

Comment Set D.10: Brian A. Smith



CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
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Proposed Antelope-Pardee 500-kV Transmission Project

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(10 pages photos attached)

Date: August 29, 2006

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For the section mile 22.3 through mile 25.6, I believe that the ~~proposals~~ ^{alternatives} do not address the visual impact of the Proposed Project and Alternative 3. Both of these proposals fail to address the use of monopole (steel tube) towers for the new towers. I am living in a new development located between the transmission line right of way and San Francisco's Creek, just south of Copper Hill. 275 Homes are located there just west of McBean. It is a senior 55+ community. I am attaching 10 photos taken from the community to show the impact of the existing towers on our views. I believe that consideration should be given to ~~alternatives~~ ^{alternatives} ~~monopole towers~~ ^{alternatives} ~~with a double~~ ^{alternatives} ~~the proposed project with a double~~ ^{alternatives}

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D.10-2

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← circuit tower using



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mono pole towers. This will reduce the visual impact rather than the existing proposals that will have negative impact on the views on Mile 22.3 through mile 25.6. I also believe the EIR does not properly address the EMF impact of alternative no 3 in the area next to populated areas between mile 22.3 and mile 25.6. The EIR shows ~~no EMF~~ fails to show an EMF cross section effect for Alternative 3. I believe that the visual impact portion of the EIR should include a study of the effects of both the proposal and alternative 3 ~~for~~ on our neighborhood. (THE COMMUNITY IS NAMED BELCARO)

