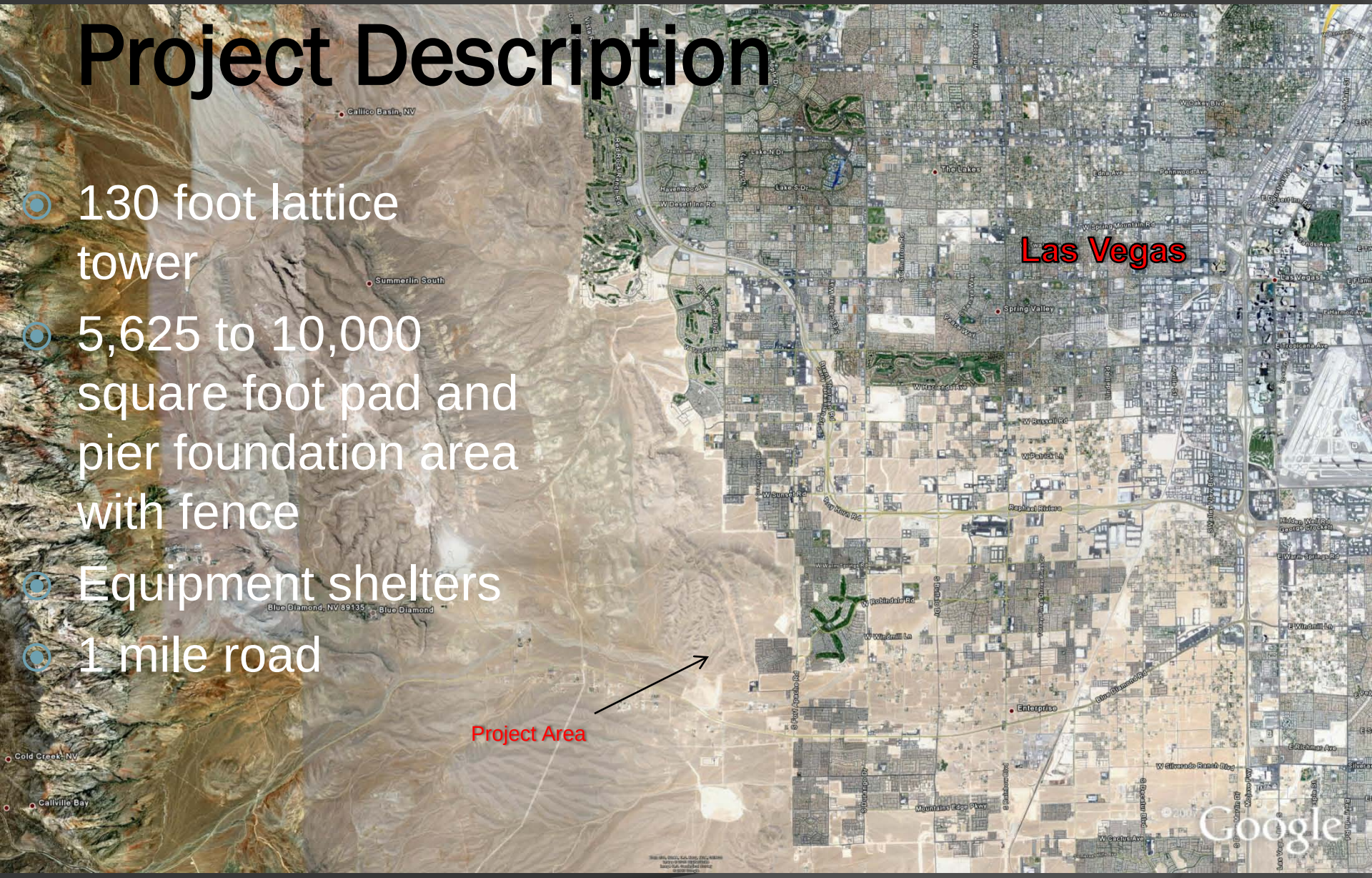
LAS VEGAS HILLS CELL TOWER

Proponent Grand Central Cell

BLM Las Vegas District

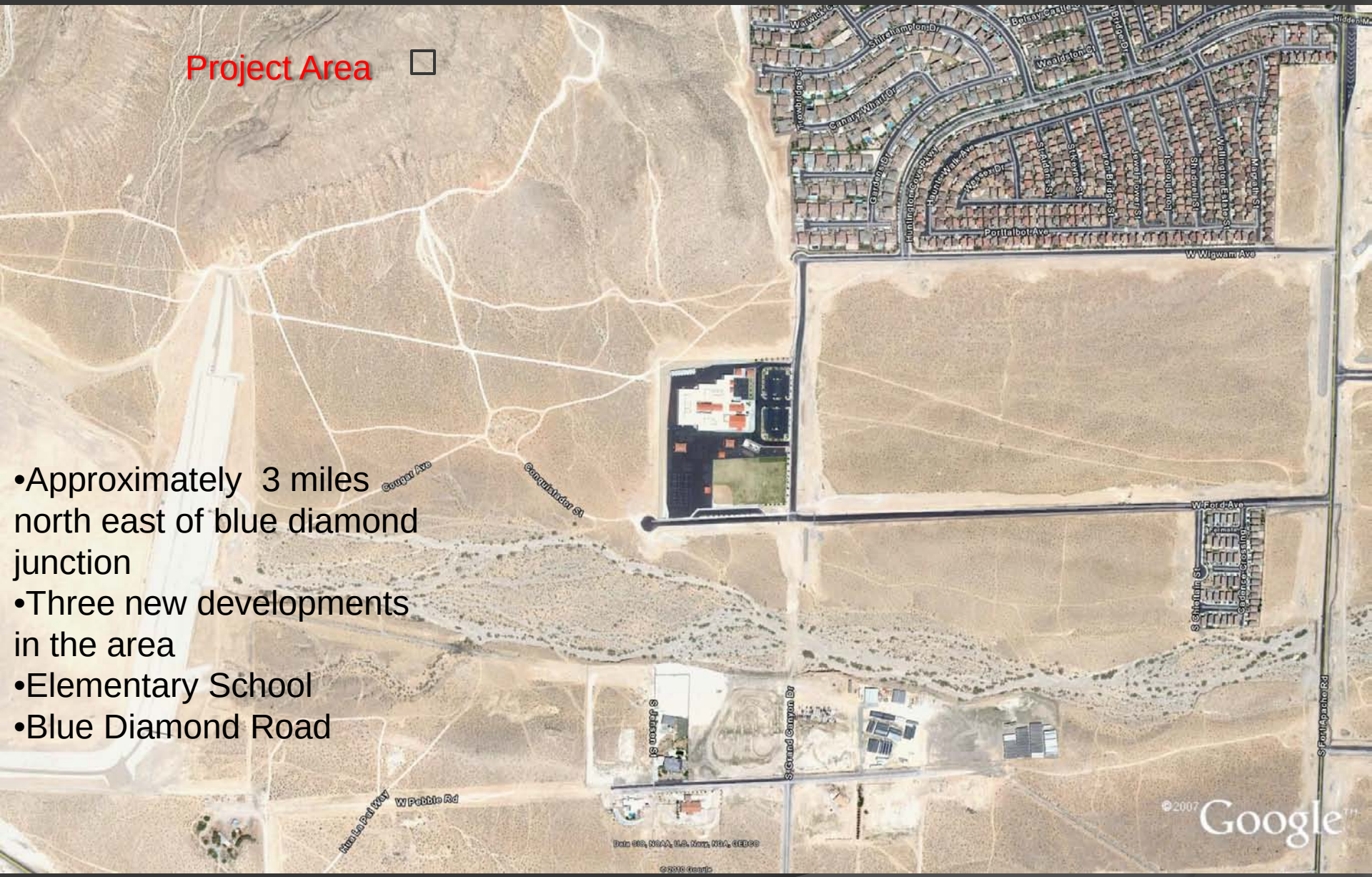
Project Description

- 130 foot lattice tower
- 5,625 to 10,000 square foot pad and pier foundation area with fence
- Equipment shelters
- 1 mile road



Proponent’s Purpose and Need

- To provide communication services to the LV valley



- Approximately 3 miles north east of blue diamond junction
- Three new developments in the area
- Elementary School
- Blue Diamond Road

