



Lewis County Department of Public Works

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To: Board of County Commissioners
County Manager

From: Josh Metcalf, PE, Director 

Subject: **Central Shop Fuel System Replacement Funding**

The primary fueling station for the Lewis County Public Works Department and other County users, located at 109 Forest Napavine Road (Central Shop), has exceeded its life expectancy, and needs to be replaced. The existing system includes two underground fuel storage tanks and an obsolete pump system. Additionally, beginning in 2000 Lewis County in conjunction with the Washington State Department of Ecology began a Remedial Investigation which eventually led to extensive mitigation work and ongoing monitoring of the site and a significant area around the facility as a result of previous underground storage tanks and past practices.

We are experiencing a significant increase in maintenance and repair costs for the tanks as well as the distribution system as a result of the aging equipment. Besides increasing costs, the system is down more frequently and becoming unreliable. Around 2018, the Fleet Division incorporated a fuel surcharge as part of the annual rates specifically for the purpose of funding maintenance and eventually the replacement of the fueling system at Central Shop. I have been working with the Fleet Services Manager to prepare a plan for the replacement of the fueling system and decommissioning of the remaining underground storage tanks and we are ready to proceed with advertising the project. The current ER&R balance for replacement is not sufficient at this time to cover the total cost of the project and I would like to request approval to supplement the ER&R balance with funds received as a result of the recent the insurance settlement agreements. Based on estimated costs, I anticipate the additional funds required to be \$150,000 - \$200,000.

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