



# MARCH JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

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## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT EIR

<b>To:</b>	Interested Parties
<b>From:</b>	March Joint Powers Authority
<b>Lead Agencies:</b>	March Joint Powers Authority
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<b>Project Title:</b>	Meridian D-1 Gateway Aviation Center
<b>Project Location</b> – Specific; 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):	Located west of Heacock Street, adjacent to March Air Reserve Base, and southwest of the intersection of Heacock Street and Krameria Avenue, identified in attached USGS map below.
<b>Project Location</b> – City:	N/A (Unincorporated)
<b>Project Location</b> – County:	Riverside
<b>Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:</b>	
<p>A proposal by Meridian Park D-1, LLC to develop the Meridian D-1 Gateway Aviation Center Project (Proposed Project), including an Air Cargo Center Component and Off-Site Component located on approximately 46 acres. The Air Cargo Center Component would include the development of a gateway air freight cargo center, including taxilane/taxiway and parking improvements, within an approximately 34-acre site within March Inland Port Airport under the jurisdiction of March Joint Powers Authority (JPA). The gateway air freight cargo center includes the construction of an approximately 180,800-square-foot cargo building with 9 grade-level loading doors, 31 truck dock positions, and 37 trailer storage positions. The cargo building would contain approximately 9,000 square feet of office space. The Air Cargo Center Component would also include work in the public right-of-way within Heacock Street on the eastern boundary of the project site.</p> <p>The Off-Site Component would be constructed on approximately 12 acres and would include taxiway and taxilane construction, widening, and realignment; storm-drain extensions; and a perimeter patrol road with security fencing within March Air Reserve Base (ARB). Vehicular access to the project site would occur at a new signalized entrance onto Heacock Street, expanding the existing access roadway currently serving the facilities south of the project site. The Off-Site Component would include</p>	

construction on land owned by March ARB. Development occurring on March ARB would require easements with the Department of the Air Force within five work areas. The Proposed Project would also require a zoning designation and a plot plan approval.

Once constructed, the Proposed Project is anticipated to average 17 flights per day, 6 days per week (non-peak). During the peak season (i.e., late November through late December), the Proposed Project is anticipated to average 22 flights per day, 6 days per week. Aircraft operations would occur between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. (approximately 5% of the proposed aircraft operations would occur between 10:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.).

**Significant environmental effects:**

Significant environmental impacts are identified with operational air quality and operational flight noise which are significant and unavoidable. Cumulative impacts associated with operational air quality and operational flight noise and sleep disturbance were also identified as being significant and unavoidable.

**Place and time of scheduled meetings:**

A public hearing has not yet been scheduled for this item but will occur after the close of the review period.

**Date when project noticed to public:**

May 23, 2024

**Address where copy of the EIR is available and how it can be obtained in an electronic format:**

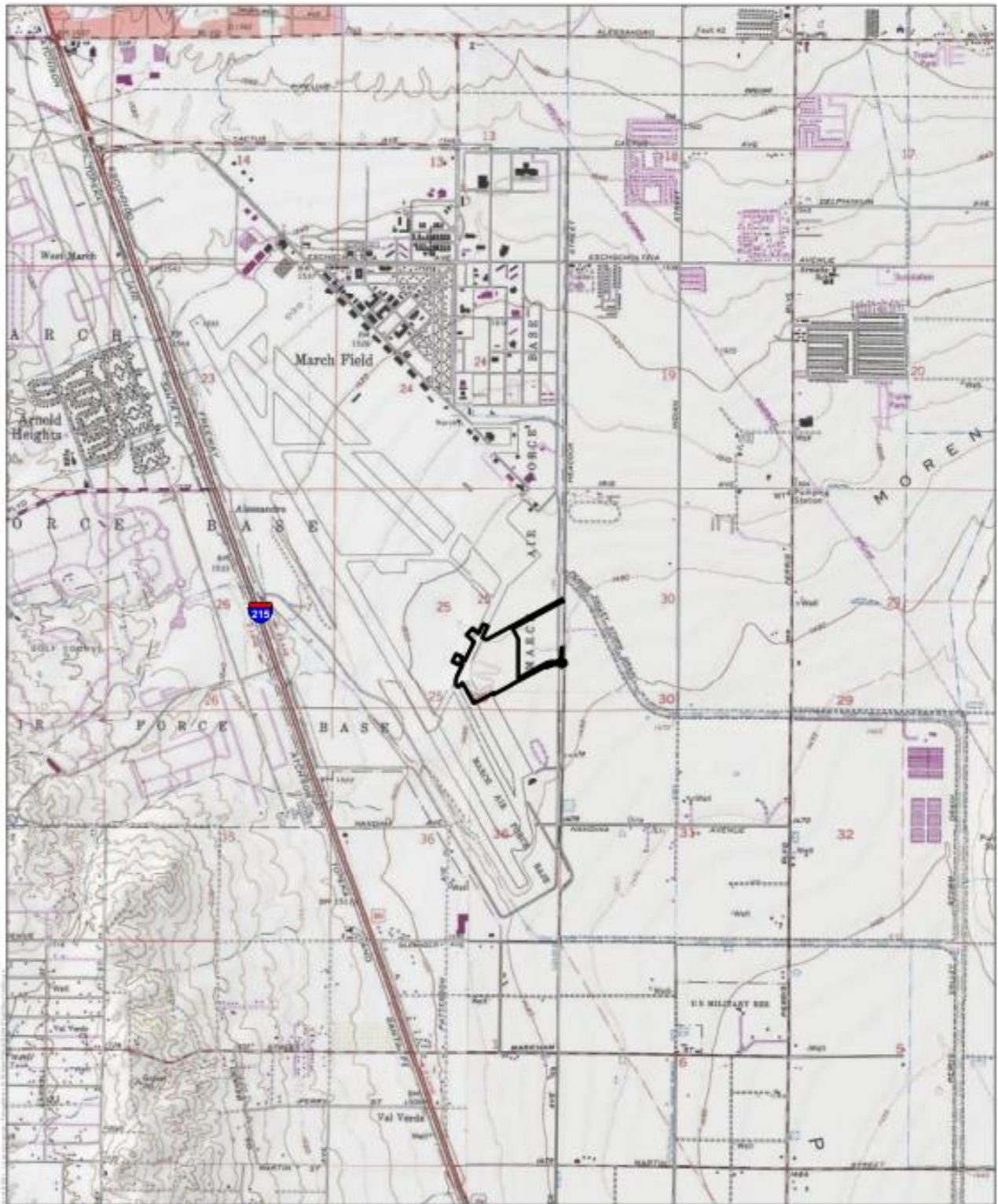
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<https://marchjpa.com/meridian-d1-gateway-aviation-center-project/>

**Review Period:**

May 23, 2024 to July 9, 2024

**Comments on the Draft EIR** may be submitted via e-mail to [smith@marchjpa.com](mailto:smith@marchjpa.com) or via U.S. mail to Jeffrey M. Smith, AICP, Principal Planner, March Joint Powers Authority, 14205 Meridian Parkway, Suite 140 Riverside, CA 92518, by 5:00 p.m. on July 9, 2024. In addition, comments may be provided at the public hearing noticed above.

**USGS Map**



SOURCE: USGS 7.5-Minute Series Riverside East, Sunnymead, Steele Peak, Peris Quadrangles  
Township 38 / Range 3W / Section 30; Township 38 / Range 4W / Section 25

**FIGURE 1**

**Meridian D1 Gateway Aviation Project – Site Plan**

