



Figure 3.7-1 Class A Scenic Quality – Coxcomb Mountains
Varied colors and contrasts of Coxcomb Mountains viewed in background from Chuckwalla Valley



Figure 3.7-2. Class B Scenic Quality – Eagle Mountains and Foothills
View from west of Eagle Mountain Road looking northeast at MWD area Foothills.
Coxcomb Mountains in background.



Figure 3.7-3. Class C Scenic Quality – Chuckwalla Valley
View from existing DPV Transmission Line row south of I-10 across Chuckwalla Valley.



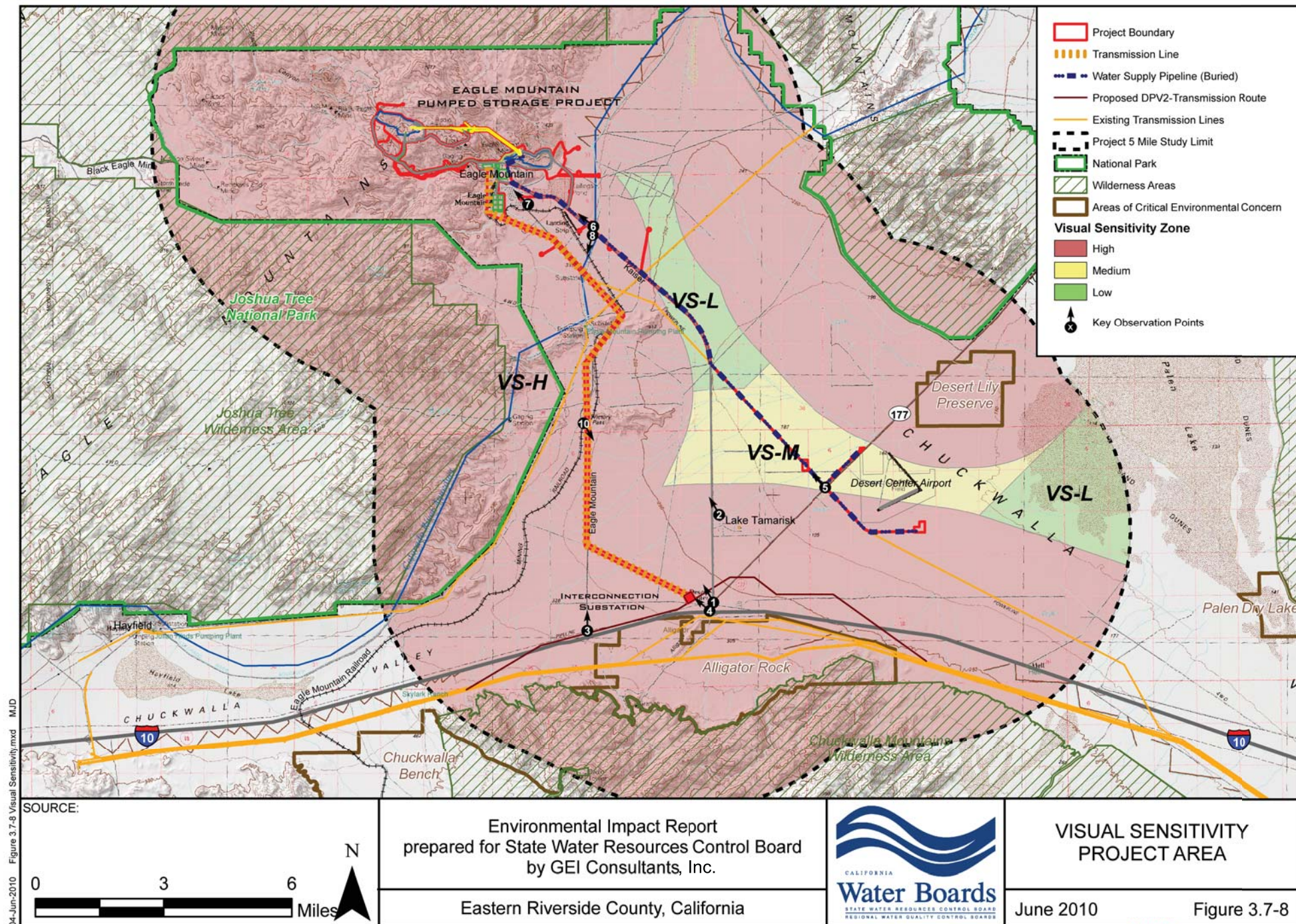
Figure 3.7-4. Class C Scenic Quality – Mine Site
View northwest along access road 3 miles to Mine Site.

