



The High Desert Commu

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Tumbleweed Triva!

- Create a team name!
- Come up with a “answer shout-out”
- Get ready for some fun!





Tumbleweed Trivia!

The name “Hesperia” means:

- a. “Western Land”
 - b. “Desert Land”
 - c. “Dry Land”
 - d. “Sunny Land”
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Tumbleweed Trivia!





Which of the following NFL players is from the High Desert?

- a. Aaron Rodgers
 - b. Marcel Reece
 - c. Rich Gannon
 - d. Travis Kelce
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Tumbleweed Trivia!

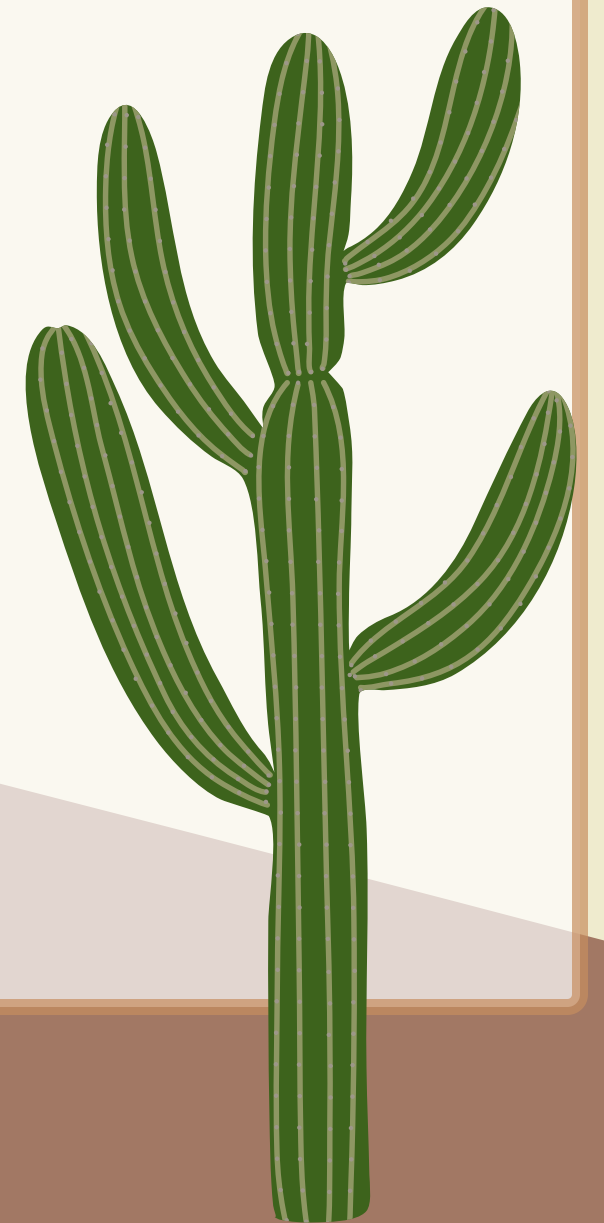
Among the high desert cities, which one has experienced the fastest population growth in the past five years?

- a. Barstow
 - b. Adelanto
 - c. Oak Hills
 - d. Apple Valley
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Tumbleweed Trivia!

Which animal is an iconic symbol of the high desert?

