeting that water regularly seeps from the ground in front of 148 Sundance Dr.
5. NOTE – the casing pipe under OMID Canal #1 is installed and existing as of March 2026.