

Valley Wells Rest Area – Southbound

Valley Wells Safety Roadside Rest Area Exhibits and Signage Concept Plan

Productive Partnerships

**Helping People
Connect with the Desert**



What's Happening!

Current Projects

Design and Print Posters

Interstate 15

Interstate 40

Develop and fabricate exhibits at Valley Wells

Potential Future Projects

Whitewater Rest Area - Posters

Boron Rest Area

Projects on Interstate 8

Creating Rest Area Prototypes in California



Rest Area Exhibits Workgroup Participants

- CalTrans
- Bureau of Land Management
- California State Parks
- San Bernardino County Parks
- Edwards Air Force Base
- National Park Service
- Mojave Desert Ecosystem Project
- Desert Managers Group



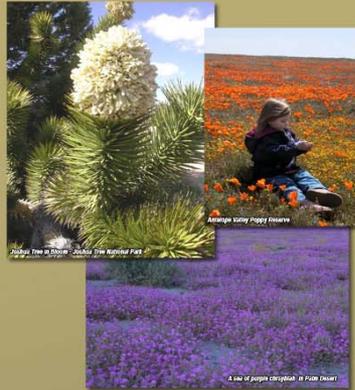
Poster for Existing CalTrans Rest Areas

- Clyde Kane Rest Area
Interstate 15 between Barstow and Baker
- Valley Wells Rest Area
Interstate 15 between Baker and Primm
- Desert Oasis Rest Area
Interstate 40 between Barstow and Ludlow
- John Wilkie Rest Area
Interstate 40 near Fenner



Things Going on in the Desert

Desert Wildflowers



For more information on things to do and see in the California Desert, visit:

www.californiadesert.gov

Desert Recreation



Family Fun



Historic Places



Scenic Hiking



Endangered Species Conservation



Aerospace Research and Military Training



California Deserts: Know before you go

Tread lightly



Travel and recreate with minimum impact.

Respect the environment and the rights of others.

Educate yourself. Plan and prepare before you go.

Allow for future use of the outdoors leave it better than you found it.

Discover the rewards of responsible recreation.

Travel safe in the desert

A life-threatening emergency can quickly develop if you become stuck, lost, or injured. Be prepared!



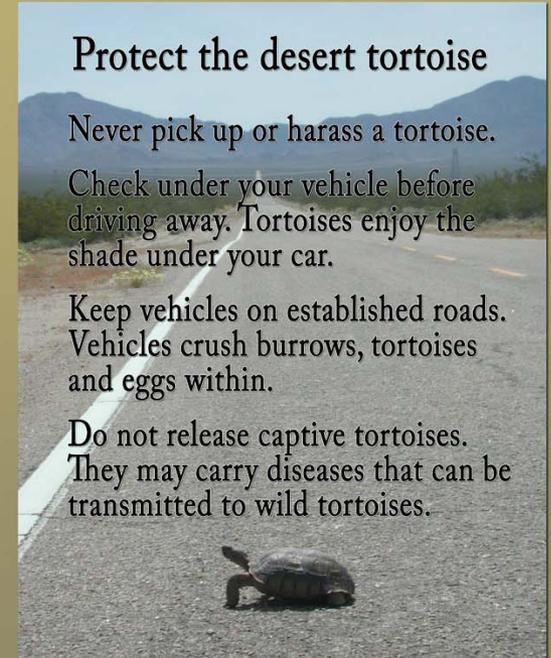
Protect the desert tortoise

Never pick up or harass a tortoise.

Check under your vehicle before driving away. Tortoises enjoy the shade under your car.

Keep vehicles on established roads. Vehicles crush burrows, tortoises and eggs within.

Do not release captive tortoises. They may carry diseases that can be transmitted to wild tortoises.



Safety checklist:

Let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return.

Take plenty of water: a minimum of one gallon per person per day.

Check tires and gas gauge before you leave the pavement.

If you get lost, stay with your vehicle - its easier to spot than a person.

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A New Rest Area Needs Exhibits

Initial Agreement

- Desert Managers Group – Design Money
\$22,000
- CalTrans – Fabrications Money
\$100,000



A Transportation Grant Might Be Nice

Group works with CalTrans to apply for a grant
Would \$933,000 help!

