



Between 1948 and 1983, Kaiser Steel Corporation recovered over 940 million tons of materials from four pits, consisting of 228 millions tons of crude ore and 712 million tons of waste rock at Eagle Mountain.



A **Community of Interest (COI)** is a study area designated by LAFCO within unincorporated territory that may be annexed to one or more cities or special districts, incorporated as a new city, or designated as an **Unincorporated Community (UC)** within two years of status obtainment.

Designation of an area as a UC may require removal from a municipal sphere of influence since the two designations are mutually exclusive.



Lake Tamarisk

UNIQUE COMMUNITIES

Eagle Mountain Landfill and Townsite

This truly remote community area is located in the northwestern corner of Desert Center adjacent to, and surrounded on three sides by, the Joshua Tree National Park. The 5,500-acre former Kaiser iron ore mining facility will require some changes in order to fulfill its proposed transition into a functioning Class III nonhazardous solid waste landfill operation. Considerable rehabilitation and new development would be needed to restore this area as a fully functioning community. The plan for the revitalized new townsite, however, accommodates the necessities for community life: schools, community centers, recreational facilities, retail commercial centers, and housing.

Desert Center

This area is bisected by Interstate 10 along Desert Center Rice Road and Kaiser Road. In the public's mind, this small oasis represents what is meant by the Desert Center area. It is a very small and focused specialty center primarily serving the tourist commercial needs of the highway traveler. A variety of other uses such as mobile home parks, industrial/storage facilities, an airport, and a Caltrans equipment yard are located here as well.

Lake Tamarisk

A few miles north of Interstate 10 on Kaiser Road lies Lake Tamarisk. This retirement community features single family homes situated around the lake and includes a 9-hole golf course. Unavailable here, community services, such as health care and convenience stores, must be accessed at Desert Center or in the Coachella or Palo Verde Valleys.

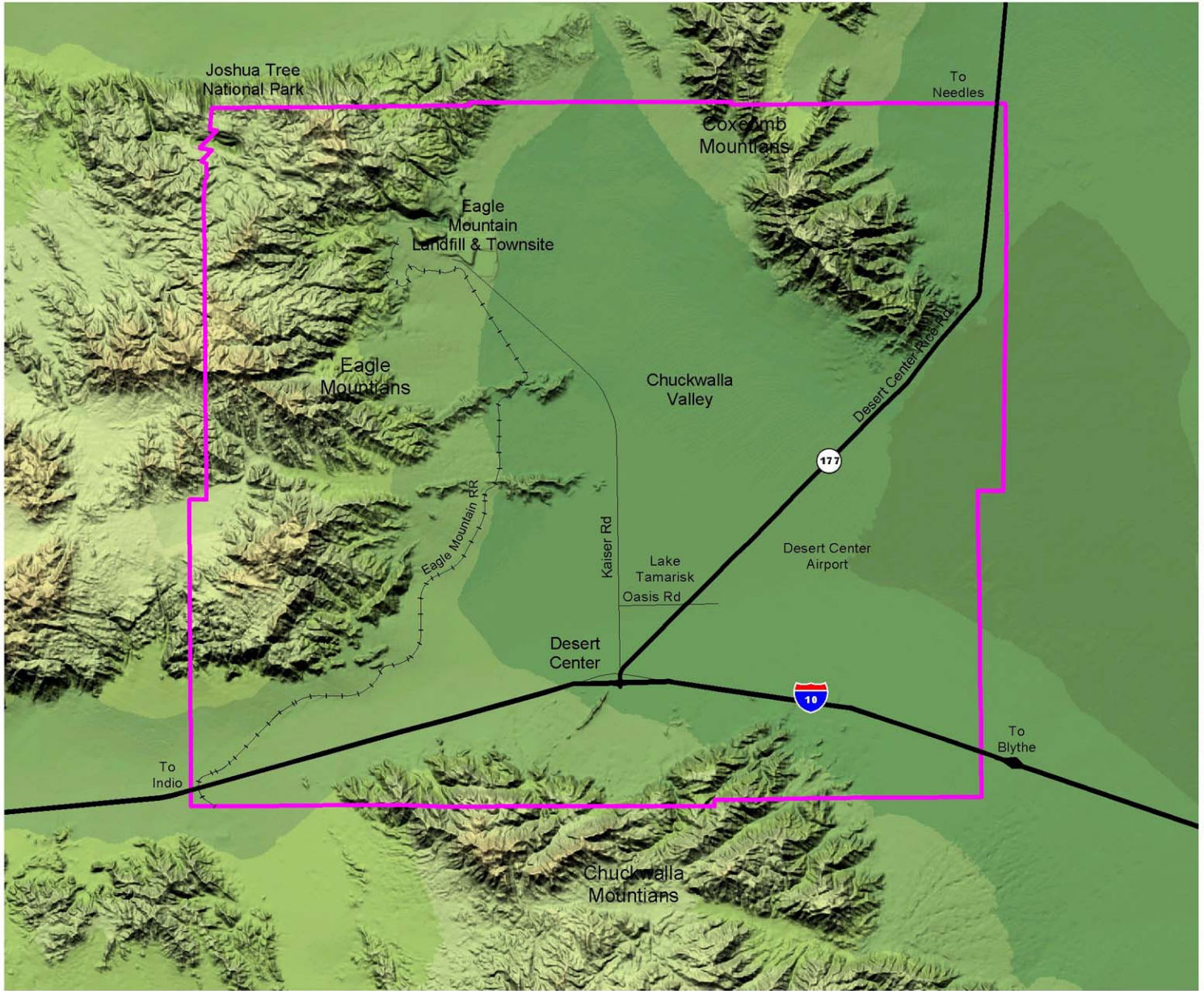


Figure 2



County of Riverside General Plan - *Hearing Draft*

Desert Center Area Plan

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