



## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION/ MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Notice is hereby given that the public agency named below has completed an Initial Study of the following described project at the following location:		
Public Agency:	March Joint Powers Authority	
Project Name:	Meridian Storm Drain Pipeline Extension Project	
Project Description:	The project consists of a master planned storm drain improvement project including the construction of an underground 6-foot by 4-foot reinforced concrete box (RCB) from an existing 6-foot by 3-foot RCB, extending approximately 2,350 linear feet south and connecting to existing dual 48-inch RCP's at the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) railroad right-of-way.	
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 alignment of the Meridian Storm Drain Pipeline Extension is located within the unincorporated area of Riverside County on the west side of the Interstate 215 and Van Buren Boulevard interchange. The northernmost point of the alignment begins at an existing 6-foot by 3-foot reinforced concrete box immediately south of Van Buren Boulevard between Interstate 215 and Opportunity Way. The alignment extends south for approximately 2,350 feet (0.44 miles) connecting to an existing dual 48-inch reinforced concrete pipe at the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) railroad right-of-way. The alignment traverses the eastern edge of the Riverside National Cemetery located at 22495 Van Buren Blvd, Riverside, California, 92518.	
This Initial Study was completed in accordance with the Lead Agency's Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act. This Initial Study was undertaken for the purpose of deciding whether the project may have a significant effect on the environment. On the basis of such Initial Study, the Lead Agency's Staff has concluded that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, and has therefore prepared a Draft Negative Declaration/Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Initial Study reflects the independent judgment of the Lead Agency.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	The Project site IS on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Project site IS NOT on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	The proposed project IS considered a project of statewide, regional or areawide significance.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The proposed project IS NOT considered a project of statewide, regional or areawide significance.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	The proposed project WILL affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The proposed project WILL NOT affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	A scoping meeting WILL be held by the Lead Agency.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A scoping meeting WILL NOT be held by the Lead Agency.	
If the project meets the criteria requiring the scoping meeting, or if the agency voluntarily elects to hold such a meeting, the date, time and location of the scoping meeting are as follows:		
Date: Not Applicable	Time: Not Applicable	Location: Not Applicable

Copies of the Initial Study and Draft Negative Declaration/Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and are available for public review at the Lead Agency's office, located at: March Joint Powers Authority, 14205 Meridian Parkway, Suite 140, Riverside, CA 92518.

The proposed Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration can be obtained in electronic format by the following method: <https://marchjpa.com/planning-permits/>

Lead Agency address: 14205 Meridian Parkway, Suite 140, Riverside, CA, 92518

Comments will be received from June 28, 2023 to July 28, 2023

Any person wishing to comment on this matter must submit such comments, in writing, to the Lead Agency prior to July 28, 2023. Comments of all Responsible Agencies are also requested.

The Lead Agency will consider the project and the Draft Negative Declaration/Mitigated Negative Declaration at its meeting on:

Date: September 13, 2023

Time: 3:00 p.m.

If the Lead Agency finds that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, it may adopt the Negative Declaration/Mitigated Negative Declaration. This means that the Lead Agency may proceed to consider the project without the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report.

Date Received  
for Filing: \_\_\_\_\_

09/28/2023

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Source: Nearmap, 2022

**FIGURE 2: Vicinity Map**  
Meridian Storm Drain Pipeline Extension  
Riverside, CA