New Agreement

- DMG group pays for conceptual design plans
\$21,000
- CalTrans uses \$933,000 to pay for expanded design plans and fabrication

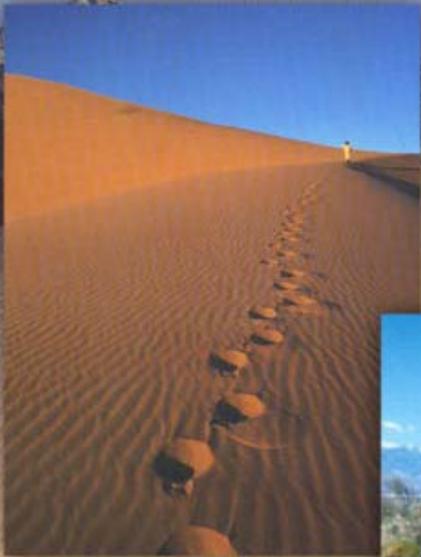


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Movement in the Desert

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Concept Plan for Exhibits and Signage



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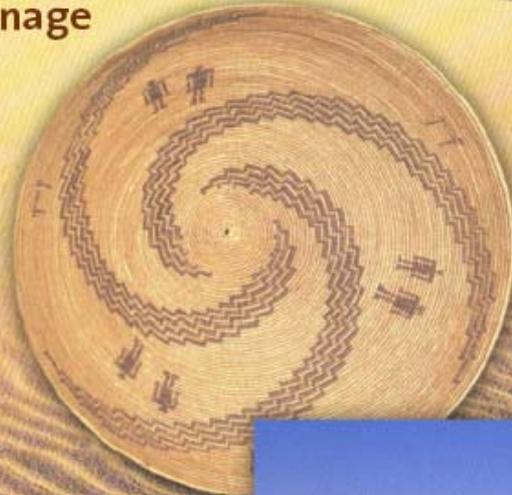
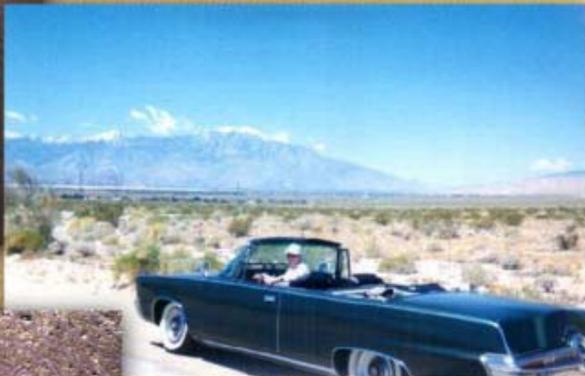
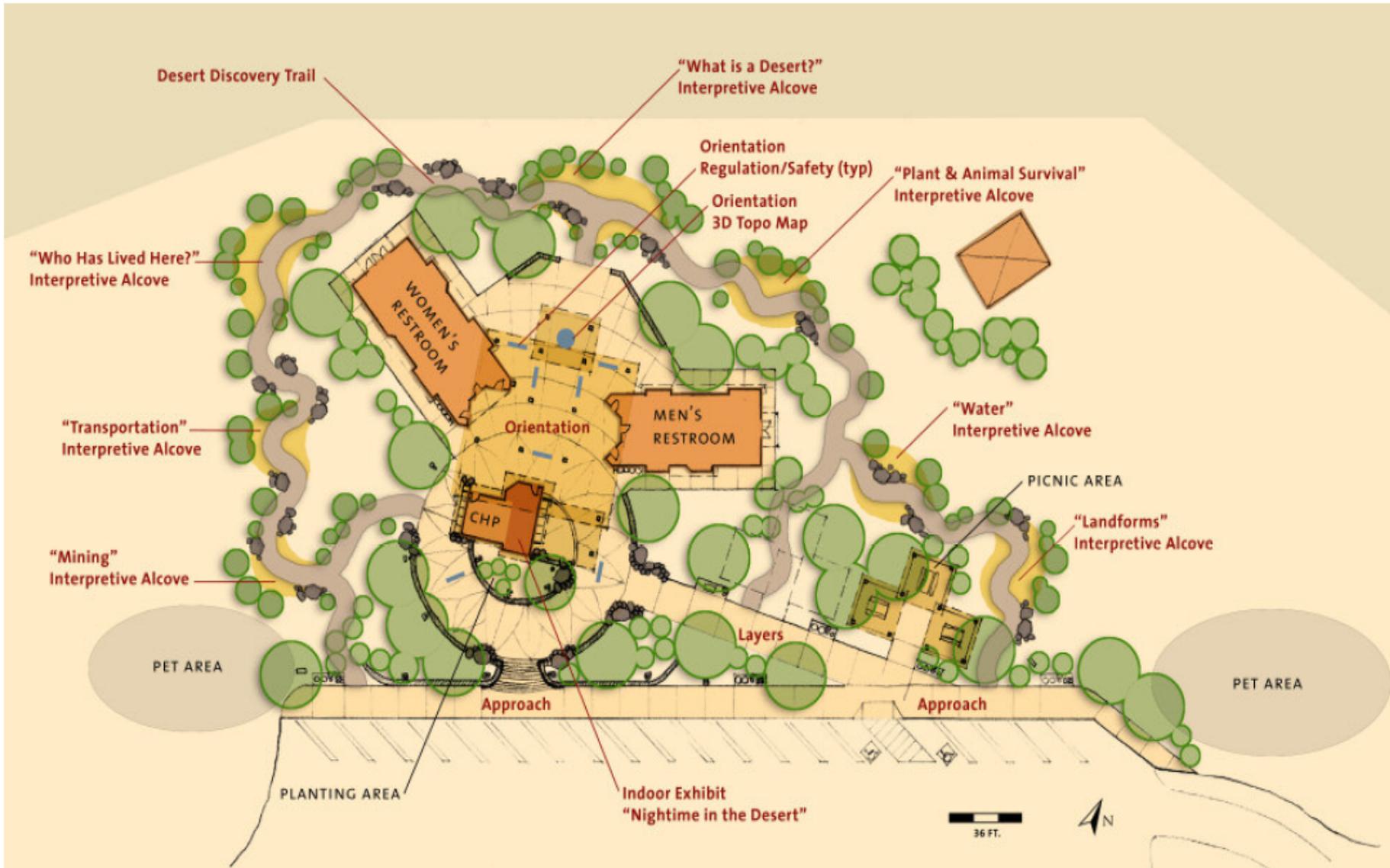
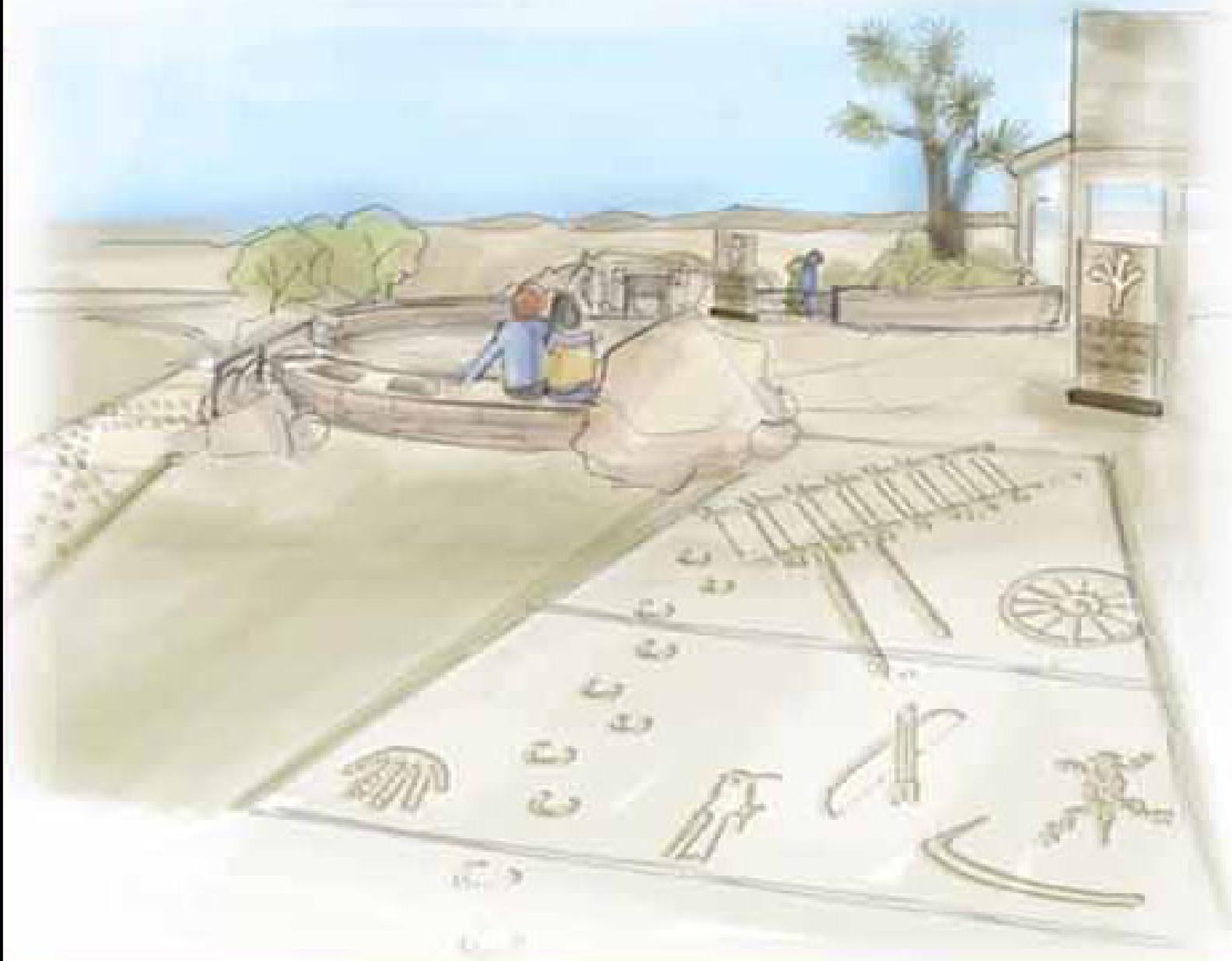


