

## **Bids in for vets hall job**

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Two bids for completion of the new community hall in Valley Springs are under consideration.

Three bids were submitted Aug. 10, said Gary Toffanelli, Jenny Lind Veterans Memorial District Board of Directors president, but one was disqualified for not following the bid-process format.

The two remaining bidders are Diede Construction from Stockton area and Lee-Way Construction out of Angels Camp.

Tofanelli and fellow board member Michael Wietrick are reviewing the bids for completion of the building's interior. Tofanelli said he anticipates entering discussions with those bidders within the next few days and there's the possibility of making a presentation to the entire board before the end of the month.

"As soon as we have something we're comfortable with, we'll go to the board," he added.

Under the current timeline, directors had talked about having the hall completed sometime in December.

The district back in May received two bids to complete the hall's interior and both were rejected as being too high.

Exterior work on the new hall at Daphne and Pine streets took place 5 years ago. The shell is up and interior framing and a stage have been completed.

The new hall is located behind the existing 50-plus-year-old veterans building and is more than three times larger than the old hall.

Plans for the new hall call for a commercial-grade kitchen, multiple meeting rooms, larger stage area for theatrical events, along with a larger capacity for community and private events.

In addition, the modern building solves handicap-access, heating and air-conditioning issues associated with the old hall.