BLM Concerns

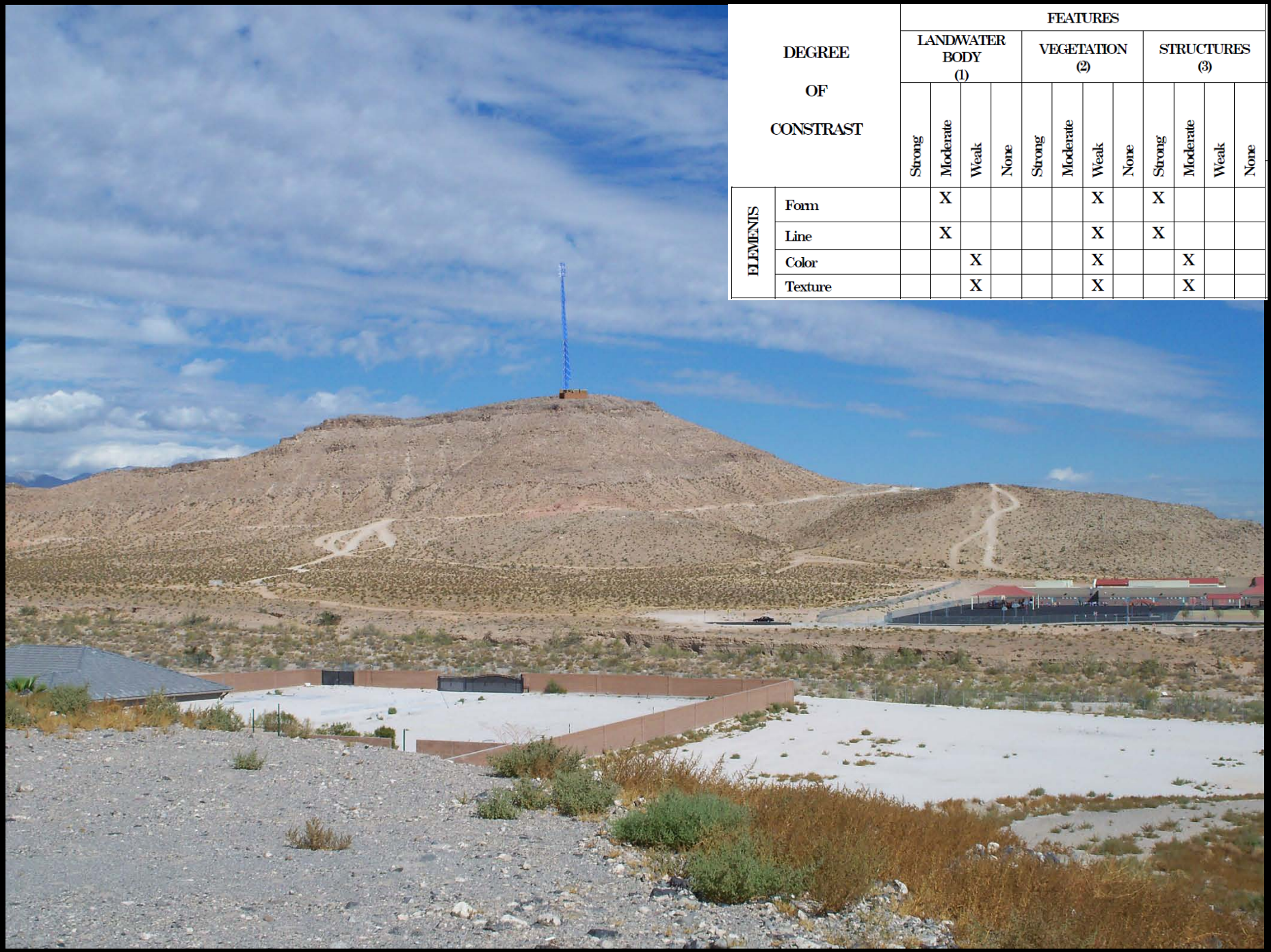
- Endangered Bats
- Historic Mines
- Neighborhood Concerns
- Company track record
- County Visual Resource Inventory (Scenic Vista)

Public Outreach

- Public Meetings
  - September 1, 2010
  - at the Robert L Forbuss Elementary School
  - Fromm 6 to 9 pm
  - 127 public attendees
    - County Commissioner Tom Collins
    - Friends of Nevada Wilderness / Sierra Club
    - NDOW – Chris Tomlinson
    - LV Historic Mining Association
- Public Concerns
  - Obstruction of skyline/scenic vista
  - Further scaring of the hill due to new road
  - Increased dust during construction and new road
  - Increased traffic

KOP 1 – representative view from Blue Diamond Road and neighborhood

- **Existing Condition**
- Smooth rolling tan/red hills with some banding and a soft silhouette against the sky.
- Vegetation is sparse, low-growing but uniform throughout the hillside
- Winding road that bisects the hill in several places



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	Texture			X				X			X		

KOP 2 – View from Ford Street Neighborhood

Existing Condition

- Very similar to KOP 1 except the geometric red tailing piles (from historic mines) are visible from this vantage point.