EXHIBIT CONCEPT PLAN

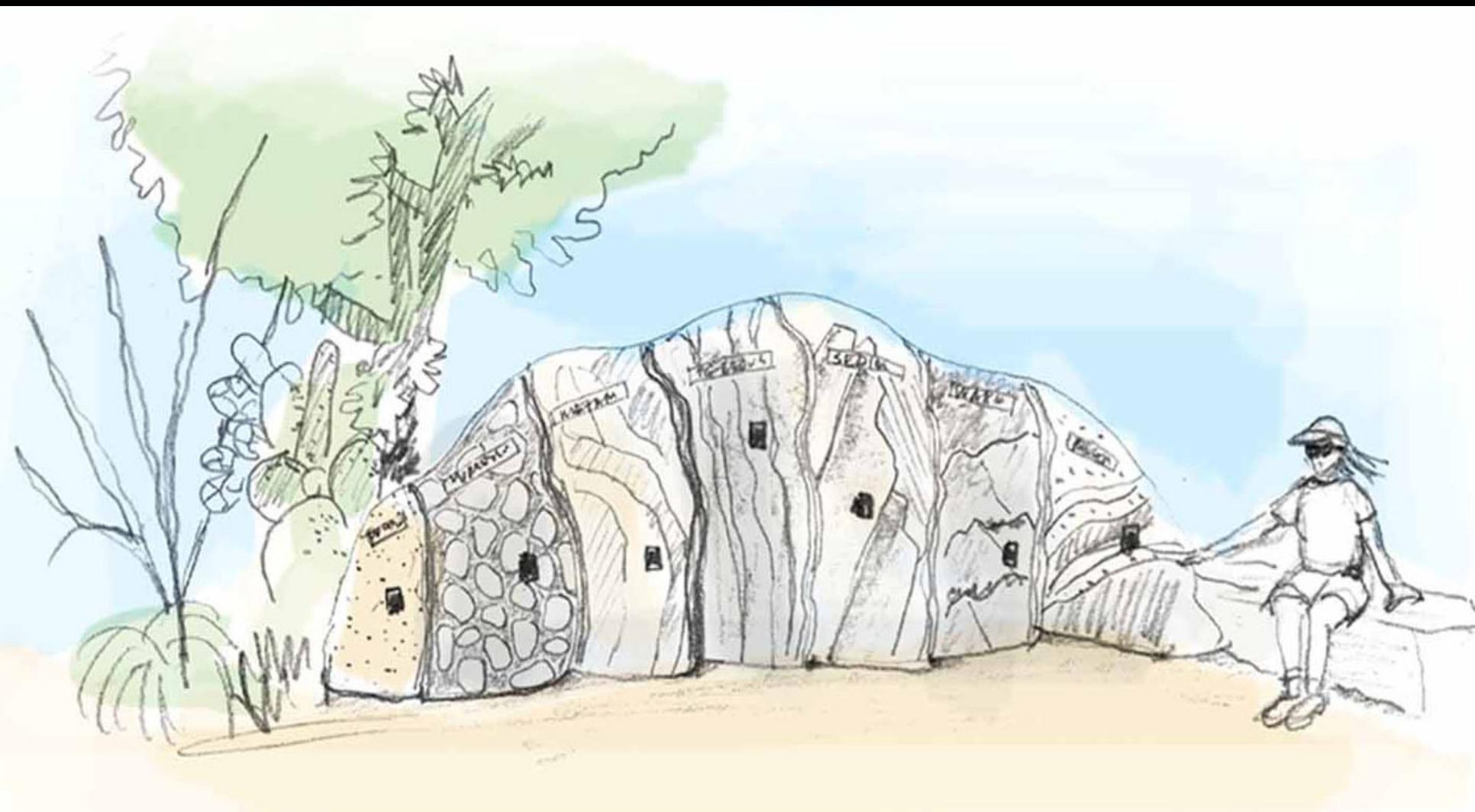


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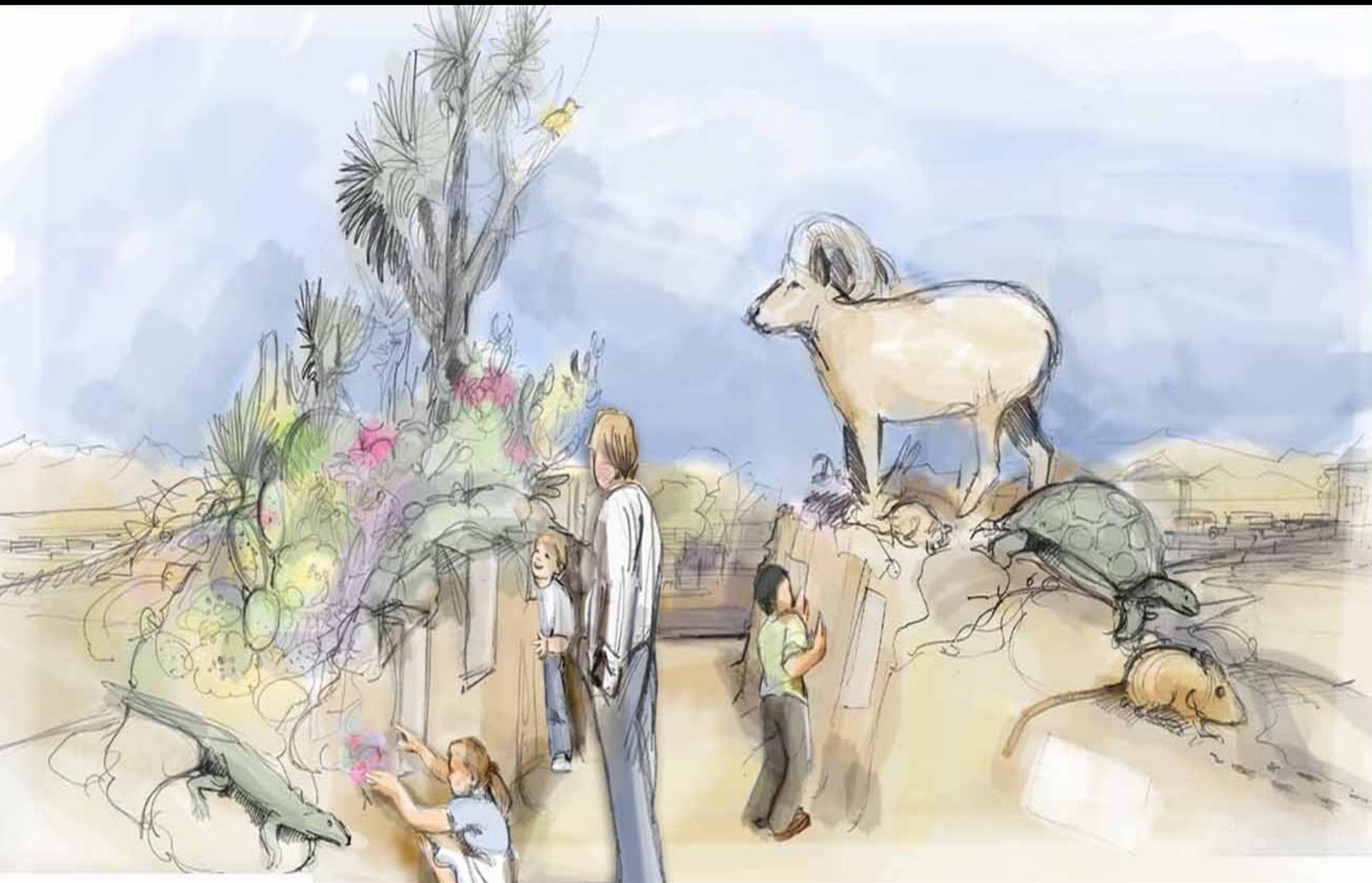
















Where Are We Now

- CalTrans will hire contractor
- DMG / CalTrans partnership will continue throughout design and fabrication of exhibits
- Developing a model for future exhibits



And What's Next

- More Posters – Whitewater?
- Boron Rest Area

