



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.



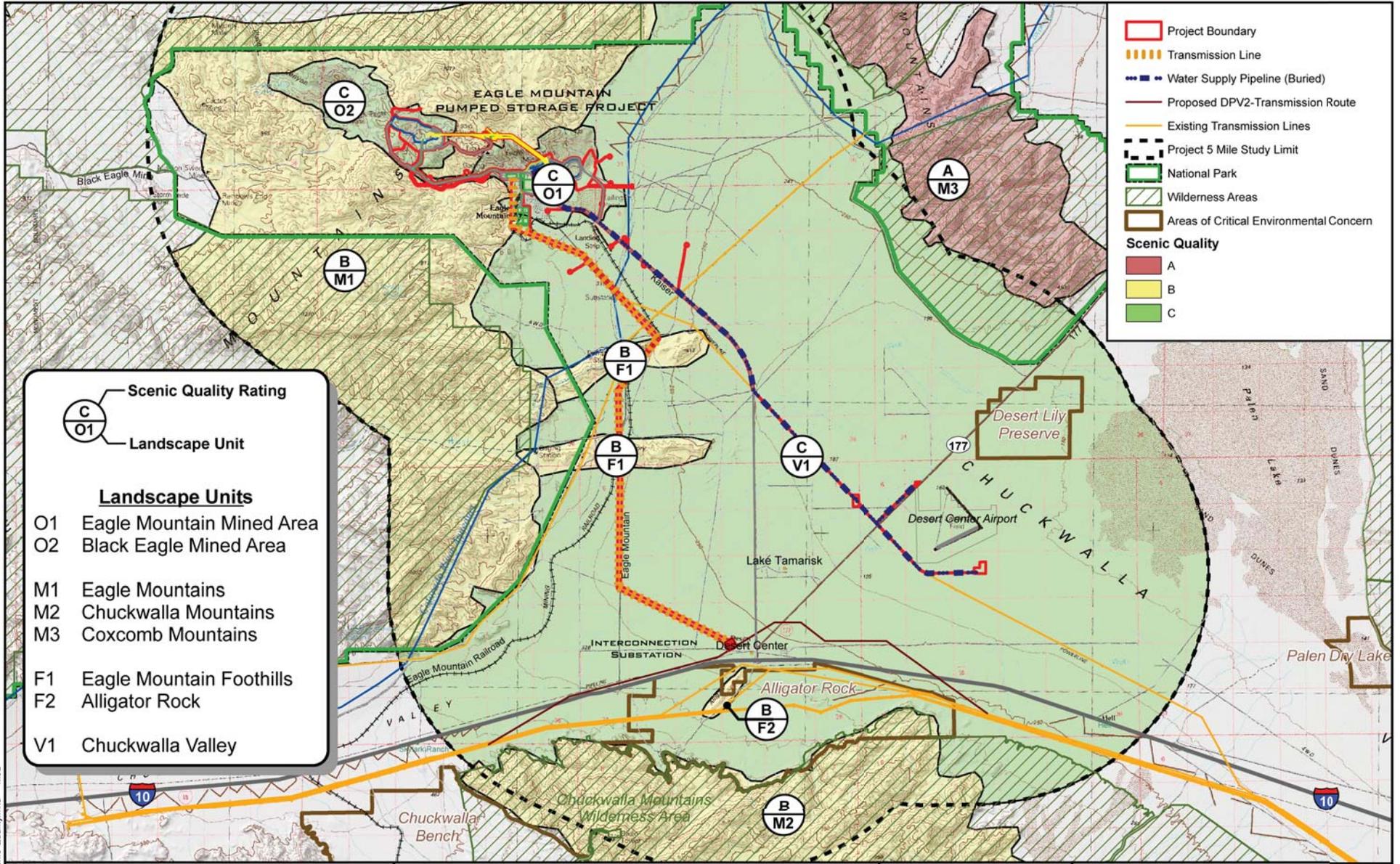
**Figure 3.7-4. Class C Scenic Quality – Mine Site
View northwest along access road 3 miles to Mine Site.**



**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**



Legend

- Project Boundary
- Transmission Line
- Water Supply Pipeline (Buried)
- Proposed DPV2-Transmission Route
- Existing Transmission Lines
- Project 5 Mile Study Limit
- National Park
- Wilderness Areas
- Areas of Critical Environmental Concern