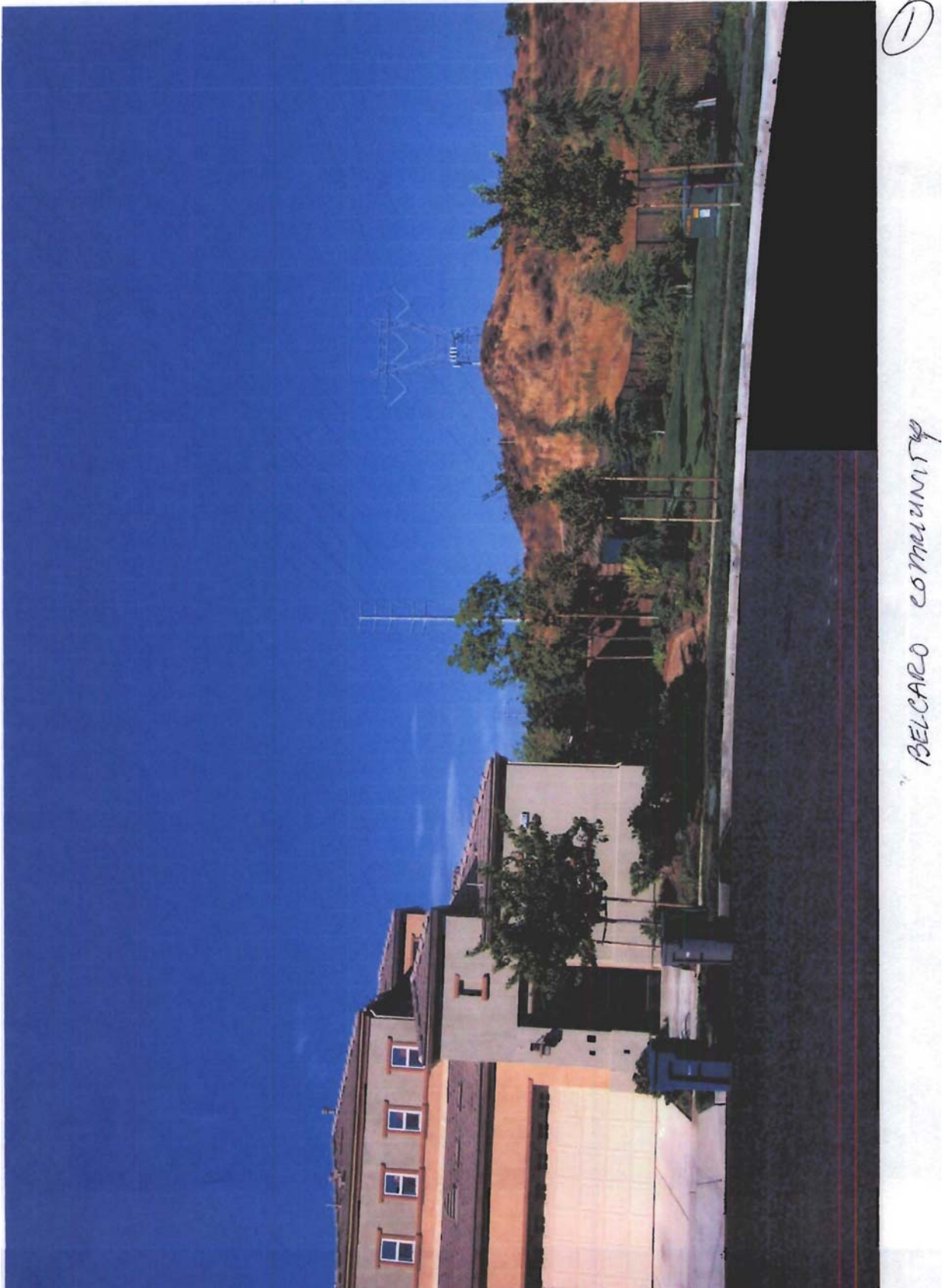
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