

MARCH JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<p>TO: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044</p> <p>And</p> <p>County of Riverside County Clerk 2720 Gateway Drive Riverside, CA 92502-0751</p>	<p>FROM: (Public Agency) March Joint Powers Authority 14205 Meridian Parkway, Suite 140 Riverside, CA 92518</p> <p>Contact: Lauren Sotelo</p> <p>Phone: (951) 656-7000</p>
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1. Project Title:	Dish Wireless Co-Location Project
2. Project Applicant:	Dish Wireless, LLC.
3. Project Location –	Cross Streets: Ferguson Avenue/Nandina Avenue.
4. (a) Project Location – City: Riverside	(b) Project Location – County: Riverside
5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	Dish Wireless proposes to co-locate their equipment to the existing cell tower at 17425 Ferguson Avenue. The co-location would include 3 additional antennas and ground equipment to ensure the functionality of the antennas (equipment cabinet, safety switch, power meter, and GPS unit). The addition of the 3 antennas will be concealed within the existing cell tower designed to look like a water tower. There will be no changes to the overall height of the cell tower. The ground equipment will be installed on a proposed 5’x7’ concrete pad within the existing CMU wall compound owned by the County of Riverside – see letter of acknowledgement of the project (Attachment 8). The wires from the tower to the meter and cabinets will be connected via an ice bridge. The proposed work will not occur within any county road or right of way that surrounds the existing compound.
6. Name of Public Agency approving project:	March Joint Powers Authority 14205 Meridian Parkway, Suite 140 Riverside, CA 92518
7. Name of Person or Agency undertaking the project, including any person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the activity or the person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity:	Dish Wireless, LLC 7545 Irvine Center Drive Irvine, CA 92618 Norman MacLeod (949) 235-8812 norman.macleod@dish.com
8. Exempt status: (check one)	

(a)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ministerial project.	
(b)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not a project.	
(c)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency Project.	
(d)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:	15301 (d): Class 1 Existing Facilities
(e)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Declared Emergency.	
(f)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:	
(g)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other. Explanation:	
9.	Reason why project was exempt:	<p>The Project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities). Section 15301 applies to operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. The Project wishes to co-locate three (3) new Dish Wireless antennas to be placed under the existing antennas and will be entirely concealed by a cellular tower designed to look like a water tank. There will be no changes to the overall height of the tower. The ground equipment will be installed on a proposed 5'x7' concrete pad within the existing CMU wall compound. The ground equipment would consist of an equipment cabinet, safety switch, power meter, and GPS unit. The additional antennas will not introduce any new uses not already existing at the site.</p> <p>None of the exceptions to the use of a categorical exemption identified in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply here. No significant cumulative impacts would result from the proposed project. Nor is there any reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances, because no unusual circumstances are presented. The project is not located on a scenic highway and will not damage any scenic or historic resources. Finally, the project is not located on a hazardous waste site identified in the Cortese list.</p>	
10.	Lead Agency Contact Person:	Lauren Sotelo	
	Telephone:	(951) 656-7000	
11.	If filed by applicant: Attach Preliminary Exemption Assessment (Form "B") before filing.		
12.	Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
13.	Was a public meeting held by the Lead Agency to consider the exemption? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	If yes, the date of the public meeting was:		

Signature: *Lauren Sotelo* Date: 09-03-2024 Title: Principal Planner

Name:

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Date Received for Filing: _____

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.