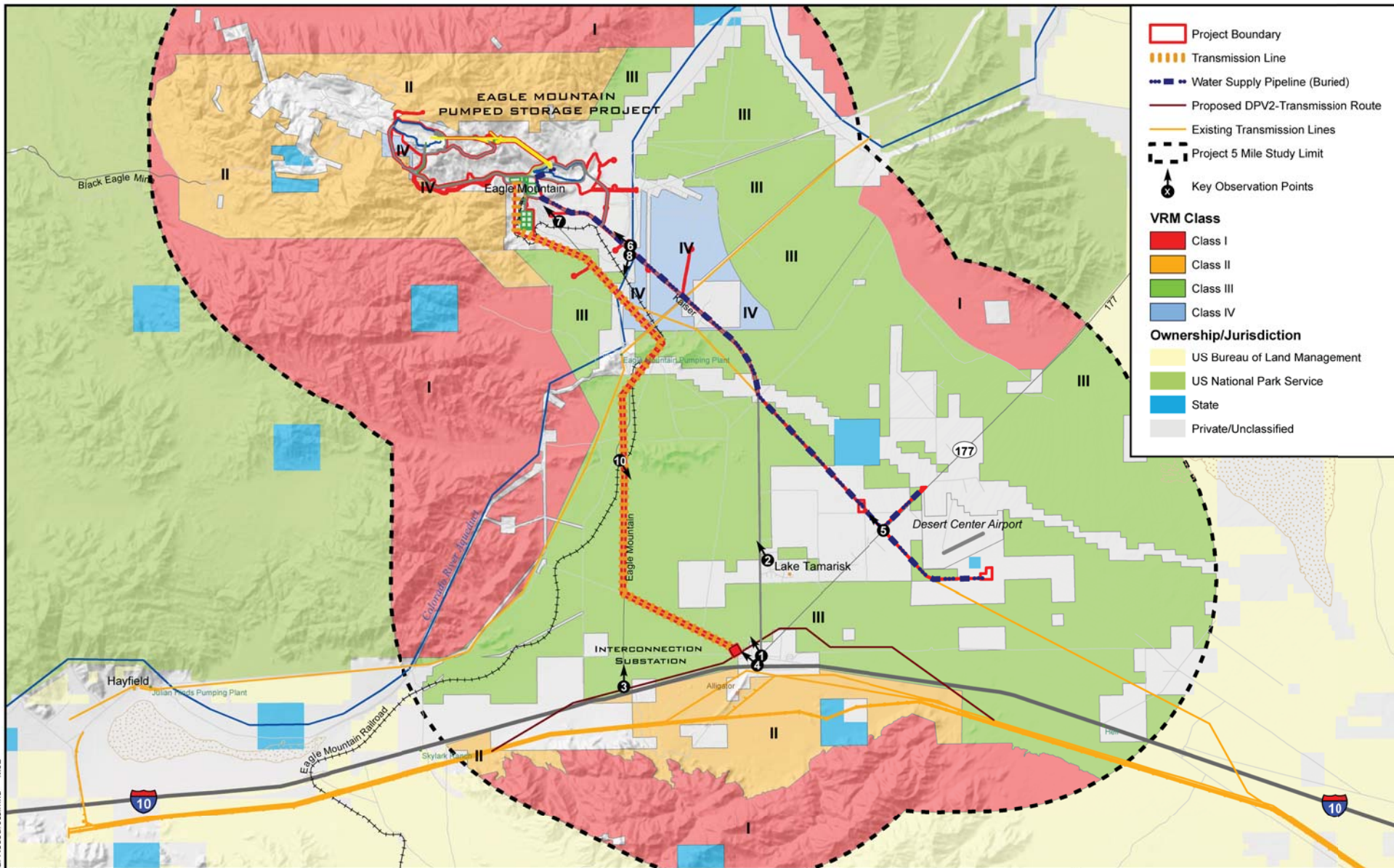


Figure 3.7-5. Class C Scenic Quality – Mine Site Tailings
View from Aqueduct Road west $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to tailings.