Scenic Quality

- A
- B
- C

Scenic Quality Rating

Landscape Unit

Landscape Units

- O1 Eagle Mountain Mined Area
- O2 Black Eagle Mined Area
- M1 Eagle Mountains
- M2 Chuckwalla Mountains
- M3 Coxcomb Mountains
- F1 Eagle Mountain Foothills
- F2 Alligator Rock
- V1 Chuckwalla Valley

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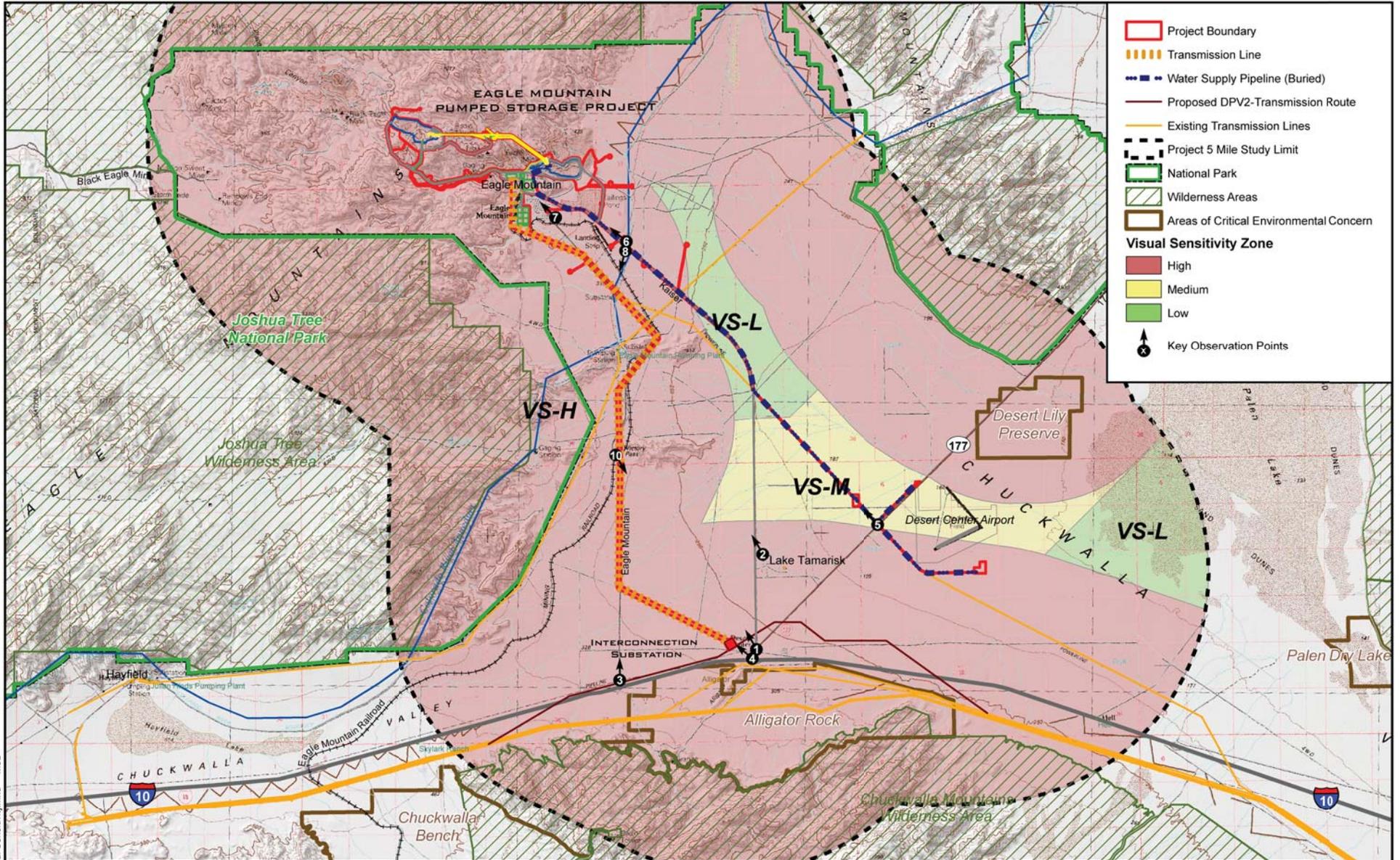
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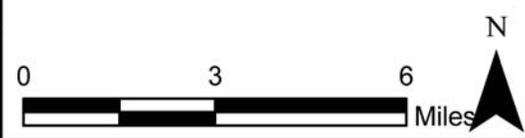
Visual Sensitivity Zone

