



MARCH JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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TO: <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 304 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 <input type="checkbox"/> Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Clerk: County of: Riverside Address: County Clerk's Office 2720 Gateway Drive Riverside, CA 92502-0751	FROM: Public Agency/Lead Agency: March Joint Powers Authority Address: 14205 Meridian Parkway Ste. 140 Riverside, CA 92518 Contact: Jeffrey M. Smith, AICP Phone: 951 656-7000
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1. Project Title:	AT&T Tower at March Field Air Museum
2. Project Applicant:	March Joint Powers Authority
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):	March Field Air Museum, located at 22550 Van Buren Boulevard, west of the March Air Reserve Base, within the boundaries of the March Joint Powers Authority, in unincorporated Riverside County, California
4. (a) Project Location – City:	NA
(b) Project Location – County:	Riverside
5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	<p>In an effort to provide quality communication services to business and visitors to the March JPA jurisdiction and surrounding community, AT&T Mobility is proposing to construct an unmanned wireless telecommunications tower/facility. The project will include installation of a lattice tower structure, approximately 50 feet in height, with an additional 9 feet for a faux radar antenna, the overall height of the tower structure is approximately 59 feet in height. The proposed project will be developed within a leased 360 square foot area, integrated into an existing field communications/array museum display, located at the southwestern corner of the March Field Air Museum.</p> <p>The unmanned tower/facility will include a number of panel antennas, remote radio units and a microwave dish. The tower will also include camouflage netting to match the existing display, outdoor equipment cabinets/enclosures and pre-fabricated antenna equipment, to be located within an existing storage shed on site. The shed will be painted and covered using with a perforated tarp and fencing to conceal the equipment needed to support the wireless communications tower/facility</p>
6. Name of Public Agency approving project:	March Joint Powers Authority

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:	AT&T Mobility
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 class number:	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
(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 proposed Project will be integrated into an existing museum display, depicting a field communications facility, consisting of a camouflaged faux antenna tower, shed structure and vehicles. The Project will include the lease of approximately 360 square feet of the existing display area, involving no expansion to the existing museum display. 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).</p> <p>In addition, the proposed Project will include construction activities, consisting of minimal site grading and minor trenching for utilities, foundations for the tower structure, as well as installation of a pre-fabricated equipment cabinet on site and within the existing display shed structure. Construction of the antenna tower, installation of new equipment and minor modifications to the existing museum display area will be limited to approximately 360 square feet. 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)</p>

10. Lead Agency Contact Person:	Jeffrey M. Smith, AICP Senior Planner March Joint Powers Authority
Telephone:	(951) 656-7000
11.	If filed by applicant: Attach Preliminary Exemption Assessment (Form "A") before filing.
12.	Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
13.	Was a public hearing held by the lead agency to consider the exemption? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, the date of the public hearing was: September 23, 2020

Signature: 

Jeffrey M. Smith

Date: September 23, 2020

Title: Senior Planner

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

☐ Signed by Applicant

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Sep 24 2020

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21100, Public Resources Code.

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