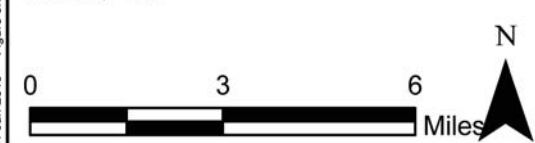


**Figure 3.7-6. Class C Scenic Quality – I-10 and Desert Center
View north/northwest from eastbound I-10 lane**





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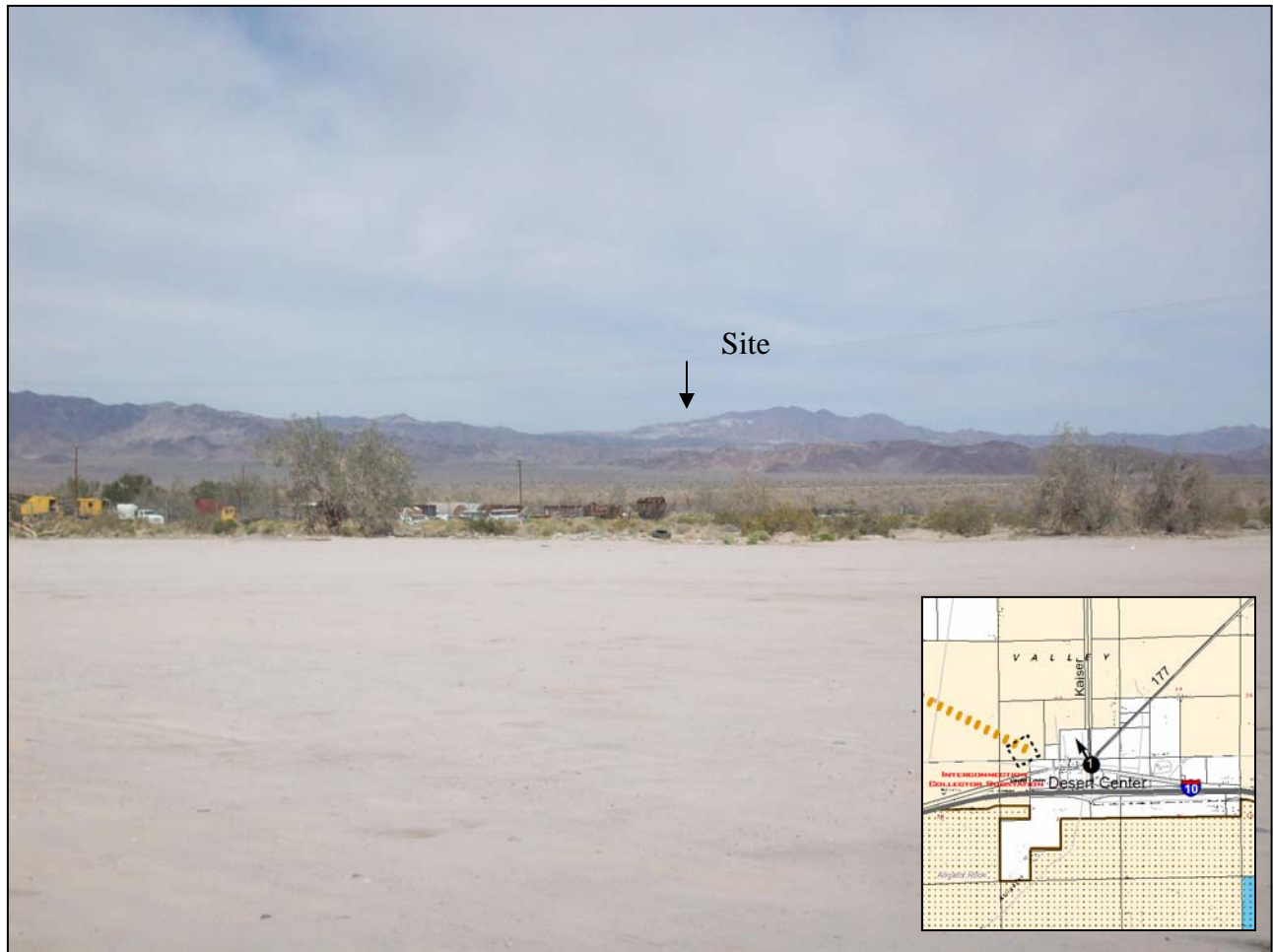


