

**United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management
Scenic Quality Field Inventory**

Date 8/23/05		
District California Desert		
Field Office Palm Springs		
Scenic Quality Rating Unit 06		
Viewpoint 10 : Hayfield Road		
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LANDSCAPE CHARACTER			
	LANDFORM / WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURES
Form	Broad, flat valley floor.	Irregular distribution of low growing grasses and shrubs. Coverage appearing more consistent at distance.	Linear pipes and rectangular building of the aqueduct pump station.
Line	Horizontal for the valley floor.	Irregular for individual shrubs. Horizontal as defined by the valley floor and Hayfield Dry Lake.	Diagonal to horizontal
Color	Light-tan soils.	Tan to pale-yellow grasses with tanish-gray to green shrubs.	Gray.
Texture	Soils in the immediate foreground appear smooth to granular.	Medium grain to matte.	Smooth

Narrative: SQRU 06 encompasses the western end of Chuckwala Valley north of I-10 and south of the Eagle Mountains and Joshua Tree Wilderness. The valley floor is flat and relatively non-descript with low-growing grasses and shrubs of pale yellow to green color. The more distant, rugged Eagle Mountains to the north (not part of this unit) rise abruptly from the valley floor and provide a backdrop for much of this unit. The most notable features in this unit are the Hayfield Dry Lake (evidenced by the horizontal band of light color in the center of the photograph) and the Colorado River Aqueduct Hayfield Pumping Station, which (with its industrial character of gray pipes and buildings) is visible at the base of the mountains. Though, visible, the pumping station is not a prominent feature in the SQRU 06 landscape, which is more influenced by the backdrop of the Eagle Mountains than the presence of the pumping station.

Score					SCENIC QUALITY CLASSIFICATION
	High	Medium	Low	Explanation or Rationale	
a. Landform			1	Chuckwala Valley Floor	
b. Vegetation			1		
c. Water			0		
d. Color		2			
e. Adjacent Scenery		3		Eagle Mountains	
f. Scarcity			1		
g. Cultural Modifications			-1	Aqueduct Pumping Station	
TOTALS	0	5	2	7	

A 19 or more
 B 12 - 18
 C 11 or less