- High
- Medium
- Low

Key Observation Points

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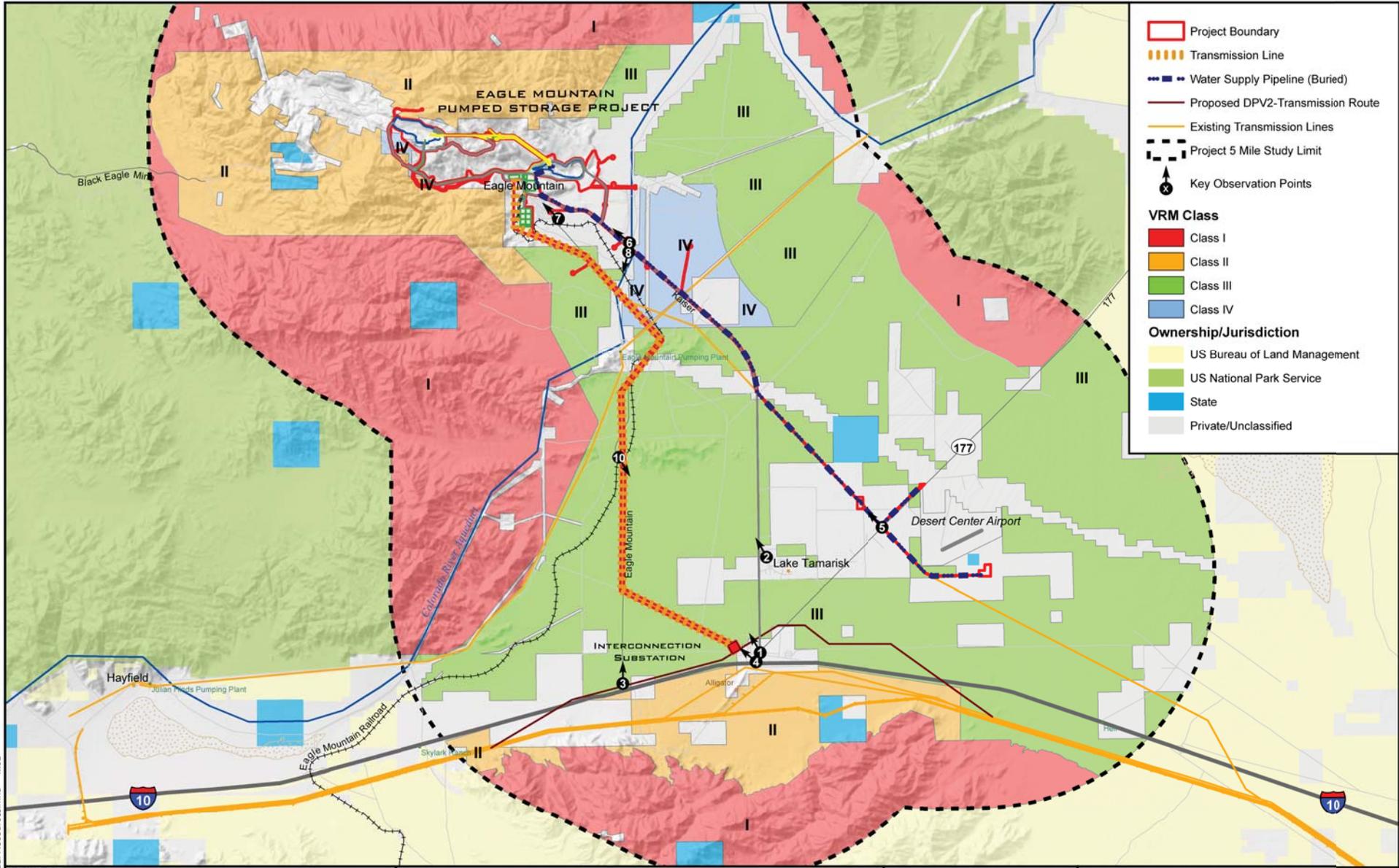
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**VISUAL SENSITIVITY