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Figure 3.7-9

Eagle Mountain Pumped Storage Project Visual Resource- Key Observation Point #1



Location: *Desert Center*

Description: *Existing Condition, View north toward project site.*

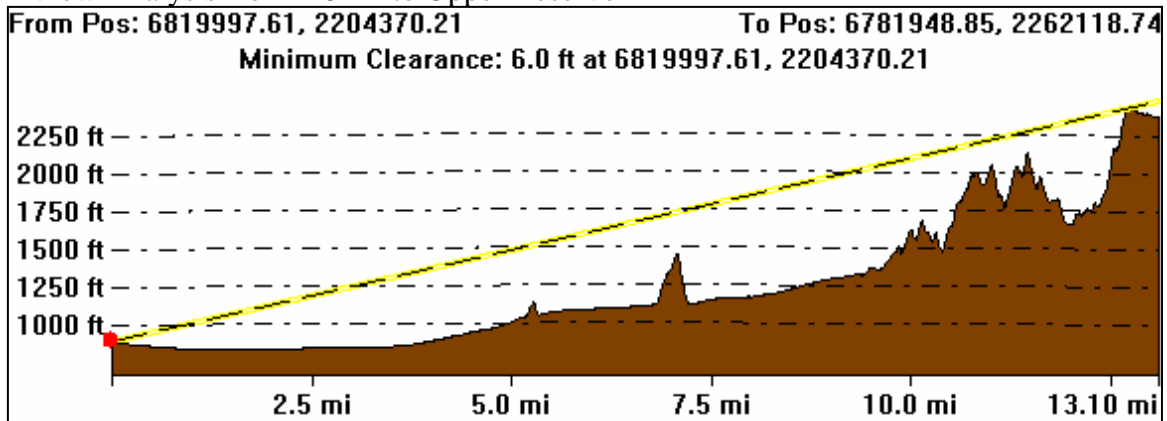
View Distance to Project Site: *12 miles +/-*

Visible Project Features: *Small portion of proposed Upper Reservoir dam.*

VRM Class: *III - IV (SQ = B/C, VS = High, bg view distance).*

Remarks: *Small corner of upper reservoir dam may be visible, other features will be screened by topography; at 12 miles plus, details are absent and only basic shapes and colors are discernable. Most discernable contrast is the lighter color of the mine tailings.*

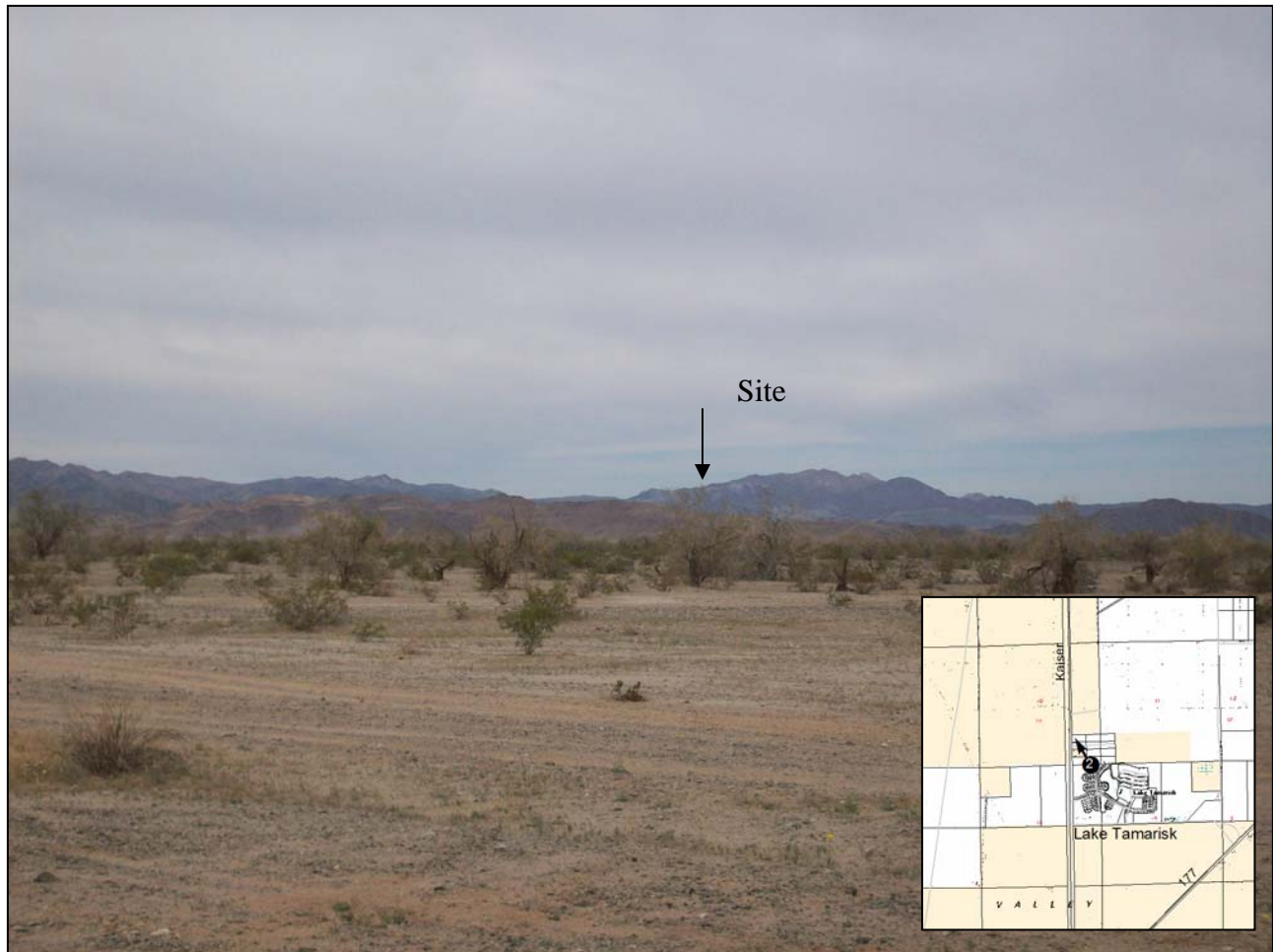
View Analysis from KOP 1 to Upper Reservoir



