

Winchester Communication Site

Overview

The site is located adjacent to several communication towers atop a low mountain, approximately 0.75 mile east of the junction of Highway 79 (Winchester Road) and Highway 74, approximately 2.25 miles north of the community of Winchester, and 4.25 miles west of Hemet.

Table 1: Winchester Communication Site

Latitude ¹	Longitude ¹	Elev ²	Address	T/R/S ³	APN ⁴	USGS Quadrangle
33°44'10.0"	117°03'48.7"	2,031	26482 Calvert Avenue, Hemet, CA 92545	5S, 2W, Sec. 14	465-050-019	Winchester
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 semirural area atop a low mountain. Several existing communication towers are located in the immediate vicinity atop the mountain. The areas surrounding the mountain are generally properties that were formerly used for agricultural purposes, but are presently converting to suburban residential areas. Medium-density residential areas lie at the base of the mountain to the west and north. Areas to the south and east remain primarily rural in nature, with low-density homes and sporadic agricultural properties.

Topography and Vegetation

The site is atop a low mountain, and several ridges emanate from the highpoint of the mountain to the flat San Jacinto Valley below. The site itself is a graded and leveled area that has been subjected to heavy disturbances associated with the construction and operation of the adjacent communication facilities. The majority of the site is void of vegetation. The slopes surrounding the site contain vegetation associated with a continuous coastal sage scrub plant community. The plant species include California buckwheat, black sage, brittlebush, annual sunflower, and star thistle.

Land Ownership and Applicable Habitat/Land Management Plan

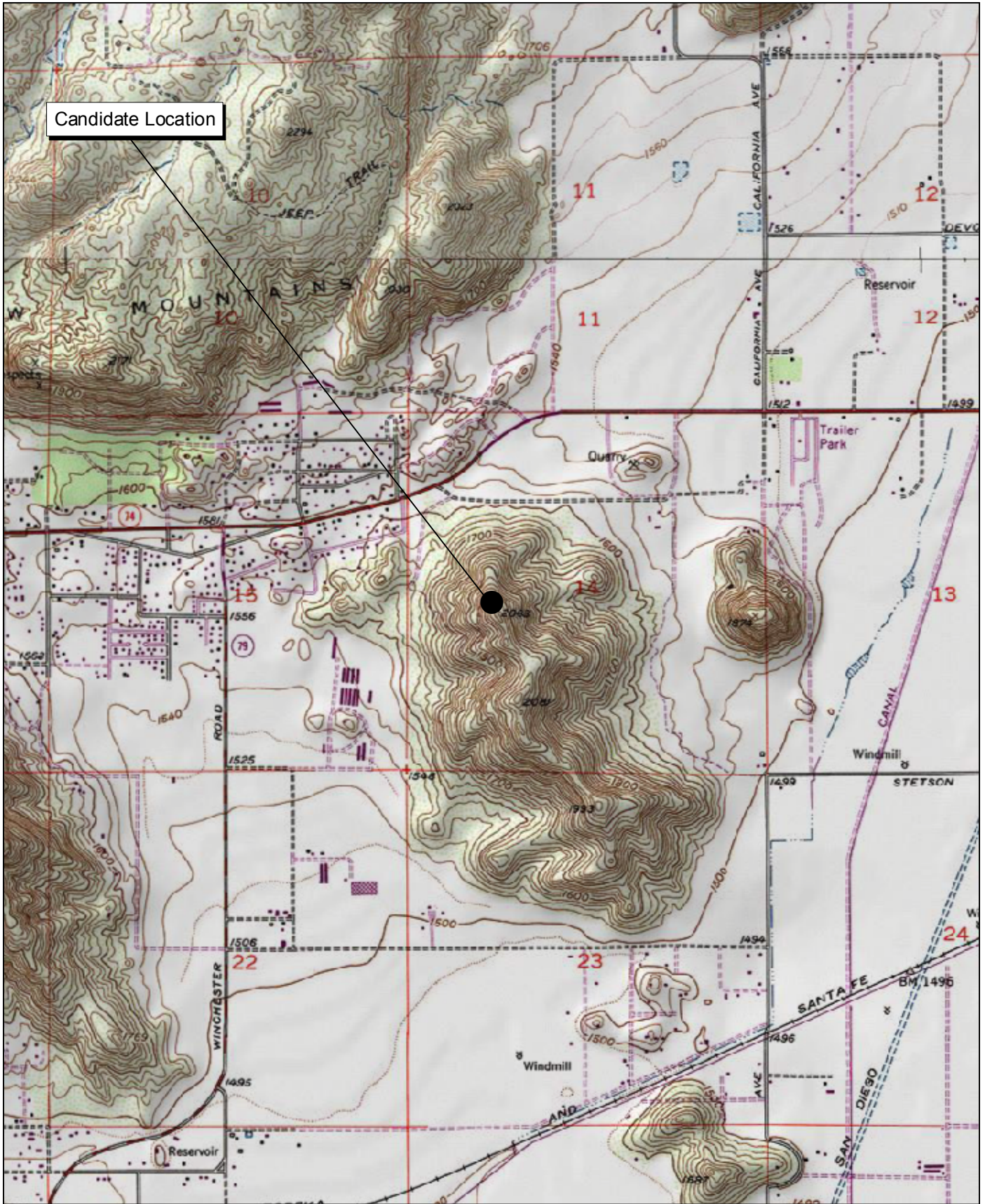
The site is located on privately owned land and is subject to the WRMSHCP. The site is located within the “Harvest Valley/Winchester” area plan, and does not fall within a Criteria Cell. The site is located within a fee area under the Western Riverside County SKRHCP.

Road Access

A dirt access road leads up the mountain, and provides direct access to the site and the existing communication facilities.

Commercial Power Access

Commercial power is available at the site to serve the existing communication facilities.



Source: USGS Winchester 7.5' Topographic Map.



Winchester Communication Site Local Vicinity Topographic Map

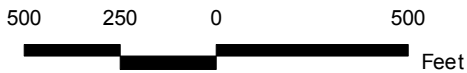


Source: Riverside County NAIP, 2005.



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Winchester Communication Site Local Vicinity Aerial Map

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Photograph 1: Overview of Winchester candidate location, facing southeast.



Photograph 2: View toward Winchester candidate location, facing north.



Photograph 3: View toward Winchester candidate location, facing northwest.



Photograph 4: Overview of Winchester candidate location, facing northwest.

Source: Michael Brandman Associates, 2008.





Photograph 5: View from Winchester candidate location, facing northeast.



Photograph 6: View from Winchester candidate location, facing southeast.



Photograph 7: View from Winchester candidate location, facing southwest.



Photograph 8: View from Winchester candidate location, facing northwest.

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