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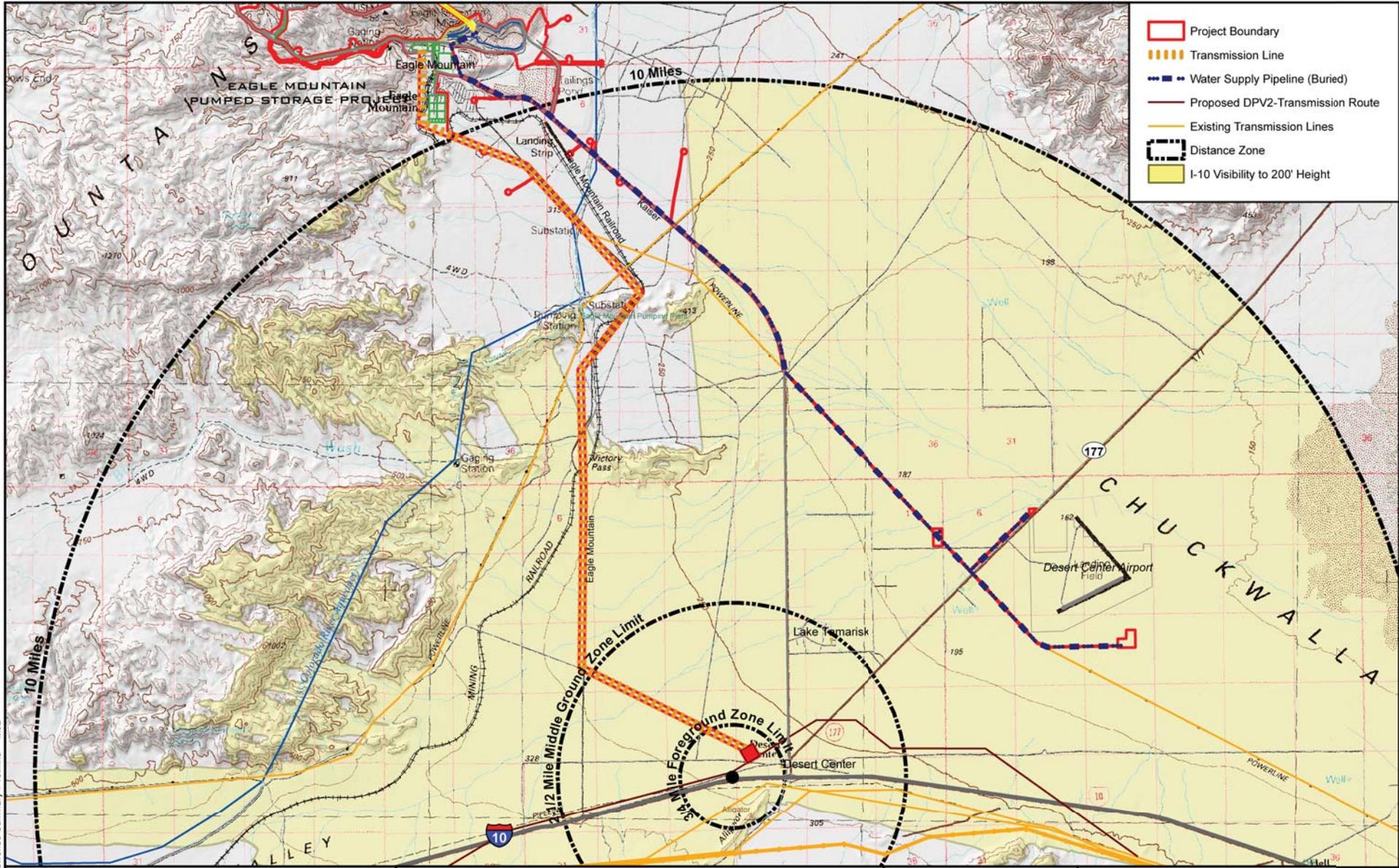
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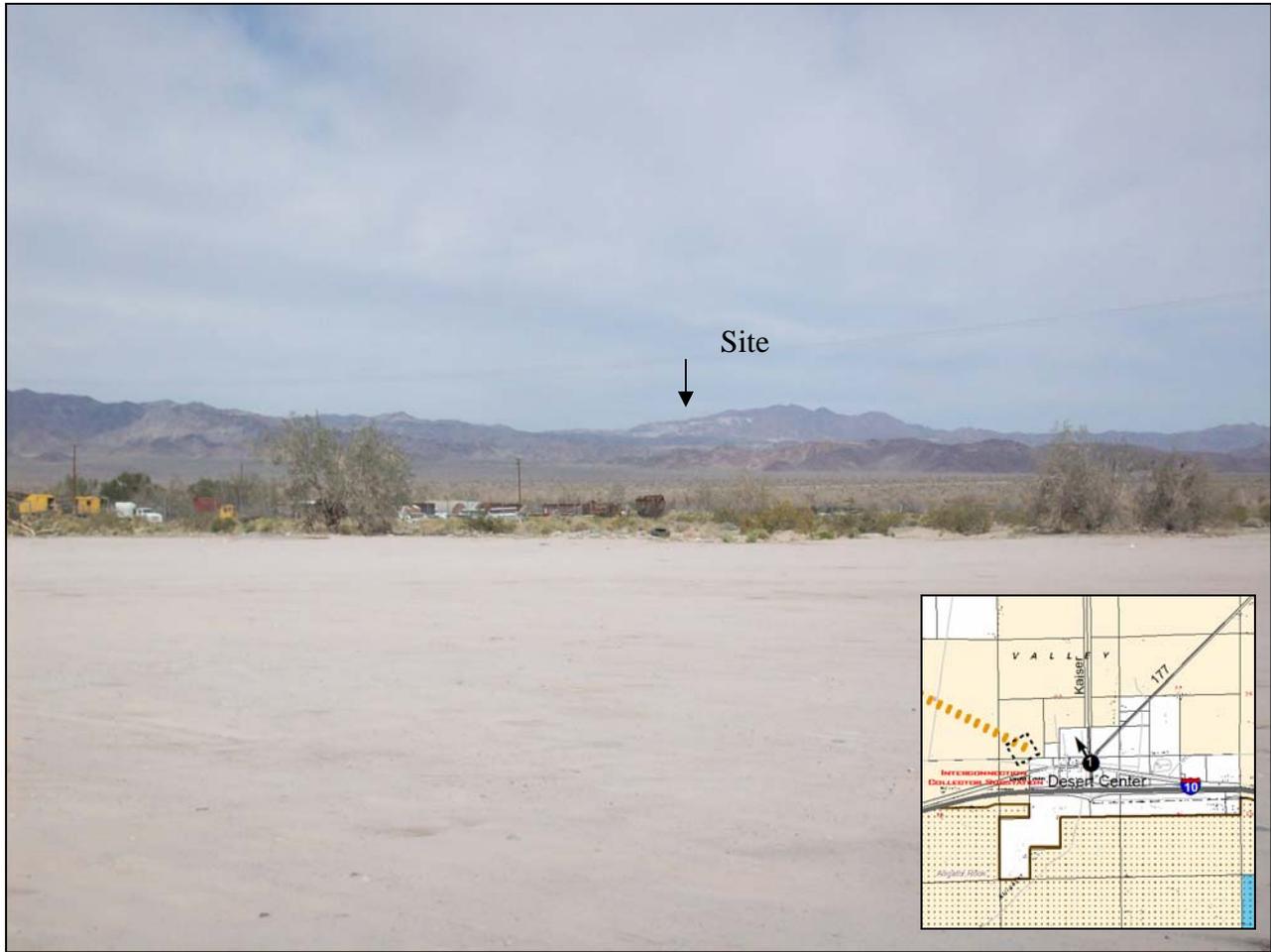