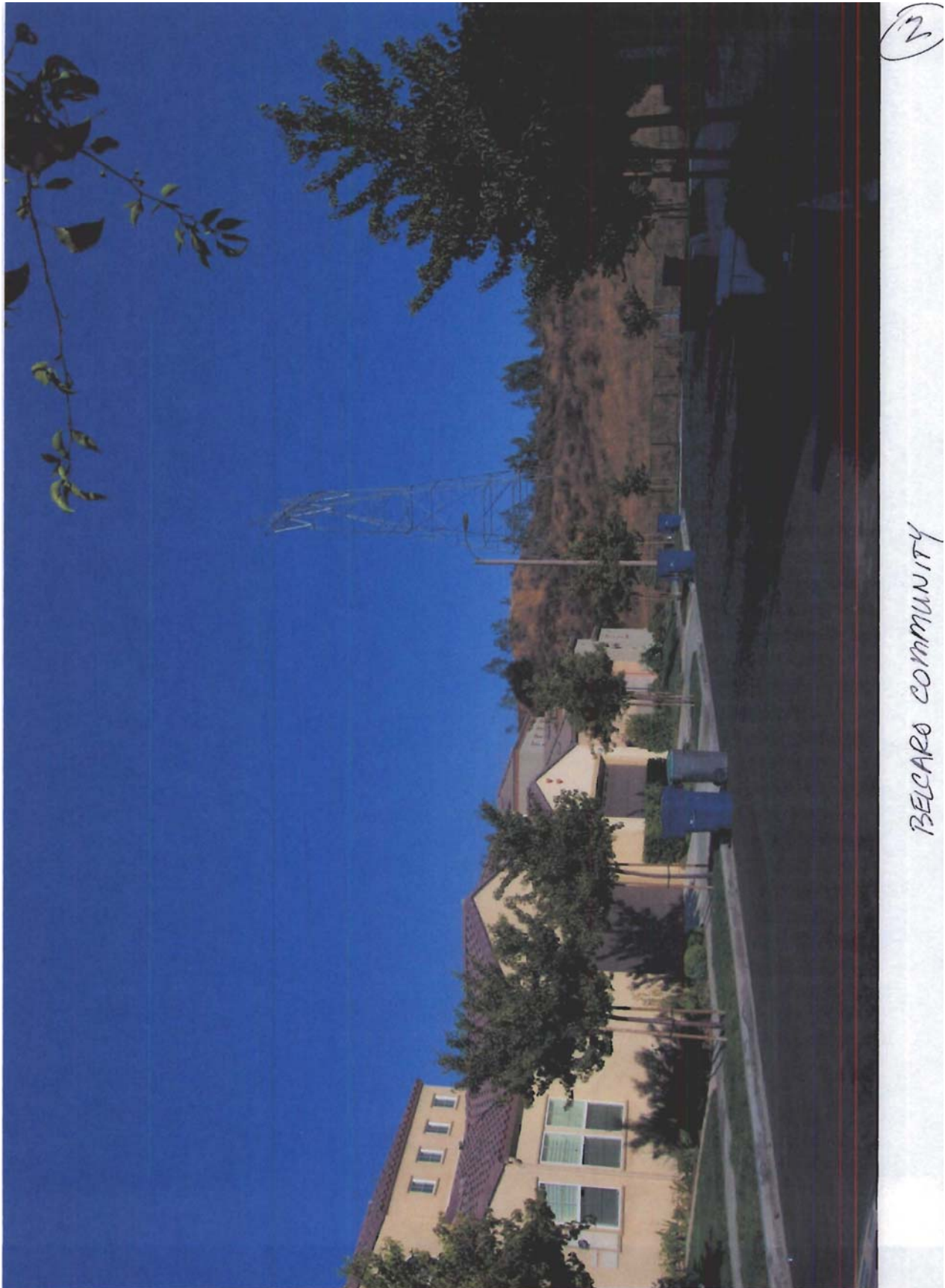
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