



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITIES

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PURPOSE

To provide information and overview of the community partnership efforts between March Joint Powers Authority (March JPA) and March Air Reserve Base (MARB).

DISCUSSION

Our nation's defense infrastructure and its sustainment are critical to maintaining the competitive edge of our military forces. March JPA takes very seriously our obligation to protect military missions at MARB through responsible development, and joint projects with MARB through Joint Use and Community Partnerships.

OFFICE OF LOCAL DEFENSE COMMUNITY COOPERATION (OLDCC)

In 2024, March JPA will be applying for an approximate \$660,000 grant with OLDCC to develop March's first Energy Resiliency study that will accomplish the following:

Resilience Report: Study of critical natural gas, electricity, and related communications infrastructure resources supporting airfield operations at March Air Reserve Base (ARB,) March JPA and the surrounding community. Assessment of existing energy infrastructure, including communications infrastructure supporting industrial controls, backup energy requirements, and both physical and digital security. Assess potential impacts to March JPA and March ARB from various hazard scenarios, and the capability to operate essential services for public order for 14 days.

Action Plan: Prioritize recommendations for projects to enhance the resilience issues related to energy infrastructure. Identify resilience projects, such as system-wide or critical node recapitalization, to support a 14 day off-grid capability for energy infrastructure. Prioritized list of projects, including concept development, rough cost estimates, and feasibility assessments for highest priority projects.

Funding Plan: Prioritized recommendations for obtaining Federal, state, and local funding to design, construct, operationalize, and sustain projects to enhance the resilience of the and the missions of March ARB.

Tabletop Exercise (TTX): simulating natural and manmade threats and failures in community infrastructure supporting the operations and missions of March JPA and March ARB. Assess vulnerabilities and identify areas of concern for future study and action. In particular, examine

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energy and related communications infrastructure. Prepare an after-action report detailing and prioritizing infrastructure conditions for further study and action.

- Steering committee meeting agendas/read-ahead, handouts, and minutes
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- Develop GIS data/layers to support hazard analysis and planning for new critical infrastructure identified in the study.
- Develop a March Airfield Operations Resilience Report to include lessons learned during the study processes; challenges to overcome; challenges unable to overcome; recommended improvements to the OLDCC Installation Resilience program; results/benefits to the community realized and projected; results/benefits to the installation and the DoD; best practices that were achieved or projected to be achieved from the project.

Grantee must include description/evaluation of:

- Outcomes arising from engagements with the military installation and the number of interactions that occurred
- Benefits of deliverables for reducing potential impairments to the local mission or improvements to the sustainability of the installation
- Actions from the project that will be or have been carried out regardless of whether Federal funds are supporting.

ONGOING LOCAL SUPPORT FOR BASE OPERATIONS:

- A. Continued engagement with Riverside County Airport Land Use Commission land use projects around March.
- B. Maintain active participation in local Military Affairs Committees.
- C. Maintain close working relationships with the Installation Commander, Mission Support Group Commander, and the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation.
- D. In addition to the IRR, engage with the SoCal Gas utility company in updating former military gas lines within the non-cantonment area and engage with all utility companies on an energy resiliency plan for the Base.
- E. Maintain engagement with Federal, State, County, and local authorities regarding support of military operations and military families at MARB. Continuously seek federal support of full funding toward the KC-46 beddown at March and Defense Civilian Infrastructure Pilot Program.

RECOMMENDATIONS / REQUESTS

Provided for background and situational awareness.