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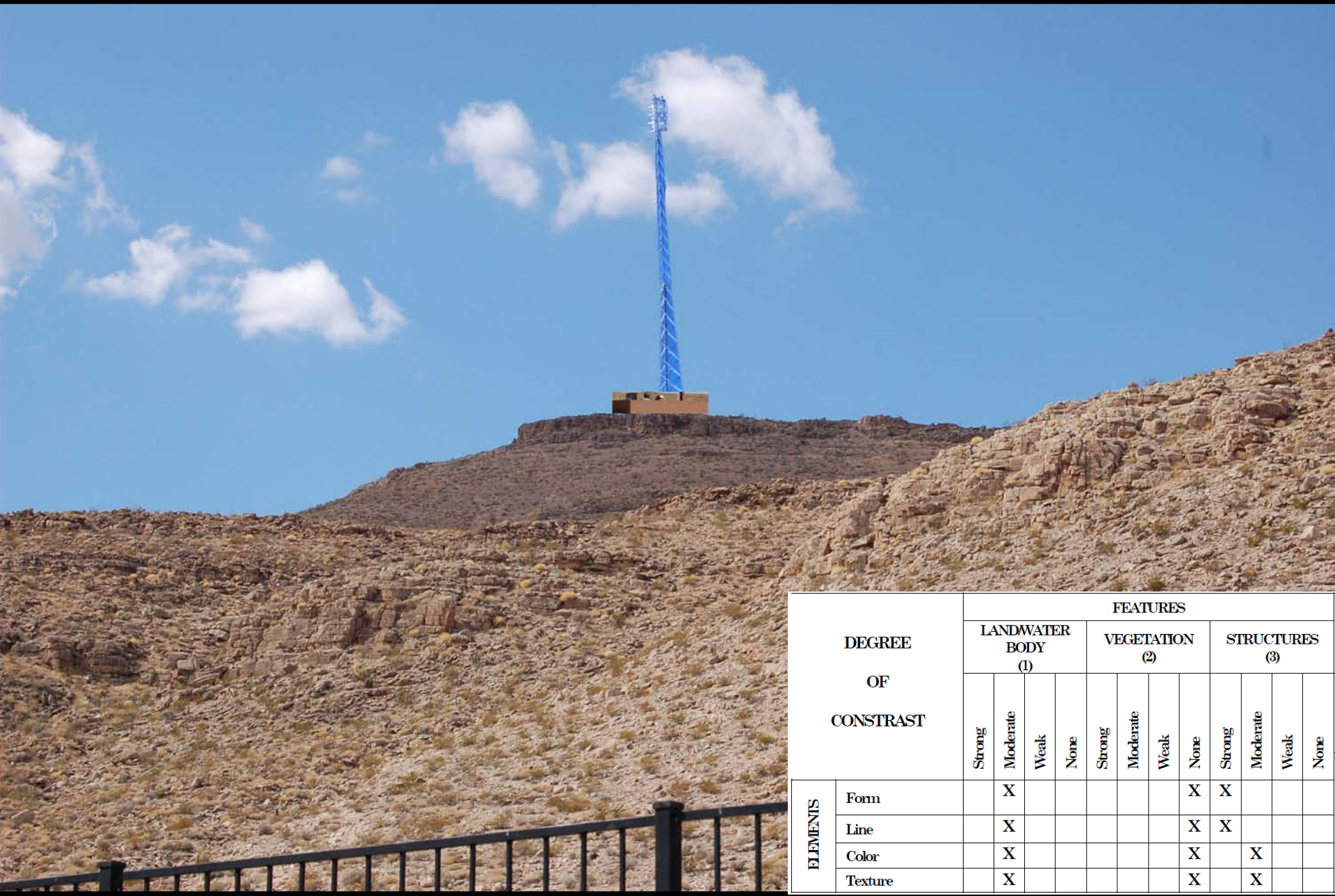
KOP 3 – View from Buckingham Palace Neighborhood

Enclosed due to close proximity of the neighborhood to Las Vegas Hills.

Hill texture and color is more prominent

Home and proximity impede direct view to the proposed project site



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BLM Conformity

- Area is Managed as VRM Class III in RMP
  - KOP 1 and KOP 2 not consistent with RMP

Suggested Mitigation

- Location
- Color
- Road Width
- Road Surface
- Buried utilities
- Fill Material
- Construction Season

Class Conformity

- With mitigation VRM Class III objectives are met

Don’t be a Jackass!

Analyze your Visual Resources