

MARCH JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY



MONITORING & PROTECTION MARCH ARB MISSIONS AND FUNDING

DATE: April 2023

Federal Budget and Authorizations

A. DOD Funding

March JPA supports robust funding for the Department of Defense. March JPA remains interested in constantly monitoring the federal budgetary and appropriations process in order to achieve March JPA's missions and objectives and to support March Air Reserve Base. As the Base begins to implement new missions or activities based on changes to strategy and the appropriations that may come, March JPA will continue to advocate for activities and projects at March Air Reserve Base and in our larger community.

The March JPA should continue to advocate for funding priorities contained within the FY22 budget request as well as the inclusion of JPA objectives in the FY22 appropriations process. The March JPA will also closely monitor the FY23 Budget and Appropriations processes and provide input and advocacy to our Congressional Delegation and relevant Agency officials when necessary.

B. Defense Community Infrastructure Program

Sustaining our nation's defense infrastructure is critical to maintaining the competitive edge of our force. Much of the burden for providing essential municipal services and infrastructure (i.e., roads, utilities, transit, railways, ports, emergency response and social services) to military installations, service members and their families falls on state and local governments. With no current federal funding available to help communities, in many cases, these critical off-base, military-connected services and infrastructure projects do not happen at all. The Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP) allows DoD to work with state and local governments by providing a matching grant to address the critical off-base infrastructure needs that have a direct impact on the military value and resiliency of installations. In FY21, Congress exceeded the \$50 million DCIP authorization and appropriated \$60 million for the program. In the FY22 NDAA, the program is authorized at only \$15,000,000. March JPA has and will continue to advocate for increasing funding to the FY20 authorized level of \$100 million. These funds provide additional opportunities for defense communities around California to continue to assist our military installations and to promote national security and regional objectives.

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C. KC – 46 Bed Down Mission

In January of 2022, Air Force officials pegged March Air Reserve Base as the preferred location for the KC-45 Pegasus bed down mission. The fleet would replace older KC-135 tankers with the expectation that the new aircraft would begin operation at the Base in 2025 will full operations anticipated in 2027. As MIPAA experiences growth on its two airport parcels over the next few years, it is anticipated that military missions will take priority pursuant to our joint use agreement with the Air Force. MJPA, through its public-private partnerships, will offer assistance in coordinating improvements on non-federal lands that would be of benefit to the KC-46 mission, and other military missions, at March.

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March JPA will ask Congressional representatives to fully fund DCIP at the authorized level of \$100M for FY23 and FY24 and to work with DoD and Congress on the criteria for the program. This investment will not only directly enhance the critical military value of MARB, but it will also have a larger impact by leveraging state, local, private sector, and even other federal investments through a matching requirement. This could result in an estimated \$300-\$400M total impact nationwide. This is an infrastructure plan that prioritizes national security.