VIEWSHED SUMMARY FROM
 I-10 VEI VIEW POINT

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Figure 3.7-10

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



Location: *Desert Center*

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

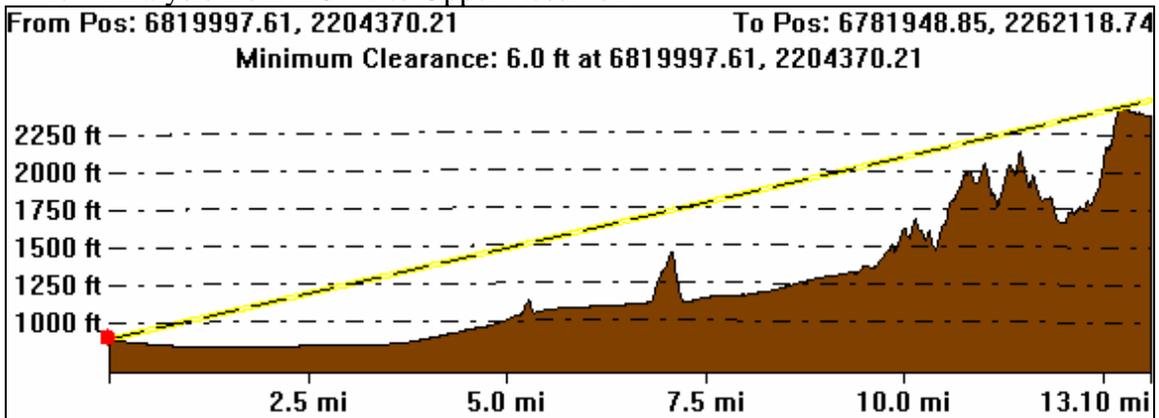
View Distance to Project Site: *12 miles +/-*

