

Morongo Communication Site

Overview

The site is located 0.50 mile north of Interstate 10, approximately 2 miles east of Cabazon, and 1.25 miles northwest of the Claude Bell Dinosaur roadside attraction adjacent to Interstate 10. The proposed project would place a tower and an equipment shelter at the site.

Table 1: Morongo Communication Site

Latitude ¹	Longitude ¹	Elev ²	Address	T/R/S ³	APN ⁴	USGS Quadrangle
33°55'37.2"	116°45'13.6"	1,725	52052 Seminole Drive, Cabazon, CA 92230	3S, 2E, Sec. 11	523-140-003	Cabazon
1 – All coordinates utilize NAD83 datum 2 – All elevations in feet above mean sea level 3 – Township/Range/Section (San Bernardino Base Meridian)				4 – All Assessors Parcel Numbers are located in Riverside County, unless noted: OC = Orange County; SD = San Diego County; SB = San Bernardino County		

Surrounding Land Uses

The site is located in a rural area of the San Gorgonio Pass area. The most prominent land uses in the area are electrical transmission lines, gasline easements, and the freeway that threads through the two-mile-wide pass. A small, recently constructed sewage treatment facility is located southwest of the site on the adjacent Morongo Indian Reservation. The western extension of the San Gorgonio Pass windmill farm begins approximately 1 mile southeast of the site.

Topography and Vegetation

The site is located in a relatively narrow portion of the San Gorgonio Pass. The foothills of the San Bernardino Mountains lie approximately 0.50 mile north of the site, and the San Jacinto Mountains lie approximately 1.50 miles to the south across Interstate 10. The site is on a gently sloping alluvial fan that emerges from Lion Canyon in the San Bernardino Mountains. The site is relatively undisturbed. The vegetation consists of a dense, tall-growing, creosote scrub plant community. The plant species on site include creosote bush, ephedra, brittlebush, snake cholla, and California barrel cactus.

Land Ownership and Applicable Habitat/Land Management Plan

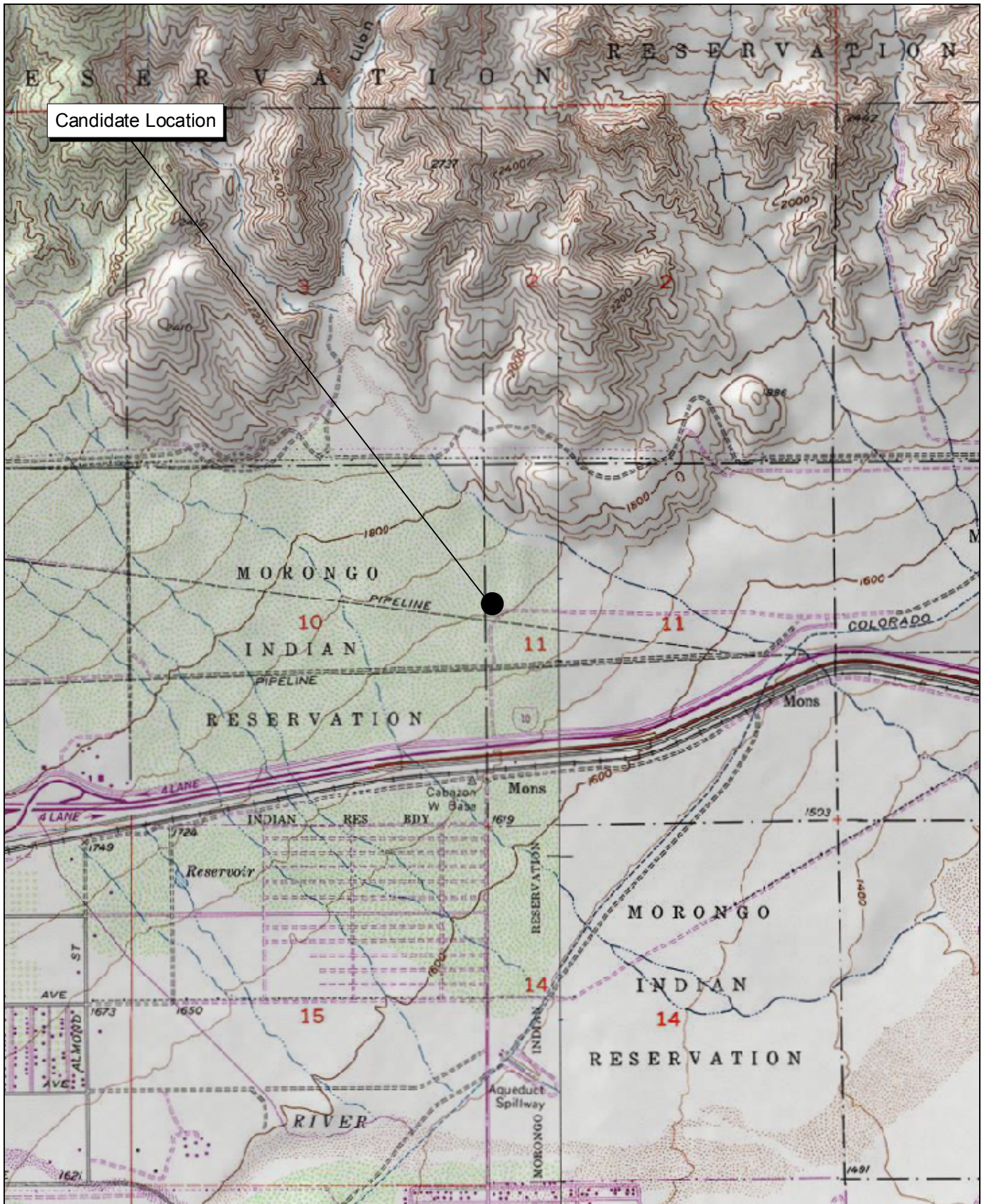
The site is privately owned and managed, and is subject to the CVMSHCP. The site is not located within any designated Conservation Areas.

