



## CITY OF BANNING STAFF REPORT

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Douglas Schulze, City Manager

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**MEETING DATE:** January 14, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Resolution 2025-04, Approving Amendment No. 2 to the Design-Build Agreement with EFS West for the Compressed Natural Gas Fueling Station for an Additional Amount of \$730,398 for a Second Compressor

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt Resolution 2025-04.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The City owns and operates a CNG fueling facility located at the Corporate Yard (176 E. Lincoln Street). The facility was commissioned in 2004 and serves the City's fleet (i.e. transit buses and dump truck) and the Banning Unified School District (BUSD) bus fleet.

At the time of commissioning the CNG facility was available 24 hours a day, 7 days per week to the general public and to other agencies such as, Morongo Band of Mission Indians, Caltrans, County of Riverside and Waste Management. The public access has been closed for over five years due to complications with the CNG fueling station.

The existing CNG fueling facility is several years beyond its useful life, is constantly under repair and parts have become increasingly difficult to purchase and in some cases are obsolete. As a result, the City of Banning released a Request for Proposals (RFP 23-034) for a CNG Fueling Station Design-Build project June 5, 2023. On September 12, 2023, the Council unanimously approved the project be awarded to EFS West Inc. of Valencia for being the highest ranked firm to complete the design and construct the City's new CNG fueling facility.

The scope of work included the completion of the project design, engineering, permits, grading, construction, material, labor, testing, verification, procurement, commissioning, and installation of all equipment. To date, final design is almost 100% complete.

As part of the RFP, the City included three (3) additive bid alternate items. EFS West, Inc. bid on the three items as follows:

Additive Bid Alternate	Price
Second CNG Compressor	\$895,000
Standby Diesel Generator	\$260,549
Second Fuel Island	\$278,361

City staff has successfully secured additional funding from the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) through the FY 2024/2025 SRTP process for the purchase of the second CNG compressor and the standby diesel generator. City Council adopted Resolution 2024-188 approving Amendment No. 1 for the purchase of a standby diesel generator December 10th, 2024. As discussed in that same staff report, staff is now asking City Council to approve Amendment No. 2 for the purchase and installation of the second compressor as ongoing negotiations amongst staff and EFS West resulted in revised, and more competitive, pricing being provided. As the result, EFS West's quote for the second compressor was reduced from the original amount of \$895,000 to \$730,398.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The addition of a second compressor increases the station's fueling capacity while providing increased efficiency and resiliency. As outlined in the September 12, 2023, staff report (Resolution No. 2023-155), staff requested and were subsequently granted additional STA funding for a second compressor based on this need for resiliency and increased efficiencies.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The current adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 includes a budgeted amount of \$900,000 for the second compressor in Account No. 610-5800-331.90-56. The project is fully funded by State Transit Assistance (STA) funds as programmed in the City's approved Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP).

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Do not adopt the resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

**BUDGETED?:**

Yes

**CONTRACT/AGREEMENT:**

Yes

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. [Resolution 2025-04, EFS West CNG Station.docx](#)
2. [Exhibit A - Amend No.2 to the DBA with EFS West.docx](#)
3. [EFS 2nd Compressor Proposal.pdf](#)
4. [9.12.23 Staff Report Awarding CNG Station to EFS.pdf](#)
5. [12.10.24 Staff Report Approving EFS Amendment 1.pdf](#)