The existing view to the north toward the West Buckman Springs Alternative route location west of Interstate 8 in Cottonwood Valley. This view is from Key Viewpoint 56 on northbound Buckman Springs Road, approximately 0.1 mile south of the split to I-8 access. This view captures the naturally-appearing landscape along the west side of Cottonwood Valley, where the Buckman Springs Alternative would pass. Also visible are the curvilinear forms of I-8 and Buckman Springs Road. The northern end of this narrow valley funnels down to a narrow gap in the mountains.