(See Figure 3.3.7-9 for KOP Location)

Figure 3.7-11
Key Observation Viewpoint- 1

Eagle Mountain Pumped Storage Project Visual Resource- Key Observation Point #2



Location: Lake Tamarisk

Description: Existing Condition View north toward project site.

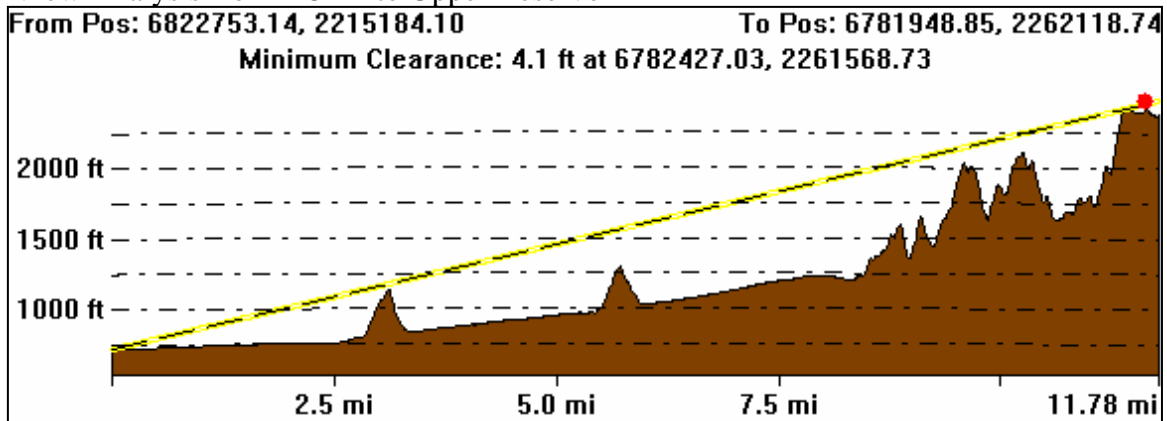
View Distance to Project Site: 10 miles +/-

Visible Project Features: Small portion of upper reservoir dam

VRM Class: III-IV, (SQ = C, B on upper ridges, VS = High, bg view distance)

Remarks: Small corner of upper reservoir dam may be visible, other features will be screened by topography; at 10 miles plus, details are absent and only basic shapes and colors are discernable. Most discernable contrast is the lighter color of the mine tailings.

