County Connection

Agenda Item # 9.a.

To: Board of Directors **Date:** November 13, 2026

From: Yvette Glenn, Chief Operating Officer **Reviewed by:** WC.

SUBJECT: Fuel Tank Storage Project Update

Background:
County Connection's fueling facility historically consisted of two 25,000-gallon single-wall underground diesel storage tanks installed in 1981, and one 20,000-gallon double-wall underground diesel storage tank installed in 1985. Changes in California underground storage tank regulations required the Authority to discontinue use of the single-wall underground tanks and transition to a compliant replacement fueling system.

To maintain fueling capacity for the renewable diesel fleet and ensure continued support for countywide emergency operations, the Authority implemented a three-phase fuel infrastructure modernization project. Rather than replace the existing underground tanks with new underground tanks, staff determined that installation of above-ground storage tanks would provide a more cost-effective and less disruptive long-term solution.

Project Summary:
The fuel tank replacement project was completed through three separate phases:

Phase 1 - Above-Ground Tank Procurement
In August 2024, the Board authorized the purchase of two new 25,000-gallon underground diesel storage tanks and associated fueling equipment. Following further evaluation of project costs and constructability, the Board approved a revised approach in March 2025 to install above-ground tanks instead of underground tanks. Procuring the tanks early helped control costs and shorten the project schedule, while the transition to an above-ground storage system provided significant cost savings and reduced operational disruption during the construction phase.

The tank procurement was completed through a competitive cooperative purchasing contract, resulting in a total equipment cost of $505,594.

Phase 2 - Underground Tank Closure-in-Place
In September 2025, the Board authorized permanent closure-in-place of the Authority's underground fuel storage system. The work included cleaning and filling the non-compliant single-wall underground tanks in accordance with regulatory requirements.

The closure work was procured through a competitive solicitation process and was completed at a total cost of $250,905.

Phase 3 - Above-Ground Tank Installation

In March 2026, the Board authorized a construction contract for installation of the new above-ground fuel storage system. Construction included site preparation, foundations, piping, electrical work, controls, fueling equipment, safety systems, and commissioning of the facility.

During construction, the project encountered an unexpected permitting requirement from the Fire Department that required additional concrete improvements to be installed beneath portions of the facility. The additional work was completed, and all required approvals were ultimately obtained.

The installation contract was competitively procured and completed at a total cost of $697,406.

The two new above-ground storage tanks were placed into service on October 20, 2026.

Remaining Activities:

The 20,000-gallon double-wall tank remains on site and has been placed in a dormant condition pending resolution of permitting requirements. Staff is working with regulatory agencies to identify a path forward that would allow the tank to be returned to service. Should further engineering, construction, or permitting work be required, staff will return to the Committee and Board to seek the necessary procurement authority.

Additionally, the Fire Department permit requires an upgrade to the generator that provides emergency power to the maintenance building and fuel island. Staff is currently preparing an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for this work and will return to the board at a future date to request procurement authority.

Financial Implications:

The total project cost was $1,453,905 and was funded through TDA Capital funds.

Recommendation:

None, information only.

Action Requested:

None, information only.

Attachments:

None.