

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**FROM:** Supervisor Ashley & Supervisor Jeffries

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** May 17, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Reorganization and refinement of the mission, priorities and authority of the March Joint Powers Authority (JPA)

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors support the following guidelines:

- 1) Preserving and protecting March Air Reserve Base (ARB) continues to be the highest priority;
- 2) Revisit the March JPA's municipal services agreement and negotiate with the JPA to potentially transfer its planning and land use entitlement functions to the County of Riverside;
- 3) Consider discontinuance of the county's subsidy to the JPA by June 30, 2017;
- 4) Refocus the March JPA to be a joint powers "airport" authority;
- 5) The newly re-formed airport authority's primary mission should continue the protection of the March ARB, to discourage inappropriate land use encroachments and promote appropriate civilian uses on the base; and,
- 6) The airport authority could consider contracting with the county's Economic Development Agency (EDA) to manage and promote the civilian uses of the base.

**BACKGROUND:** The March Joint Powers Authority was developed after the March Air Force Base was realigned to an Air Reserve Base in the early 1990s. The JPA has done an excellent job of moving forward with a successful base reuse strategy which is evidenced by many new developments that have occurred and those still in the design stages. The Authority has also been a successful forum for the Cities of Riverside, Moreno Valley, Perris and the County of Riverside to be involved in the process of transforming former military properties to civilian use.

In 2012, the State of California dissolved redevelopment agencies, which has had a major impact on economic development activities throughout the state, but particularly at the local level. At this time, it appears from the County's perspective that the JPA could benefit by considering transitioning its operations and negotiate with the County to perform many of current duties of the JPA. Many of the critical issues facing the JPA could be administered by the county while a regional effort is begun to examine, analyze and negotiate which entities should ultimately gain control of various JPA properties, with the goal that all four member agencies derive economic benefit. Examples that should be considered include the use of tax sharing agreements or other equitable sharing arrangements that could benefit each member agency.

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