View Analysis from KOP 2 to Upper Reservoir



(See Figure E.8-1 for KOP Location)

Figure 3.7-12
Key Observation Viewpoint- 2

Eagle Mountain Pumped Storage Project Visual Resource- Key Observation Point #3



Location: *Eagle Mountain Road - I-10 Interchange*

Description: *Existing Condition, View north toward proposed transmission line route approximately 2 miles away. Proposed DPV2 transmission line would cross in immediate foreground.*

View Distance to Nearest Project Feature: *2 miles +/-*

Visible Project Features: *Proposed Transmission Line*

VRM Class: *III (SQ = C, VS = High, fg/mg view distance)*

Remarks: *Proposed transmission line will parallel Eagle Mtn Road in bg view zone before turning southeast (right side photo) in mg view zone to connect to Interconnection substation 2.5 miles away.*

(See Figure 3.3.7-9 for KOP Location)

Figure 3.7-13
Key Observation Viewpoint- 3

Eagle Mountain Pumped Storage Project Visual Resource- Key Observation Point #4



Location: I-10 Westbound Lane near I-10-Desert Center Interchange

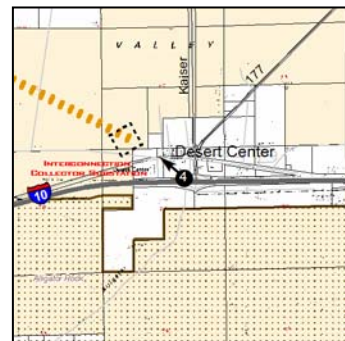
Description: Existing Condition, View northwest toward Interconnection substation site and proposed transmission line.

View Distance to Nearest Project Feature: 1/2 mile +/-

Visible Project Features: Proposed Transmission Line and Substation

VRM Class: III (SQ = C, VS = High, fg view distance)

Remarks: Proposed transmission line would connect to substation to be located to left of metal building (right side photograph). Proposed DPV2 transmission line would cross photograph at same location.



(See Figure 3.3.7-9 for KOP Location)

Figure 3.7-14
Key Observation Viewpoint- 4

**Eagle Mountain Pumped Storage Project
Visual Resource- Key Observation Point #5**



Location: *Route 177 and SCE Transmission Line ROW*

Description: *Existing Condition; View from Route 177 northwest toward water pipeline route.*

View Distance to Nearest Project Feature: *0 mile +/-*

Visible Project Features: *Proposed pipeline corridor.*

VRM Class: *III (SQ = C, VS = Moderate, fg view distance)*

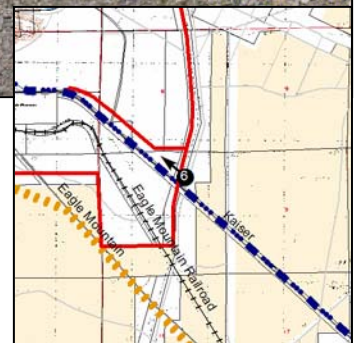
Remarks: *Proposed water pipeline row would traverse left side of existing transmission line access road. Pipeline will be buried and surface re-vegetated.*



(See Figure 3.3.7-9 for KOP Location)

Figure 3.7-15
Key Observation Viewpoint- 5

Eagle Mountain Pumped Storage Project Visual Resource- Key Observation Point #6



Location: Kaiser Road

Description: Existing Condition; View northwest toward project site

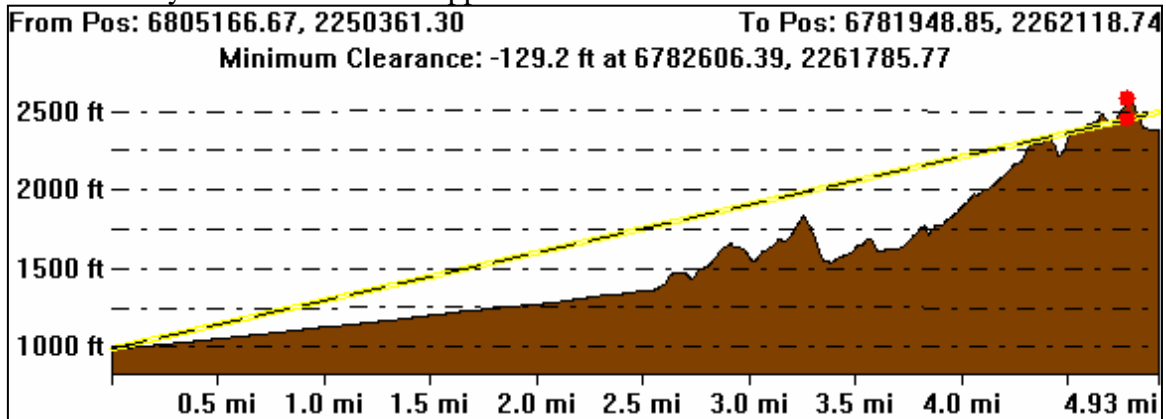
View Distance to Project Site: 4 miles +/-