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.*

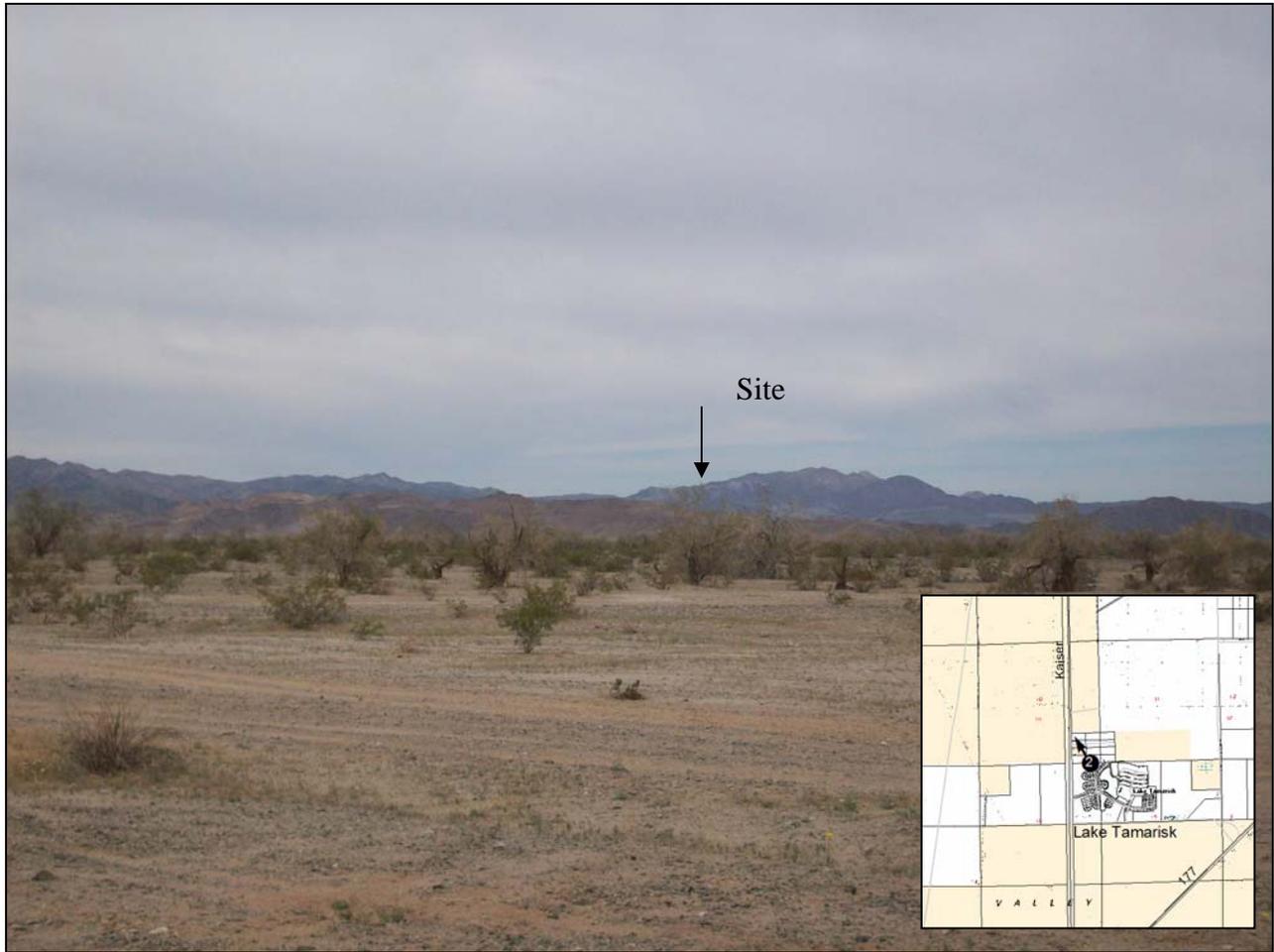
View Analysis from KOP 1 to Upper Reservoir



