



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research ☒ P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 And County of Riverside County Clerk 2720 Gateway Drive Riverside, CA 92502-0751	FROM: March Inland Port Airport Authority (Public 17405 Heacock Street Agency) Moreno Valley, CA 92551 Contact: Lauren Sotelo Phone: (951) 656-7000
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1.	Project Title:	Fuel Farm Expansion – Standby Generator
2.	Project Applicant:	March Inland Port Airport Authority 17405 Heacock Street Moreno Valley, CA 92551
3.	Project Location –	Cross Streets: Heacock Street and San Michele Road
4.	(a) Project Location – City: Riverside	(b) Project Location – County: Riverside
5.	Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	On December 17, 2025, the March Joint Powers Commission approved a scope of work by March Inland Port Airport Authority (MIPA) Engineer, C&S Companies, to design construction plans for the approved fuel farm improvements at the March Inland Port Airport, however it did not include the design of a standby power system. In September of 2005, the Commission approved Plot Plan 04-09 and Final EIR (SCH# 200501110) for a permanent central aircraft fuel receiving, storage and distribution facility project (“fuel farm”) at the March Inland Port Airport. The approved project entitled six 105,000-gallon fuel tanks yielding 630,000 gallons of fuel. Since the approval of the project, MIPAA has installed two of the six tanks. Financial constraints restricted MIPAA’s ability to complete the project. On October 20, 2010, the Commission approved a lease with Freeman Holdings, LLC for the management of the airport fuel farm. Freeman Holdings’ lease allowed them to support MIPAA in fuel facility management, fuel sales, aircraft fueling, aircraft cleaning services, cargo services and general aviation aircraft handling. On June 11, 2025, the Commission approved a Memorandum of Understanding that allowed Freeman Holdings to proceed with installing remaining fuel farm improvements as approved. The proposed scope of work is to deliver construction plans for the remaining four 109,000-gallon API 650 field-erected aboveground storage tanks (ASTs) for the approved fuel farm. C&S has prepared a Scope of Work to provide professional engineering

	services for the design of a standby power system serving the existing 600-amp, 480V/277Y electrical service at 17301 Heacock Street (SCE Meter No. 259000-015278). The proposed standby power system will enhance the resiliency of the fuel farm during utility power outages, allowing fixed-base operator (FBO) personnel to maintain fueling operations for both military and commercial aircraft.
6.	Name of Public Agency approving project: March Inland Port Airport Authority 17405 Heacock Street Moreno Valley, CA 92551
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: March Inland Port Airport Authority 17405 Heacock Street Moreno Valley, CA 92551
8.	Exempt status: (check one) (a) ☐ Ministerial project. (b) ☐ Not a project. (c) ☐ Emergency Project. (d) ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15303 (d): Class 3 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (e) ☐ Declared Emergency. (f) ☐ Statutory Exemption. State Code section number: (g) ☐ Other. Explanation:
9.	Reason why project was exempt: The project is categorically exempt from CEQA under the new construction or conversion of small structures exemption, CEQA Guidelines section 15303, which applies to the installation of small new equipment to be used as standby power system for the existing and approved expansion of the fuel farm. None of the exceptions to the use of a categorical exemption identified in

	CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply here. No significant cumulative impacts would result from the proposed project. Nor is there any reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances, because no unusual circumstances are presented. The project is not located on a scenic highway and will not damage any scenic or historic resources. Finally, the project is not located on a hazardous waste site identified in the Cortese list.
10. Lead Agency Contact Person:	Lauren Sotelo, Airport Project Manager
Telephone:	(951) 656-7000
11.	If filed by applicant: Attach Preliminary Exemption Assessment (Form "B") before filing.
12.	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 ☒ No ☐ If yes, the date of the public meeting was: <u>October 07, 2026</u>

Signature:  Date: 10/19/2026 Title: Airport Project Manager

Name: Lauren Sotelo

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for Filing: _____

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.