Visible Project Features: Transmission Line, Upper Reservoir

VRM Class: IV-III (SQ = C, B on upper ridges, VS = low, mg/bg view distance)

Remarks: Intervening topography screens most project features. Transmission line will exit project and traverse the left side of photograph; small section of upper reservoir dam may be visible. Landforms and color contrasts of past mining activity are most evident.

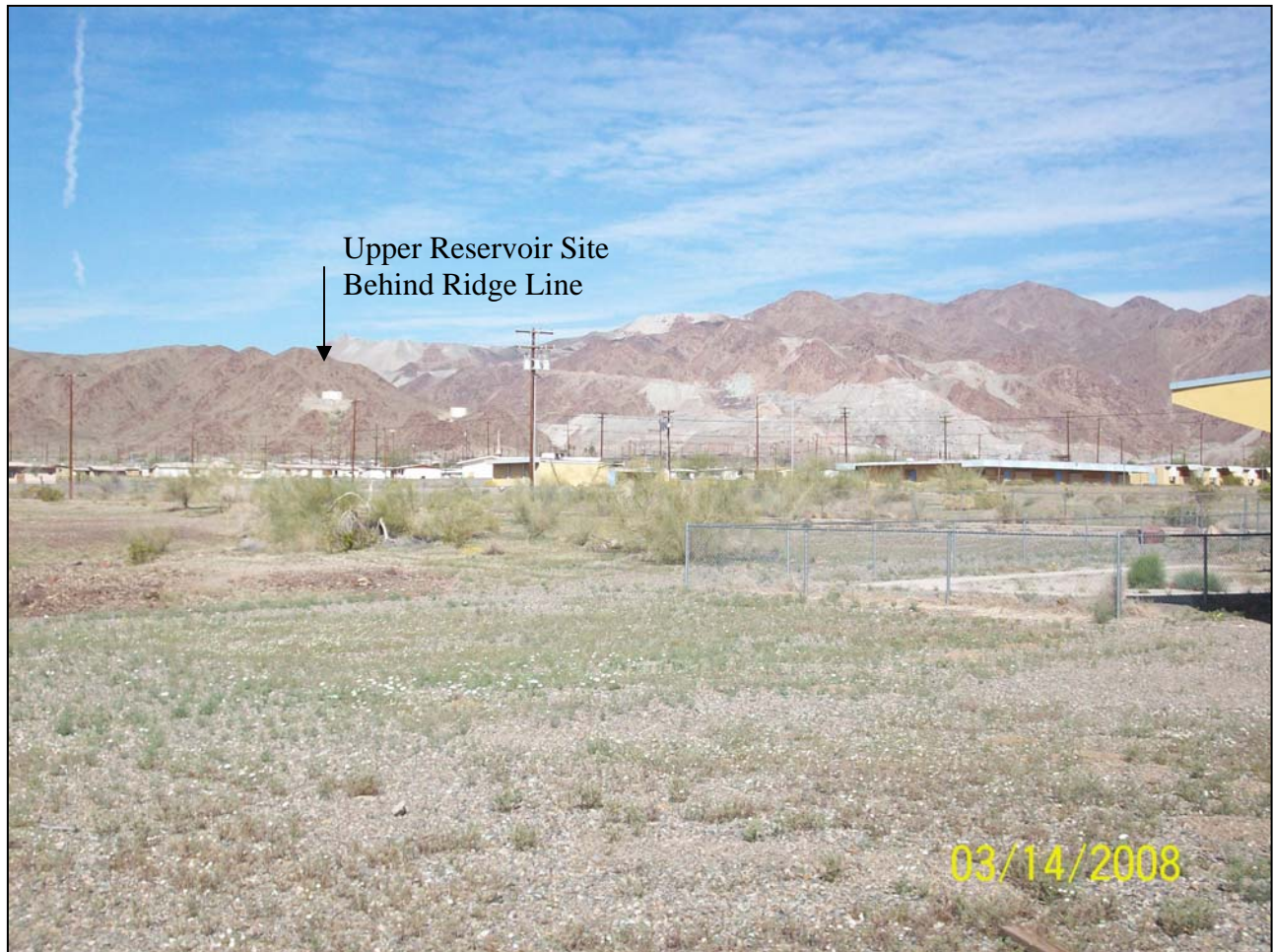
View Analysis from KOP 6 to Upper Reservoir