(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.*

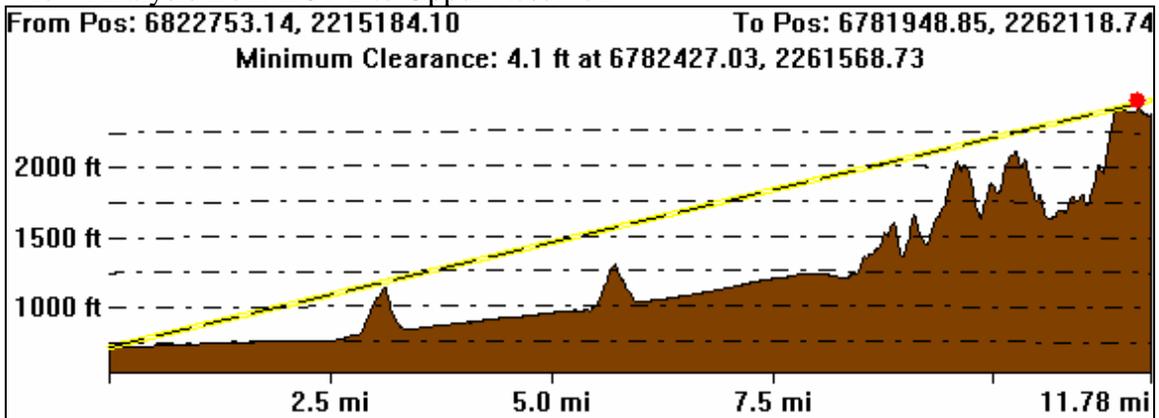
View Distance to Project Site: *10 miles +/-*

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*

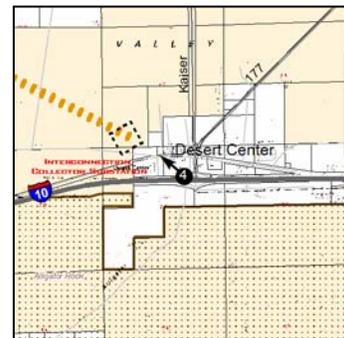
Description: *Existing Condition, View northwest toward Interconnection substation site and proposed transmission line.*

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)*

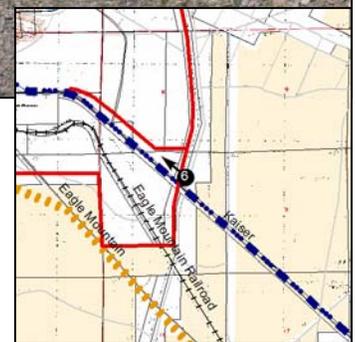
Remarks: *Proposed water pipeline row would traverse left side of existing transmission line access road. Pipeline will be buried and surface re-vegetated.*



(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

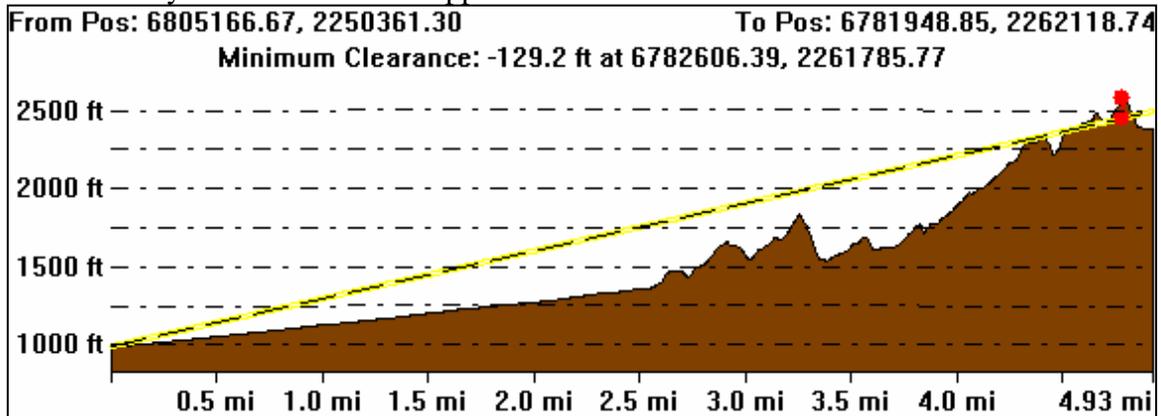
View Distance to Project Site: 4 miles +/-

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.