Road Access

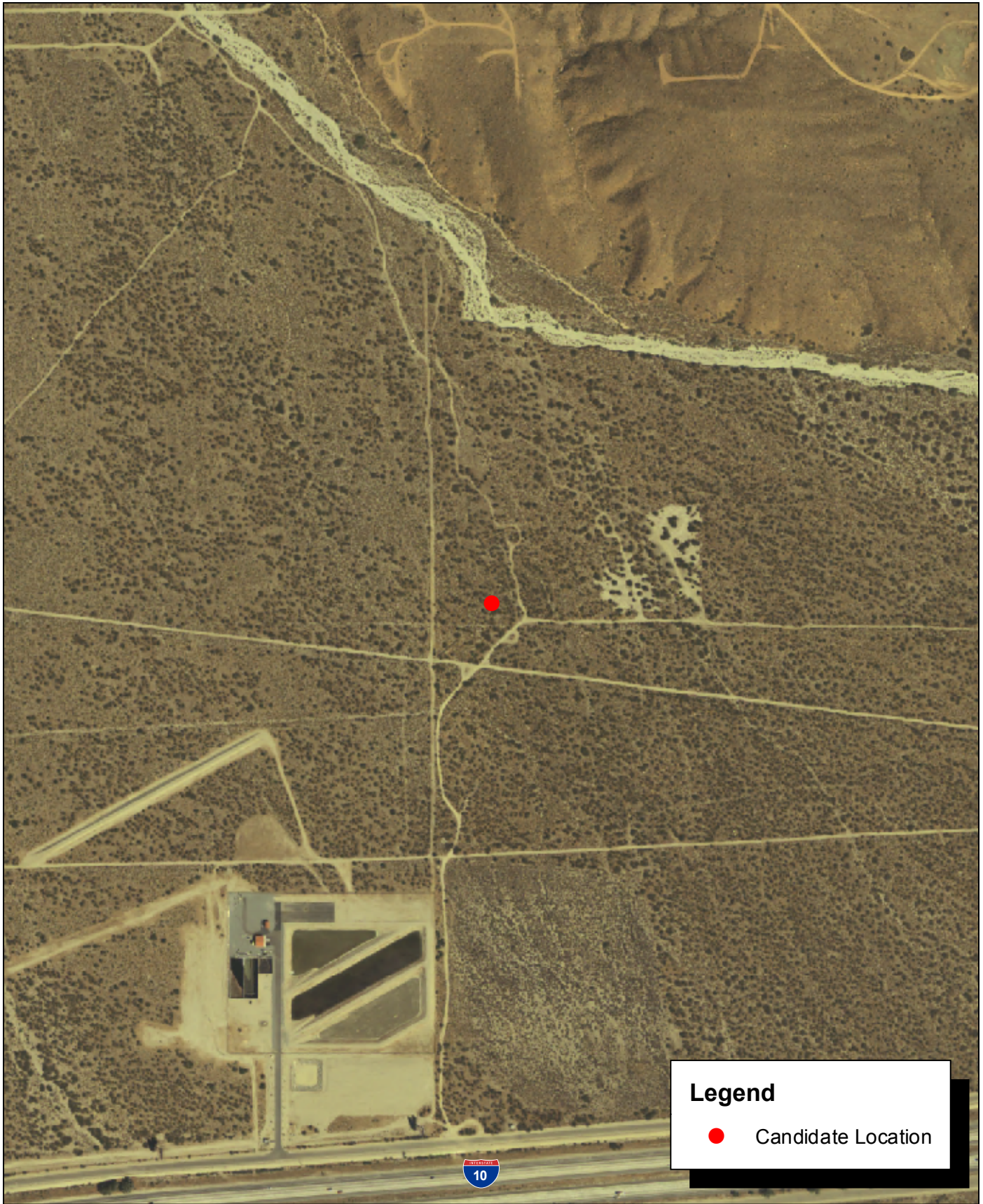
An access road runs northwards from Seminole Road to within 200 feet of the site. A short spur road will need to be constructed to access the site.

Commercial Power Access

Commercial power is available from a pole line that runs parallel to Interstate 10, approximately 0.25 mile south of the site. A pole line will need to be extended from the existing facilities to provide power to the site.



Source: USGS Cabazon 7.5' Topographic Map.



Source: Riverside County NAIP, 2005.



Photograph 1: View toward Morongo candidate location, facing north.



Photograph 2: View toward Morongo candidate location, facing south



Photograph 3: View toward Morongo candidate location, facing west.



Photograph 4: View toward Morongo candidate location, facing west.

Source: Michael Brandman Associates, 2008.



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Photograph 5: View from Morongo candidate location, facing southwest.



Photograph 6: View from Morongo candidate location, facing northeast.



Photograph 7: View from Morongo candidate location, facing northwest.



Photograph 8: View from Morongo candidate location, facing southeast.

Source: Michael Brandman Associates, 2008.



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