



## **AGENDA SUMMARY EUREKA CITY COUNCIL**

**TITLE:** Commercial Street Fueling Facility – Tank Replacement Project

**DEPARTMENT:** Engineering

**PREPARED BY:** Jesse Willor, City Engineer

**PRESENTED FOR:** ☐ Action ☐ Information only ☐ Discussion

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Receive report of purchase for aboveground fuel storage tank, equipment and associated piping from Shields Harper & Co and authorize staff to enter into contracts for the tank replacement project at the Commercial Street marine fueling facility and provide an additional appropriation of \$1,000,000.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

☐ No Fiscal Impact ☐ Included in Budget ☒ Additional Appropriation

### **COUNCIL GOALS/STRATEGIC VISION**

### **DISCUSSION**

The City owns a marine fueling facility at the foot of Commercial Street that is the primary fueling location on Humboldt Bay. The fueling facility consists of four (4) single-walled underground storage tanks (USTs), piping to three (3) dispensers on the dock and associated electrical. Three of the four USTs are active while one has been previously abandoned in place. Two of the tanks are 10,000-gallon diesel tanks and one is a 10,000-gallon gasoline tank.

On March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 the City received a notice from the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services' Environmental Health Division. In summary, the letter stated that single-walled storage tanks will no longer be compliant with state law as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025, and that the single-walled tanks need to be removed by that date. Failure to permanently close the tanks will result in civil penalties ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 per day per tank. Additionally, the letter stated that no exemptions or extensions to the deadline will be made.

The City explored options to replace the tanks and ways to best serve the local marine fleet. Large welded fuel tanks have long lead times for manufacturing, and staff moved quickly to start the project. In April of 2025 a consulting firm, Trans Tech Consultants, was retained to assist with designing a new above ground storage tank and associated equipment to replace the existing underground storage tanks. The project team worked to facilitate a design that would

allow for manufacturing lead time, equipment delivery, and installation, that would result in meeting the deadline. The design includes a new 25,000 gallon above ground fuel tank. The new tank will have both Diesel and Gasoline fuels, 20,000 gallons and 5,000 gallons respectively.

On July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 the City placed the order with Shields Harper & Co, a well-known fuel facility system equipment supplier, to furnish the tank and associated equipment. The total purchase was in the amount of \$332,929.34, which includes tax and freight to deliver to the project site. The replacement tank and equipment package were ordered and purchased consistent with an emergency procurement due to the urgency and potential for regulatory penalties.

The project will include the listed components;

- Design
- Tank and Equipment Purchase
- Tree removal
- Tank and equipment installation
- Existing tank removal and testing
- Resurfacing

The project is estimated to cost approximately \$1,000,000 which includes 10% for contingency. The project will be funded from the general fund, specifically from transportation maintenance funds from 2024 and 2025.

The City's procurement policy requires the City Manager to report to the Council any emergency purchase made at the next council meeting following the emergency procurement.

Staff recommends that Council receive this report, authorize staff to enter into contracts for the tank replacement project at the Commercial Street marine fueling facility, and approve an additional appropriation of \$1,000,000.