

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE MARCH JOINT POWERS COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at 3:00 P.M. on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, or as soon thereafter as possible, the March Joint Powers Commission of the March Joint Powers Authority (March JPA) will conduct a public hearing at the Western Municipal Water District - Board Room, 14205 Meridian Parkway, Riverside, California 92518. This meeting is scheduled to discuss and take action on the following item:

GP 23-02 Environmental Justice Element: The March JPA has prepared an Environmental Justice Element, in compliance with SB 1000. If adopted, the Environmental Justice Element will be a component of the March JPA General Plan, and it will reflect the agency’s commitment to reducing environmental burdens and ensuring all residents have the opportunity to access public facilities and services that improve their quality of life.

Consistent with the Joint Powers Agreement between the Cities of Moreno Valley, Perris, Riverside and Riverside County, the March JPA is planned to sunset on July 1, 2025. As the March JPA planning jurisdiction will be absorbed by Riverside County, the March JPA Environmental Justice Element is based on Riverside County’s adopted Environmental Justice Element. The March JPA Environmental Justice Element would be applicable within the existing March JPA planning jurisdiction identified on the map on the opposite side of the notice. The Environmental Justice Element will include objectives and policies consistent with Government Code section 65302(h) that have as a goal: a) Promote Civic Engagement; b) Health Risk Reduction (e.g., Food Access, Safe and Sanitary Homes, Physical Activity, and Reduce Pollution exposure); c) Public Facilities and Health Care Facilities; and d) Other Environmental Justice Objectives (e.g., stormwater capture, solar and renewable energy, and implementation of climate action plans). The March Joint Powers Commission, as the CEQA Lead Agency for the review and adoption of the Environmental Justice Element, will consider a categorical exemption for the above-described project.

In accordance with Government Code Section 65009, anyone wishing to challenge an action taken by the March Joint Powers Commission in court may be limited to raising only those issues raised at the public hearings described in the notice or raised in written correspondence delivered to the hearing body, at or prior to the public hearing. Any written correspondence submitted to one or more of the March JPA Commissioners regarding this matter must also be carbon copied to the Commission Clerk and the project planner, prior to the meeting date referenced above. Comments may be directed to Dan Fairbanks, Planning Director at fairbanks@marchjpa.com (951) 656-7000, and Cindy Camargo, March JPA Clerk, at camargo@marchjpa.com. Copies of the plan are available at: <https://marchjpa.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Revised-Draft-Environmental-Justice-Element.pdf>



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