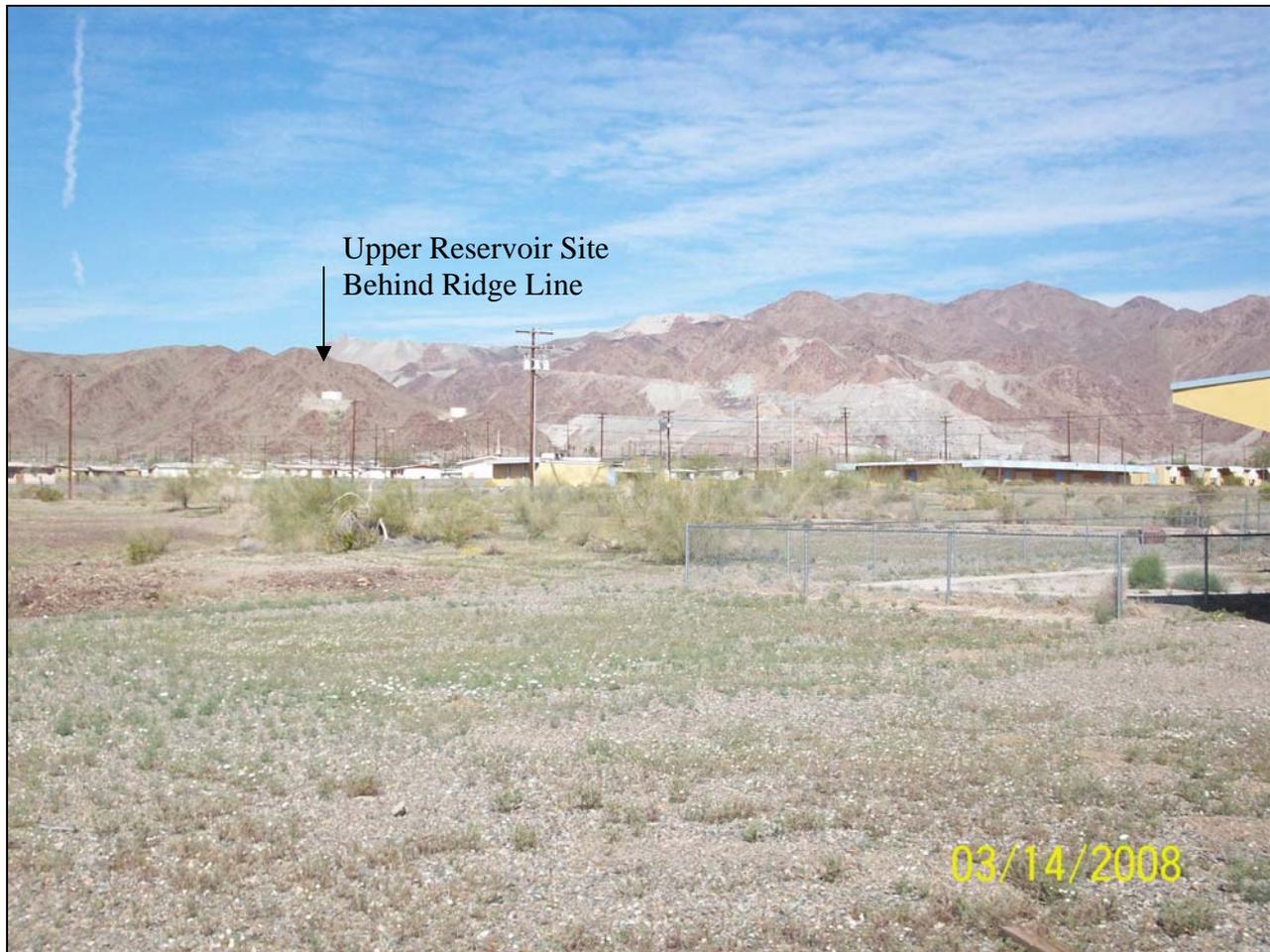
View Analysis from KOP 6 to Upper Reservoir



(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*

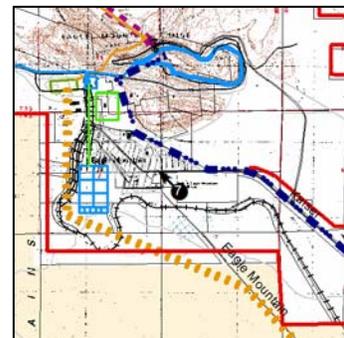
Description: *Existing Condition View north toward project site*

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*

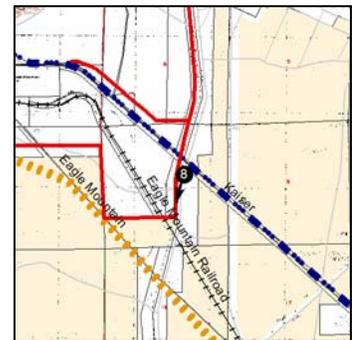
Description: *Existing Condition; View South-Southwest toward proposed transmission line crossing. MWD Aqueduct Pipeline and Surge Chamber on Ridgetop.*

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