

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE
MERIDIAN TRUNK SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the March Joint Powers Authority has completed an Initial Study and intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Meridian Trunk Sewer Improvement Project. The northernmost point of the proposed alignment begins at an existing sewer lift station located within 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. The Initial Study ND/MND is available for public review at the March JPA offices, located at 14205 Meridian Parkway, Suite 140, Riverside, CA 92518. Additionally, the document can be viewed on the March JPA website at:

<https://www.marchjpa.com/planning.php>

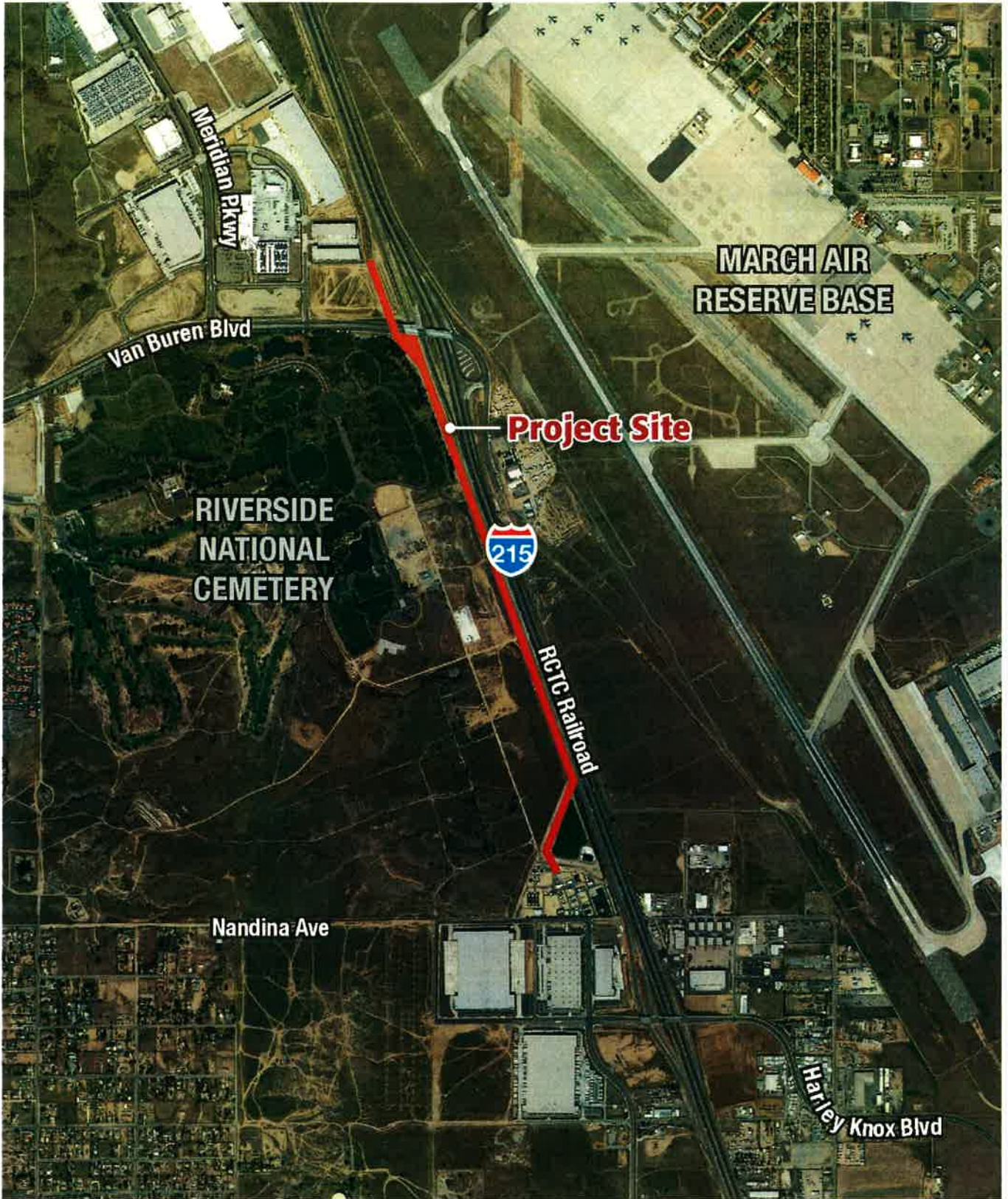
The proposed Project involves the following:
The proposed sewer line would be a new 24 to 36-inch diameter vitrified clay pipe (VCP) underground sewer main. Starting from north to south, the new sewer main would begin by connecting to the existing sewer lines at the lift station within the Meridian Business 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 sewer line for a total width of 40-feet.

Environmental Impacts: An Initial Study was completed in accordance with the March Joint Power Authority's Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act. The Initial Study was prepared for the purpose of deciding whether the project may have a significant effect on the environment. On the basis of such Initial Study, the MJPA Staff has concluded that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and has therefore prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration.

The March Joint Powers Authority is the lead agency for this action. The Project Site is not on a list of hazardous waste facilities pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5. The proposed project is not considered a project of statewide, regional or areawide significance. The proposed project will not affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation. A scoping meeting will not be held by the Lead Agency. The review period for this document is 30 days, January 30, 2019 through March 1, 2019. The March Joint Powers Authority will consider the Project and the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration at its March Joint Powers Commission Meeting on Wednesday, March 27, 2019, 3:00 p.m. or soon thereafter. Contact Person: Lauren Sotelo, Associate Planner, March Joint Powers Authority, (951) 656-7000. A map is provided on the back of this notice identifying the location of the Project.

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Source: Google Earth, 2018

FIGURE 2: Vicinity Map
Meridian Trunk Sewer
Riverside, CA



Not to scale

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