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Patricia Garcia-Plotkin
Tribal Historic Preservation Director
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
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Palm Springs, CA 92264

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Travis Armstrong
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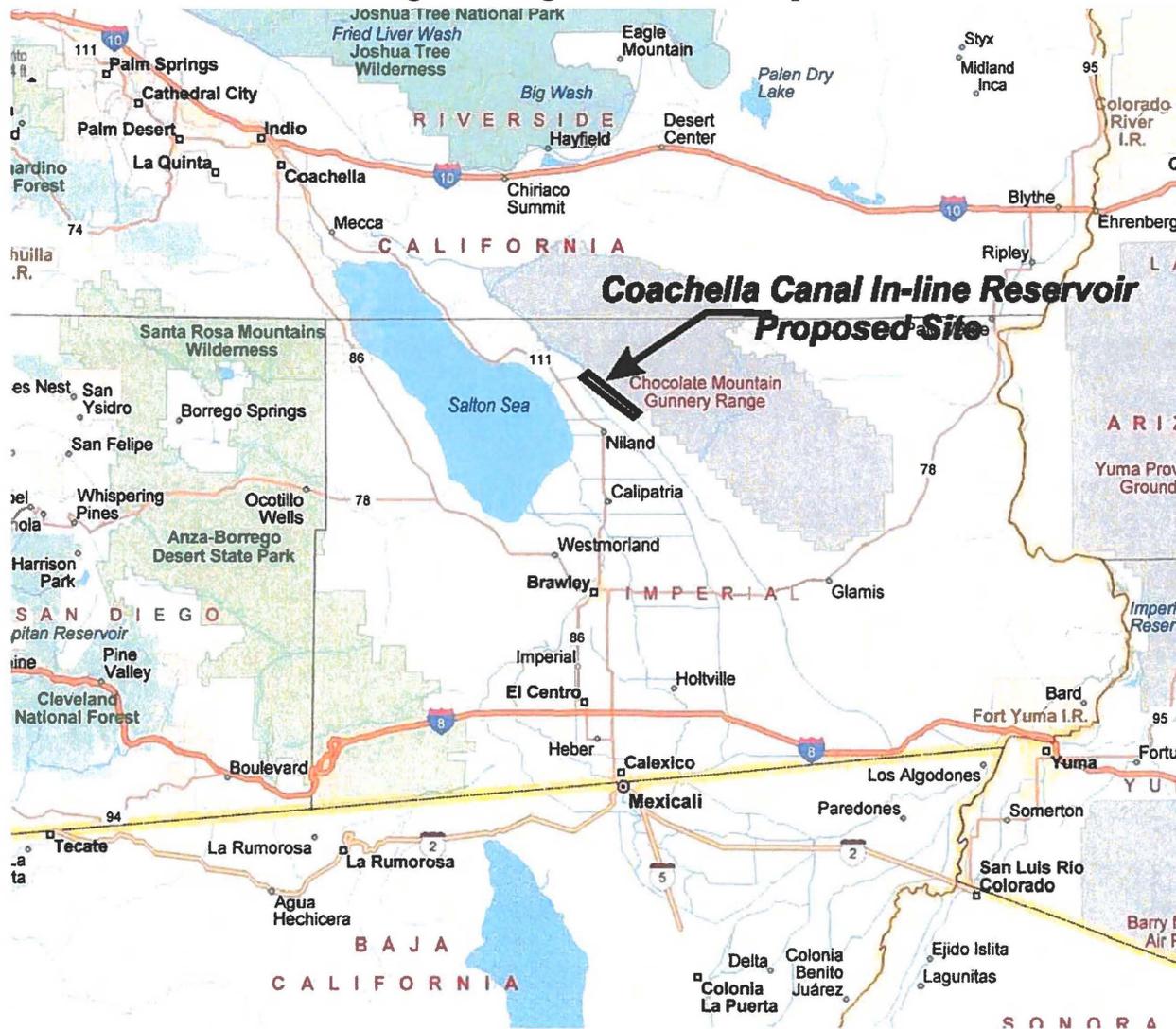


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