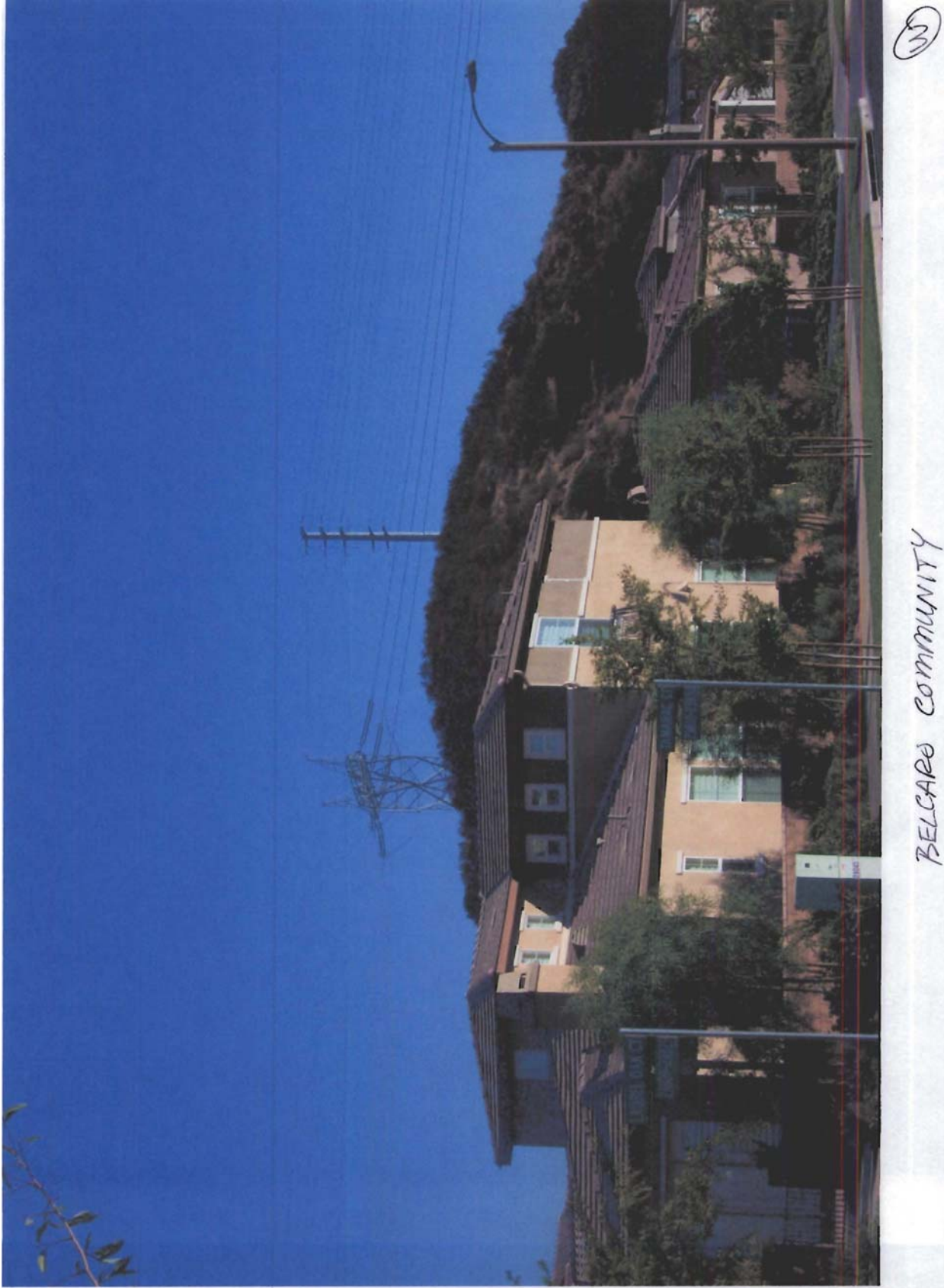
