

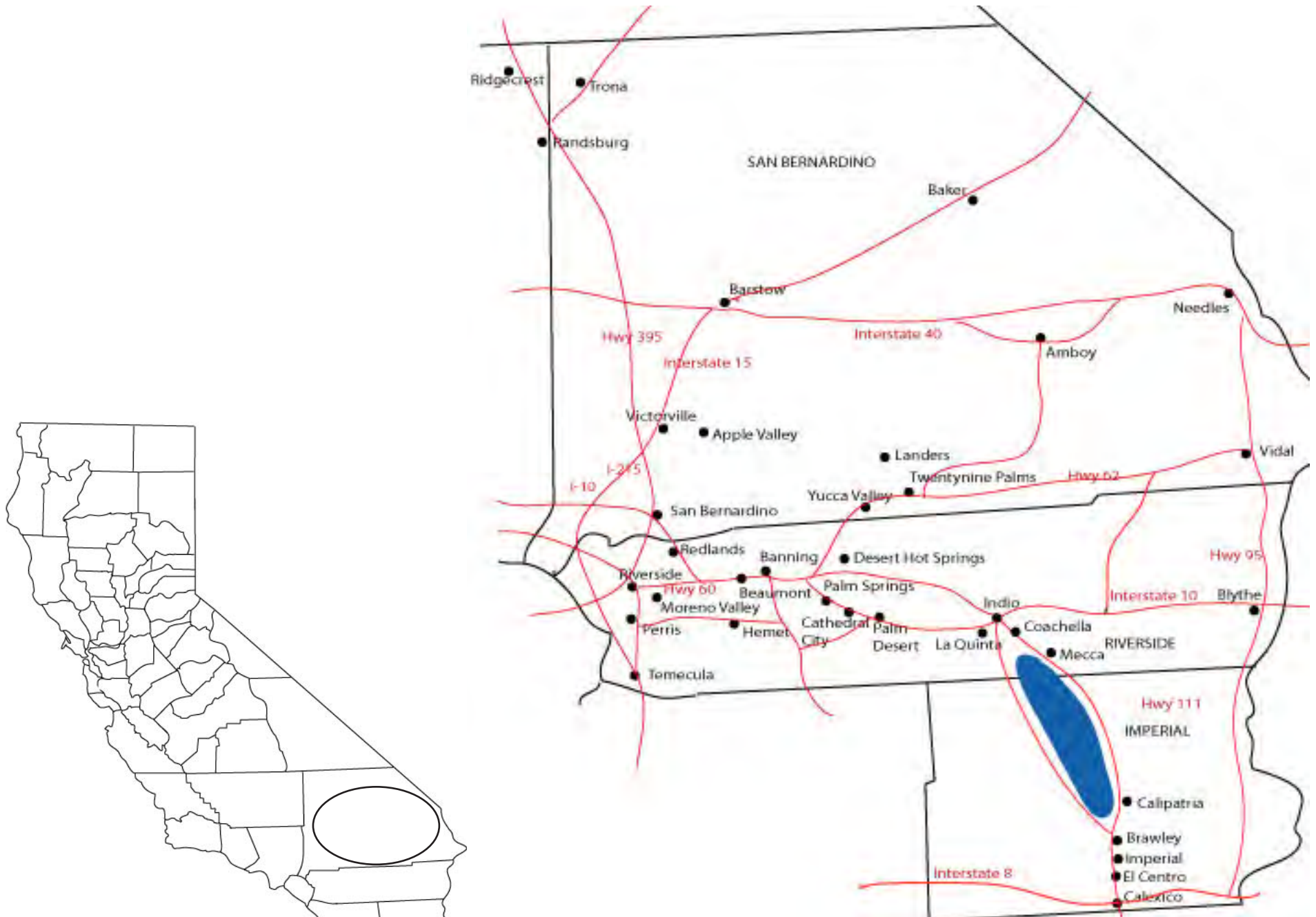
San Bernardino

The San Bernardino County Courthouse.
Part 5 of 8: Kelso, Cima, Zzyzx, Calico.



San Bernardino County

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Kelso Dunes

These are called the “singing dunes.” They make a noise as the sand slides down the side of the dune.



Kelso Dunes

These are aeolian dunes – dunes shaped by the wind. The dunes are formed by sand blowing from Soda Lake. (February 2006)



Kelso Dunes

(February 2006)



Kelso

The old rail station has been restored and is now the headquarters for the Mojave National Preserve. (February 2006)



Kelso

The station was built in 1903 on the rail line connecting Salt Lake City with Los Angeles.
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Cima

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Cima

Cima is in the middle of a volcanic field. There is a large dome that rises 1,500 feet above the desert floor and covers about 70 square miles. There are 40 cinder cones in this field. (February 2006)



Cima

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Cima

Cima is also in the middle of a Yucca forest. (February 2006)



Zzyzx

Originally Indians lived here at this oasis on the edge of Soda Lake. The U.S. located a fort here to control the Indians. The name Zzyzx was given to the area by Curtis Springer in 1944.
(February 2006)



Zzyzx

Springer obtained control of 12,000 acres by filing mining claims. He created a resort and sold the water as a medicine. In 1974 the feds shut him down for fraud. (February 2006)





Zzyzx

Today California State University system operates a Desert Studies Center here.
(February 2006)



Zzyzx

Driving the seven miles from I-15 I had an eerie feeling and I didn't even know about the two movies made about the area – both horror flicks. The claim to fame of *Zyzzyx Road*, one of the movies, is that it is the lowest grossing movie of all time. It made \$30. The road is really horrible. (February 2006)









Zzyzx

(February 2006)







Calico

The ghost town of Calico is run by the County of San Bernardino. The town began when silver was discovered here in 1881. Walter Knott of Knott's Berry Farm bought the town in 1951 and began to restore it. Knott's Berry Farm gave it to the county in 1966. (February 2006)



Calico

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Calico

The Confederate flags were there because of a Civil War Re-enactment that weekend. (February 2006)



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