(See Figure 3.3.7-9 for KOP Location)

Figure 3.7-16
Key Observation Viewpoint- 6

Eagle Mountain Pumped Storage Project Visual Resource- Key Observation Point #7



Location: *Eagle Mountain Town Site*

Description: *Existing Condition View north toward project site*

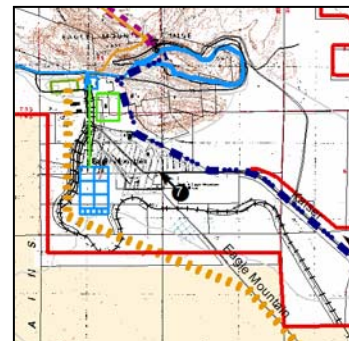
View Distance to Nearest Project Feature: *½ - 1 mile.*

Visible Project Features: *Transmission Line, Miscellaneous support facilities, access roads,*

VRM Class: *IV-II (SQ = C, B on upper Ridges, VS = low/ high, fg/mg view distance)*

VRM II relevant to Eagle Mountains in background.

Remarks: *Townsite is located at edge of project site. Proposed transmission would pass adjacent to existing water towers in photograph and continue south (left side of photograph); Proposed site switchyard would be placed at lower elevation and screened by topography. Upper Reservoir Site located to left of photograph; Lower Reservoir located to right off photograph.*



(See Figure 3.3.7-9 for KOP Location)

Figure 3.7-17
Key Observation Viewpoint- 7

**Eagle Mountain Pumped Storage Project
Visual Resource- Key Observation Point #8**



Location: *Kaiser Road and MWD Aqueduct Road Intersection*

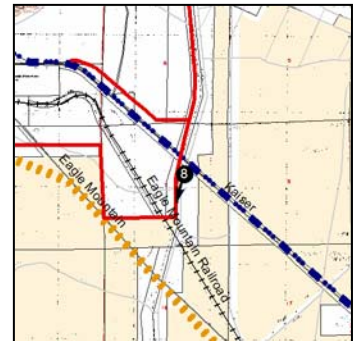
Description: *Existing Condition; View South-Southwest toward proposed transmission line crossing. MWD Aqueduct Pipeline and Surge Chamber on Ridgetop.*

View Distance to Nearest Project Feature: *1 Mile*

Visible Project Features: *Transmission Line*

VRM Class: *IV (SQ = C, VS = Low)*

Remarks: *Proposed transmission line will cross over existing transmission lines right to left approximately one mile in distance. Towers will be located on valley floor and avoid ridgetops.*



(See Figure 3.3.7-9 for KOP Location)

Figure 3.7-18
Key Observation Viewpoint- 8

Eagle Mountain Pumped Storage Project Visual Resource- Key Observation Point #10



Location: Eagle Mountain Road Near Railroad Crossing

Description: Existing Condition, View Southeast toward Community of Desert Center and Alligator Rock approximately 5.5 miles away.

View Distance to Nearest Project Feature: 1/4 mile +/- to proposed transmission line

Visible Project Features: Proposed Transmission Line in FG/MG viewshed.

VRM Class: III (SQ = C, VS = High, fg-mg view distance)

Remarks: Proposed transmission line would pass from left-to-right in the photograph and parallel the Eagle Mtn Road for approximately 3 miles before turning southeast to connect with the proposed Interconnection substation. Interconnection site is approximately 5 miles distant from viewpoint. Viewpoint is at the edge of the BLM Utility Corridor boundary as displayed in Figure 3.3.9-5 of the Recreation and Other Land and Water Resources Section.



(See Figure 3.3.7-9 for KOP Location)

Figure 3.7-19
Key Observation Viewpoint- 10