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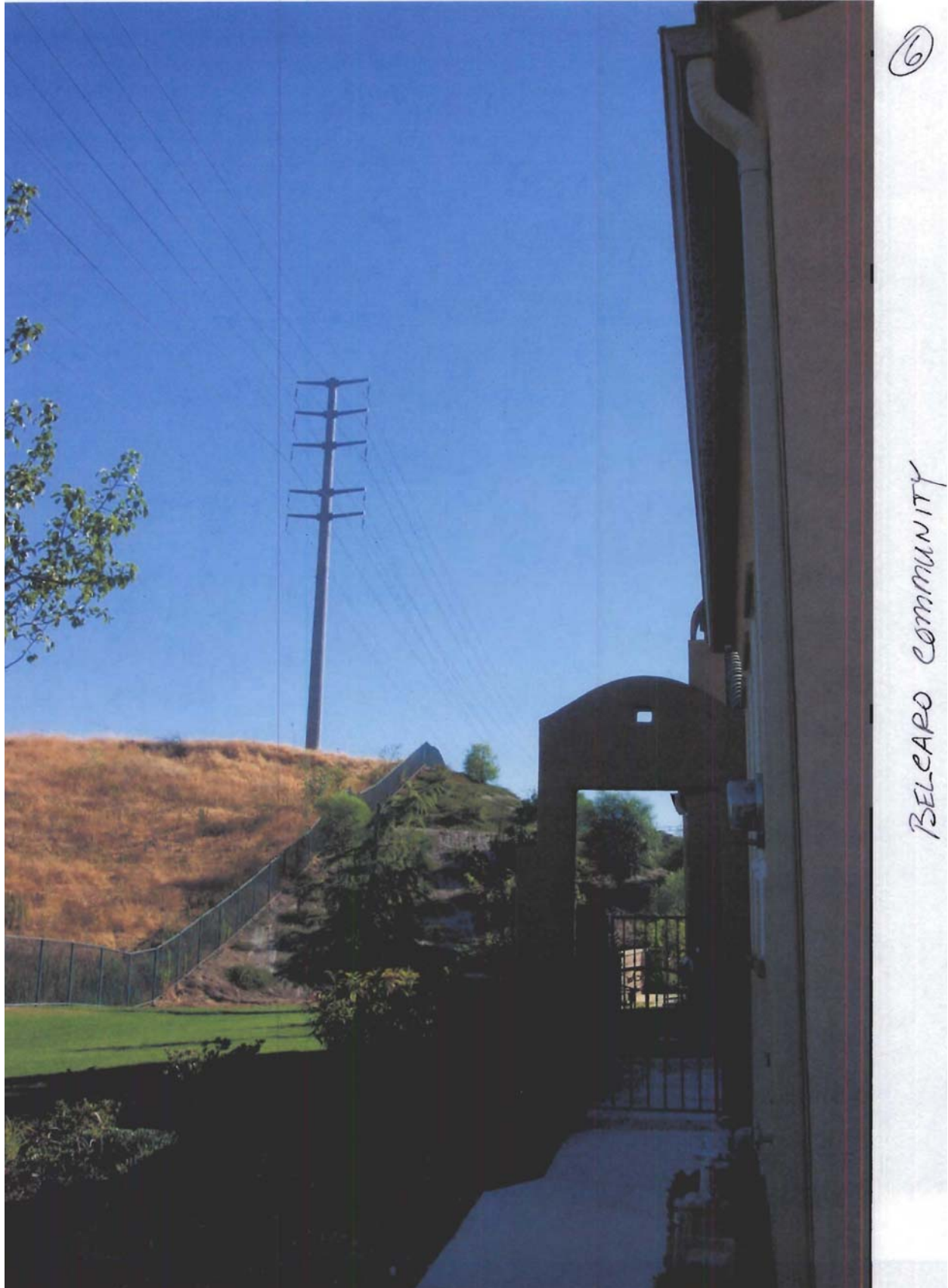








