



CITY OF BANNING STAFF REPORT

TO: CITY COUNCIL

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MEETING DATE: December 10, 2024

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution 2024-188, Approving Amendment No. 1 to the Design-Build Agreement with EFS West for the Compressed Natural Gas Fueling Station for an Additional Amount of \$260,549 for a Standby Diesel Generator

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution 2024-188.

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. 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, California for being the highest ranked firm to complete the design and construction of 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. Due to an increase in pricing for the second CNG compressor, staff is seeking Council's authority to add only the standby generator to the agreement at this time. Staff will return at a later date with a request to add the second CNG compressor once staff deems the cost reasonable.

JUSTIFICATION:

A backup generator is needed to ensure the CNG station can continue to operate and dispense fuel to essential vehicles in the event of a power outage or other emergency situation. As outlined in the September 12, 2023 staff report, staff requested and were subsequently granted additional STA funding for a standby diesel generator based on the need for resiliency against service interruptions.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The current adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 includes a budgeted amount of \$265,000 in Account No. 610-5800-434.90-56. 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 Resolution 2024-188 and provide alternative direction to staff. Not approving Resolution 2024-188 would result in not adding a backup power generator to the CNG facility, which provides fuel to the City's transit fleet and others. Additionally, STA funds received for the purpose of funding the addition of an emergency generator may be forfeited.

BUDGETED?:

Yes

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT:

Yes

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Resolution 2024-188, EFS West Amendment CNG Station.docx](#)
2. [Amend No.1 to the DBA with EFS West.pdf](#)
3. [EFS Quote Generator.pdf](#)
4. [CC Resolution No. 2023-155 CNG Station EFS.pdf](#)