

## **MARCH JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**

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## **NOTICE OF EXEPTION**

| TO:         | Office of Planning and Research<br>P. O. Box 3044, Room 113<br>Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 | FROM:<br>(Public<br>Agency) | March Joint Powers Authority                             |
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| $\boxtimes$ | Riverside County Clerk<br>2724 Gateway Drive<br>Riverside, CA 92507                      | Address                     | 14205 Meridian Parkway, Suite 140<br>Riverside, CA 92506 |

| 1. | Project Title:   | Rooftop Wireless Communications Facility Project   |
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| 2. | Project Applicant:   | Dish Wireless  |
| 3. | Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15' or 7 1/2' topographical map identified by quadrangle name): | The proposed rooftop wireless communication facility is located at the Veterans Plaza Commercial Center, specifically the Hampton Inn/Hotel 2 Suites Hotel (Hotel A), located at 22440 Van Buren Boulevard, west of the March Air Reserve Base, within the boundaries of the March Joint Powers Authority, in unincorporated Riverside County, California (APN: 294-070-049)., as depicted in the attached map below.  |
| 4. | Project Location   | County of Riverside  |
| 5. | Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:  | In an effort to provide quality communication services to business and visitors to the March JPA jurisdiction and surrounding community, Dish Wireless is proposing to construct a rooftop wireless communication facility.  The proposed project consists of a rooftop wireless communications facility, behind the northeast corner parapet of Hotel A. The project will include installation of six (6) antennas and twelve (12) remote radio units (RRU), 1 equipment cabinet, associated surge suppression devices, fiber and power cables. The project will also include the construction of a parapet extension made of fiberglass reinforced plastic. The extension would add an additional 3'-10" to the northeast corner parapet, resulting in a new height of 47'-5". The extended parapet will be painted to match the existing building color. The proposed antennas and equipment will not be seen behind the extended parapet. The proposed project will be developed within an approximate 708 square foot area on the rooftop of Hotel A. The tower facility will be unmanned, excluding occasional visits for routine service/maintenance. |
| 6. | Name of Public Agency approving project:   | March Joint Powers Authority   |

| 7. | project, inc<br>activity that<br>Public Agen<br>receiving a | cluding at receives acy as par lease, perment of the | any person undertaking and financial assistance from the ert of the activity or the person permit, license, certificate, or use from the Public Agency as | CORE Development Services/Butler America 1511 E. Orangethorpe Ave, Suite D Fullerton, CA 92831-5204  |
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| 8. | Exempt stat   | us: (chec  | k one)  |  |
|    | (a)   |  | Ministerial project.  |  |
|    | (b)   |  | Not a project.  |  |
|    | (c)   |  | Emergency Project.  |  |
|    | (d)   |  | Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:   | Section 15301: Existing Facilities, Class 1: Consists of the 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 existing or former use.  Section 15303, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, Class 3: Consists of the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure.  |
|    | (e)   |  | Declared Emergency.   |  |
|    | (f)   |  | Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:   |  |
| 9. | (g) Reason why  | project v  | Other. Explanation:  was exempt:  | The proposed Project will be integrated into the northeast corner parapet an existing hotel (Hotel A) rooftop, consisting of a wireless communications facility, including six (6) antennas and twelve (12) remote radio units (RRU), 1 equipment cabinet, associated surge suppression devices, fiber optic and power cables. The proposed Project will also include the construction of a parapet extension made of fiberglass reinforced plastic. The Project will include the lease of approximately 708 square feet of the rooftop area, involving no expansion to the existing rooftop area. The proposed Project is consistent with this exemption and therefore, no further action is required under CEQA (Section 15301, Class 1) of the State CEQA Guidelines).  The proposed Project will include construction activities, consisting of the removal of the existing rooftop parapet along with the installation of six (6) antennas and twelve (12) remote radio units (RRU), 1 equipment cabinet, associated surge suppression devices, fiber and power cables. The project will also include the construction of a parapet extension made of fiberglass reinforced plastic. The extension would add an additional 3'-10" to the northeast corner parapet, resulting in a new height of 47'-5". The extended parapet will be painted to match the existing building color. The proposed antennas and equipment will |

| 10. Lead Agency Contact Person:  | not be seen behind the extended parapet. The proposed project will be developed within an approximate 708 square foot area on the rooftop of Hotel A. The proposed Project is consistent with this exemption and therefore, no further action is required under CEQA (Section 15303, Class 3 of the State CEQA Guidelines)  Jeffrey Smith, AICP |  |  |  |
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|  | Principal Planner March Joint Powers Authority  |  |  |  |
| Telephone:   | (951) 656-7000  |  |  |  |
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| 11. If filed by applicant: Attach Preliminary Exemption Assessment (Form "A") before filing.                       |   |  |  |  |
| <b>12.</b> Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes □ No □             |   |  |  |  |
| 13. Was a public meeting held by the Lead Agency to consider the exemption? Yes \( \text{No} \) No \( \text{No} \) |   |  |  |  |
| Signature:   | Date: January 18, 2024 Title: Principal Planner   |  |  |  |
| Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant  |   |  |  |  |
| Date Received for Filing:  |   |  |  |  |
| (Clerk Stamp Here)   |   |  |  |  |
| Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21100, Public Resources Code.  |   |  |  |  |

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