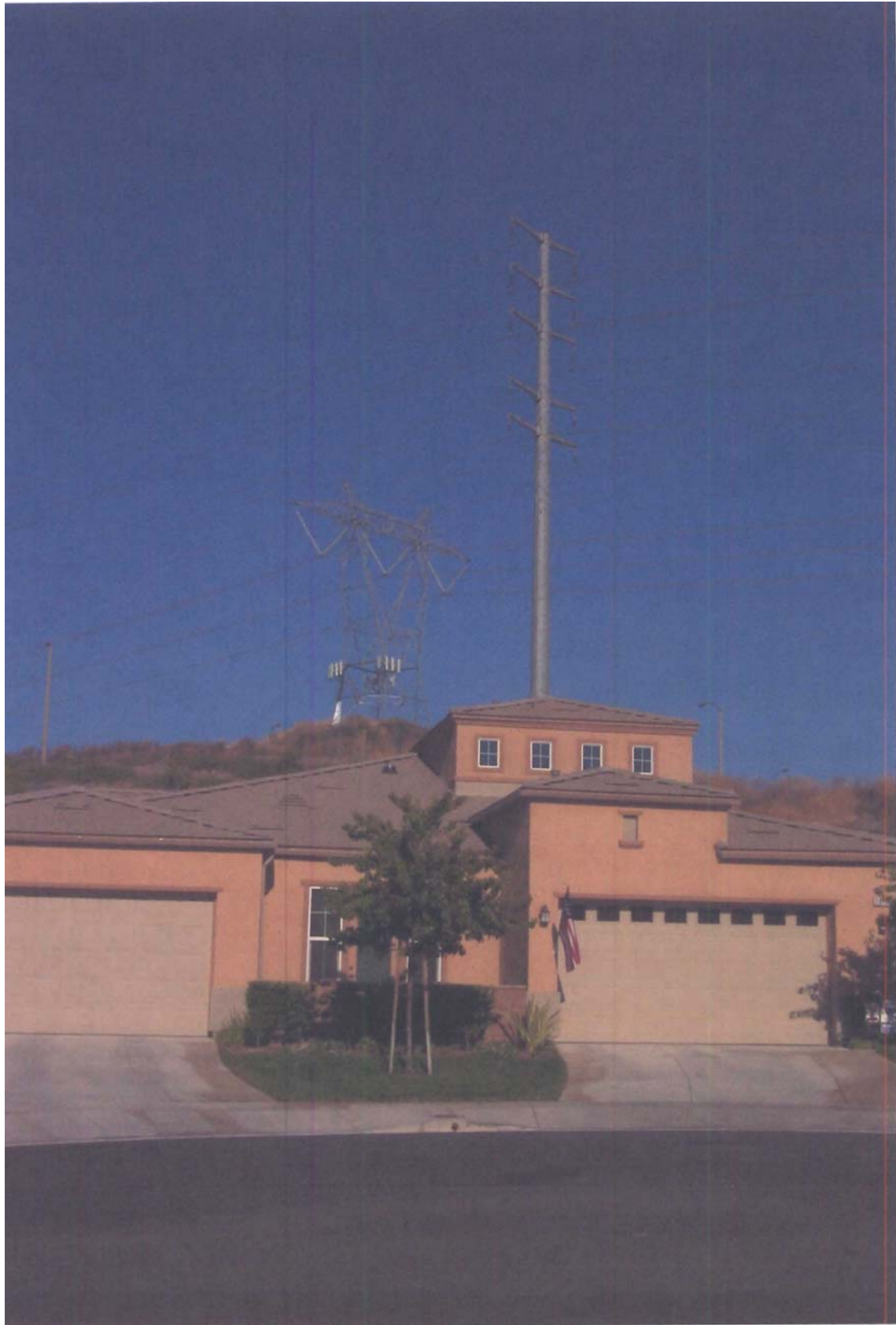






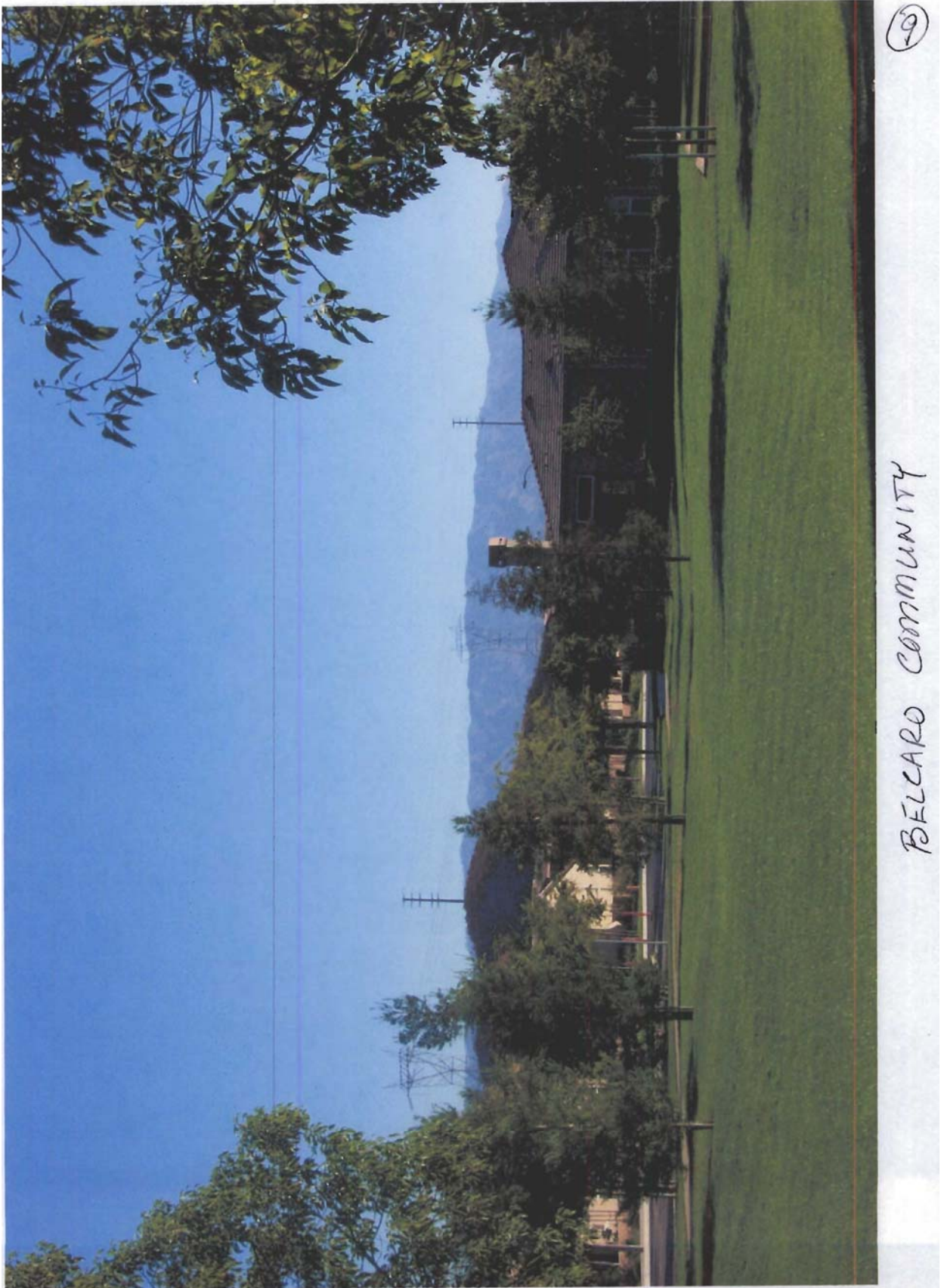
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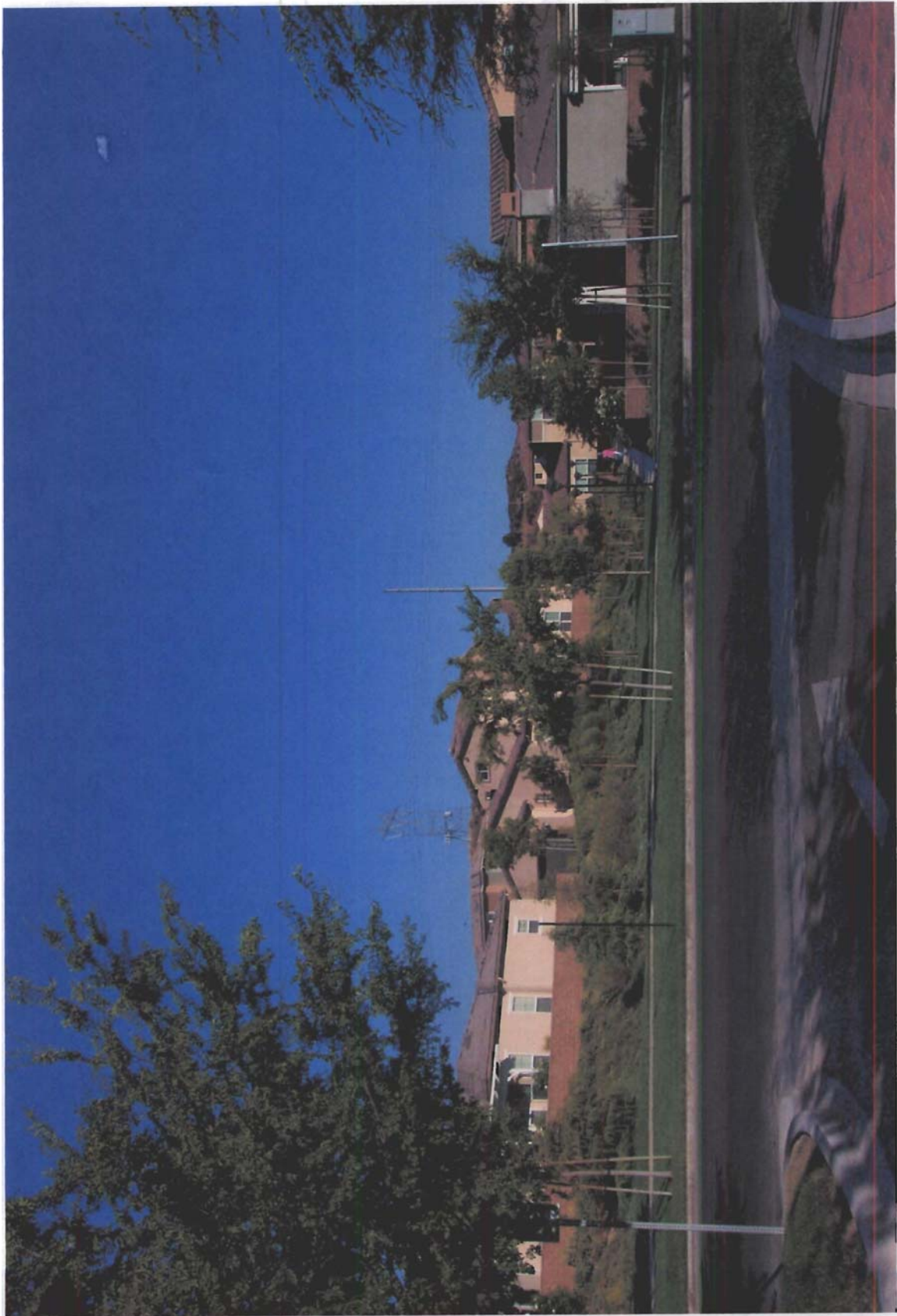
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D.10-1 As discussed in Section C.15.1.2, Key Observation Position 10 was established at the upper end of North High Ridge Drive, a residential street that affords a panoramic view looking west-northwest across Haskell Canyon. This view is representative and characteristic of many views within the suburban neighborhoods of the Santa Clarita vicinity – from front yards, streets and backyards – that look across suburban neighborhoods to natural open-space hillsides and ridgetops with industrial developments such as transmission lines and water tanks. As discussed in Section C.15.4, for Impact V-10 as seen from KOP 10, because there are residences immediately adjacent to the proposed Project in the vicinity of North High Ridge Drive, and people would view the transmission line structures at “immediate foreground” and “foreground” viewing distances, it is appropriate to use double-circuit tubular steel poles in the vicinity of KOP 10. Implementation of Mitigation Measures V-1a (Use Tubular Steel Poles), V-1b (Construct, Operate, and Maintain with Existing Access Roads), V-1c (Dispose of Cleared Vegetation), V-1d (Dispose of Excavated Materials), and V-1e (Treat Surfaces with Appropriate Colors, Textures, and Finishes) would reduce Impact V-10 for the proposed Project, as compared to the proposed Project without mitigation. This would result in an improved visual environment, as compared to the proposed Project, but would still result in a significant, unavoidable visual impact (Class I) because of increased structure prominence and skyline blockage as seen from North High Ridge Drive. These same results and conclusions are valid for the Belcaro Development, as KOP 10 represents many neighborhoods in Santa Clarita.

As discussed in Section C.15.8.2, under Alternative 3, tubular steel poles are recommended mitigation measures for visual resources.

D.10-2 Please see photographs and visual simulations at the end of Section C.15. Please refer to visual simulations of KOP 10, which is representative and characteristic of many views within the suburban neighborhoods of the Santa Clarita vicinity. Simulations of KOP 10 show (1) existing conditions; (2) the proposed Project with double-circuit lattice steel towers; (3) visual mitigations with double-circuit tubular steel poles; and (4) Alternative 3 with a second set of 500-kV lattice steel towers.

D.10-3 Please see General Response GR-3 regarding potential health hazards associated with EMF exposure.

D.10-4 As noted in the responses to Comments D.10-1 and D.10-2, KOP 10 was selected because it is representative and characteristic of many views within the suburban neighborhoods of the Santa Clarita vicinity. It is impractical to provide simulations from every affected neighborhood along the proposed and alternative routes, and conclusions about visual impacts and proposed mitigation measures would not change if visual simulations were prepared for the Belcaro Development.