



# MARCH JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>TO:</b> Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	<b>FROM:</b> March Joint Powers Authority (Public Agency)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or <b>County Clerk:</b> County of : Riverside Address: County Clerk's Office 2720 Gateway Drive Riverside, CA 92502-0751	<b>Address</b> 14205 Meridian Parkway, Suite. 140 Riverside, CA 92518  <b>Contact:</b> Jeffrey M. Smith, AICP <b>Phone:</b> 951 656-7000

<b>1.</b>	<b>Project Title:</b>	Authorize the Executive Director to take any and all action necessary to confirm the March Joint Powers Authority's ownership of the former Signature Healthcare Property and to begin taking steps to dispose of the Signature Healthcare Property in compliance with the Surplus Property Act
<b>2.</b>	<b>Project Applicant:</b>	March Joint Powers Authority
<b>3.</b>	<b>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):</b>	NA
<b>4.</b>	<b>(a) Project Location – City:</b>	NA
	<b>(b) Project Location – County:</b>	Riverside
<b>5.</b>	<b>Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:</b>	The March Joint Powers Authority (MJPA), to take any and all action necessary to confirm its ownership of the former Signature Healthcare Property and to begin taking steps to dispose of the Signature Healthcare Property in compliance with the Surplus Property Act.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Name of Public Agency approving project:</b>	March Joint Powers Authority
<b>7.</b>	<b>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:</b>	March Joint Powers Authority

<b>8. Exempt status:</b> (check one)	
(a) <input type="checkbox"/>	Ministerial project.
(b) <input type="checkbox"/>	Not a project.
(c) <input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency Project.
(d) <input type="checkbox"/>	Categorical Exemption. State type and class number:
(e) <input type="checkbox"/>	Declared Emergency.
(f) <input type="checkbox"/>	Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:
(g) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Other. Explanation:</b> Section 15061: Review for Exemption, (b) a project is exempt from CEQA if: (3) The activity is covered by the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.
<b>9. Reason why project was exempt:</b>	<p>The Signature Health Project was approved in March 2017. After the 2017 approval, Signature implemented several design changes that triggered the need for a Plot Plan Amendment and additional review by the MJPAs Planning Department. On January 8, 2020, Signature requested an extension of time on approvals for a period of one year. On January 29, 2020, the MJPAs authorized the one-year extension of time. After the extension expired, no further time extensions were requested by Signature. At this time, the Project entitlements have since expired and are no longer valid. In light of the lack of action on the Signature Project, MJPAs staff began to investigate potential options for recourse.</p> <p>The Signature Project is subject to a number of foundational documents, including a Grant Deed. The Grant Deed outlines certain construction-related requirements on Signature, with certain penalties applicable if Signature failed to meet its obligations. Signature Health has failed to meet their construction-related requirements as specified in Section 11 of the Grant Deed. As provided in the Grant Deed, if Signature fails to start construction or abandons construction for a period of thirty (30) days after notice has been provided by the MJPAs, the MJPAs has the right to reenter and take possession of the Property.</p> <p>On April 24, 2023, the MJPAs notice was issued via certified mail that the MJPAs intended to reenter and take possession of the Property. Based on the provisions of the Grant Deed, the thirty (30) day cure period was set to end on May 24, 2023. On May 17, 2023, the MJPAs received a call from Signature's legal counsel on this matter and requested a time extension regarding the thirty (30) day cure period. Given the significant length of time that has passed, the Signature Project would be subject to a new planning and environmental review process which would add a substantial amount of time to property redevelopment. Based on the aforementioned, Signature's</p>

	request for an extension was denied.  Based on the aforementioned, the Joint Powers Commission authorized the Executive Director to take any and all action necessary to confirm the MJPA's ownership of the former Signature Healthcare Property and to begin taking steps to dispose of the Signature Healthcare Property in compliance with the Surplus Property Act. The proposed Project is consistent with this exemption and therefore, no further action is required under CEQA (Section 15061, (b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines)
<b>10. Lead Agency Contact Person:</b>	Grace I. Martin Executive Director March Joint Powers Authority
<b>Telephone:</b>	(951) 656-7000
<b>11.</b>	If filed by applicant: Attach Preliminary Exemption Assessment (Form "A") before filing.
<b>12.</b>	<b>Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>13.</b>	<b>Was a public hearing held by the lead agency to consider the exemption?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <b>If yes, the date of the public hearing was:</b> June 14, 2023

Signature:  Date: June 14, 2023 Title: Executive Director  
Grace I. Martin

Signed by Lead Agency       Signed by Applicant

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

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21100, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code