



**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION/
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

Notice is hereby given that the public agency named below has completed an Initial Study of the following described project at the following location:	
Public Agency:	March Joint Powers Authority
Project Name:	Meridian Trunk Sewer Improvement Project
Project Description:	The proposed project would be a new 24 to 36-inch diameter vitrified clay pipe (VCP) underground sewer main. Starting from north to south, the new sewer main would begin by connecting to the existing sewer lines at the lift station within the Meridian Business Park. The alignment would extend southerly under the Van Buren/Interstate 215 Interchange directly to the WMWD treatment plant approximately 8,600 linear feet (1.6 miles) from the beginning, paralleling the freeway and railroad tracks. The proposed sewer will be installed in approximate 100 linear foot segments that will be backfilled and returned to existing conditions after the pipe is installed and inspected. Upon completion of the sewer main, the existing lift station would be demolished. Additionally, the line would allow the existing sewer line located on the Riverside National Cemetery property to eventually be abandoned and free up property within the cemetery for other uses. The limits of construction along the proposed sewer line alignment would be 20-feet on either side of the centerline of the proposed sewer line for a total width of 40-feet.
Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15’ or 7 1/2’ topographical map identified by quadrangle name):	The northernmost point of the proposed alignment begins at an existing sewer lift station located within the south eastern portion of the Meridian Business Park, approximately 850 feet north of Van Buren Boulevard between Interstate 215 and Opportunity Way. The alignment extends south for approximately 8,600 feet (1.62 miles) to the Western Municipal Water District (WMWD) treatment plant. Approximately 6,400 linear feet of the alignment traverses the eastern edge of the Riverside National Cemetery located at 22495 Van Buren Blvd, Riverside, California, 92518.
This Initial Study was completed in accordance with the Lead Agency’s Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act. This Initial Study was undertaken for the purpose of deciding whether the project may have a significant effect on the environment. On the basis of such Initial Study, the Lead Agency’s Staff has concluded that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, and has therefore prepared a Draft Negative Declaration/Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Initial Study reflects the independent judgment of the Lead Agency.	
<input type="checkbox"/> The Project site IS on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Project site IS NOT on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.	
<input type="checkbox"/> The proposed project IS considered a project of statewide, regional or areawide significance.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The proposed project IS NOT considered a project of statewide, regional or areawide significance.	
<input type="checkbox"/> The proposed project WILL affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The proposed project WILL NOT affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.	
<input type="checkbox"/> A scoping meeting WILL be held by the Lead Agency.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A scoping meeting WILL NOT be held by the Lead Agency.	
If the project meets the criteria requiring the scoping meeting, or if the agency voluntarily elects to hold such a meeting,	

the date, time and location of the scoping meeting are as follows:		
Date: Not Applicable	Time: Not Applicable	Location: Not Applicable
Copies of the Initial Study and Draft Negative Declaration/Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and are available for public review at the Lead Agency's office, located at: March Joint Powers Authority, 14205 Meridian Parkway, Suite 140, Riverside, CA 92518.		
The proposed Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration can be obtained in electronic format by the following method: https://www.marchjpa.com/planning.php		
Lead Agency address: March Joint Powers Authority, 14205 Meridian Parkway, Suite 140 Riverside, CA 92518		
Comments will be received from January 30, 2019 to March 01, 2019		
Any person wishing to comment on this matter must submit such comments, in writing prior to 5:00 p.m. on March 01, 2019. Comments can be submitted in writing to Lauren Sotelo, Associate Planner, March Joint Powers Authority, 14205 Meridian Parkway, Suite 140, Riverside, CA 92518. Comments of all Responsible Agencies are also requested.		

The Lead Agency will consider the project and the Draft Negative Declaration/Mitigated Negative Declaration at its meeting on:	
Date: Wednesday, March 27, 2019	Time: 3:00 p.m.
If the Lead Agency finds that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, it may adopt the Negative Declaration/Mitigated Negative Declaration. This means that the Lead Agency may proceed to consider the project without the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report.	

Date Received
for Filing: _____


Staff: Lauren Sotelo

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Associate Planner
Title



Source: Google Earth, 2018

FIGURE 2: Vicinity Map
 Meridian Trunk Sewer
 Riverside, CA



Not to scale

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