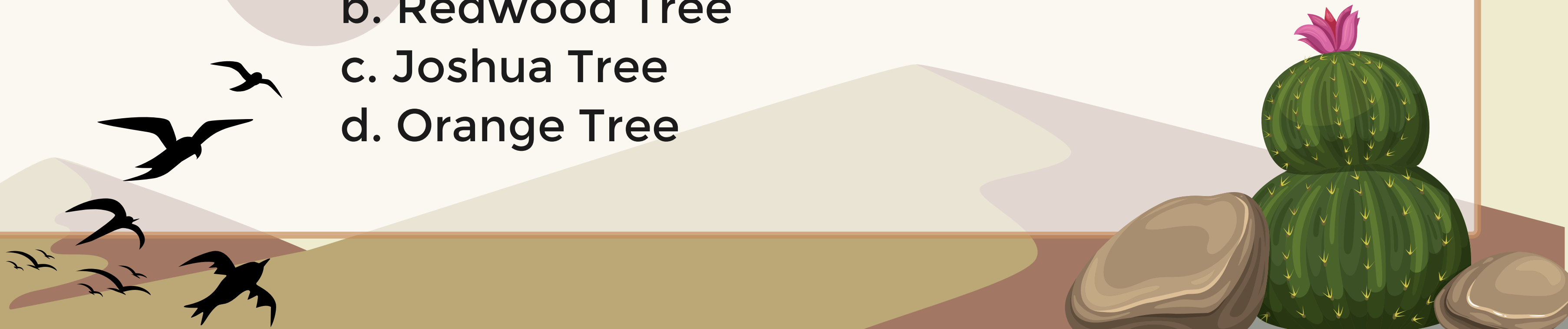
- a. Lion
- b. Coyote
- c. Bear
- d. Jaguar



Tumbleweed Trivia!

Which tree is often found in the high desert?

- a. Apple Tree
- b. Redwood Tree
- c. Joshua Tree
- d. Orange Tree





Tumbleweed Trivia!

What is the approximate elevation of Cajon Summit, the highest point in the Cajon Pass?

- a. 2,095 Feet
 - b. 3,777 Feet
 - c. 5,280 Feet
 - d. 30,000 Feet
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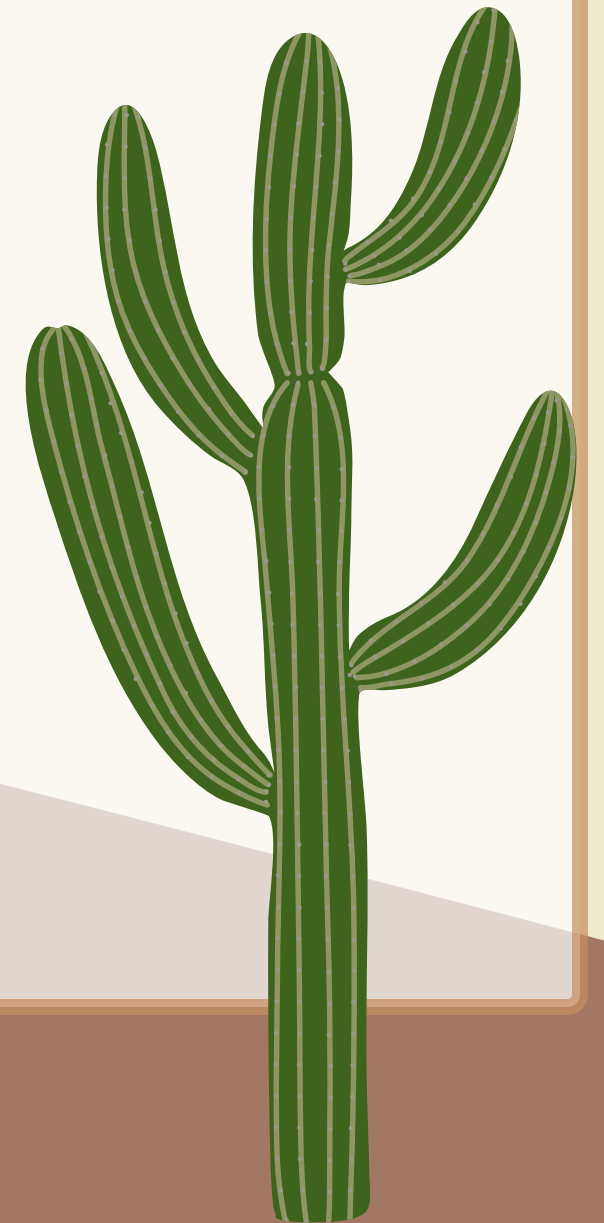
What is the largest school district in the high desert?

- a. Apple Valley USD
 - b. Barstow USD
 - c. Victor Valley UHSD
 - d. Hesperia USD
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Tumbleweed Trivia!

Which famous historic route passes through the high desert, connecting Chicago to Los Angeles?

- a. Route 66
- b. Pacific Coast Highway
- c. Highway 101
- d. Interstate 5



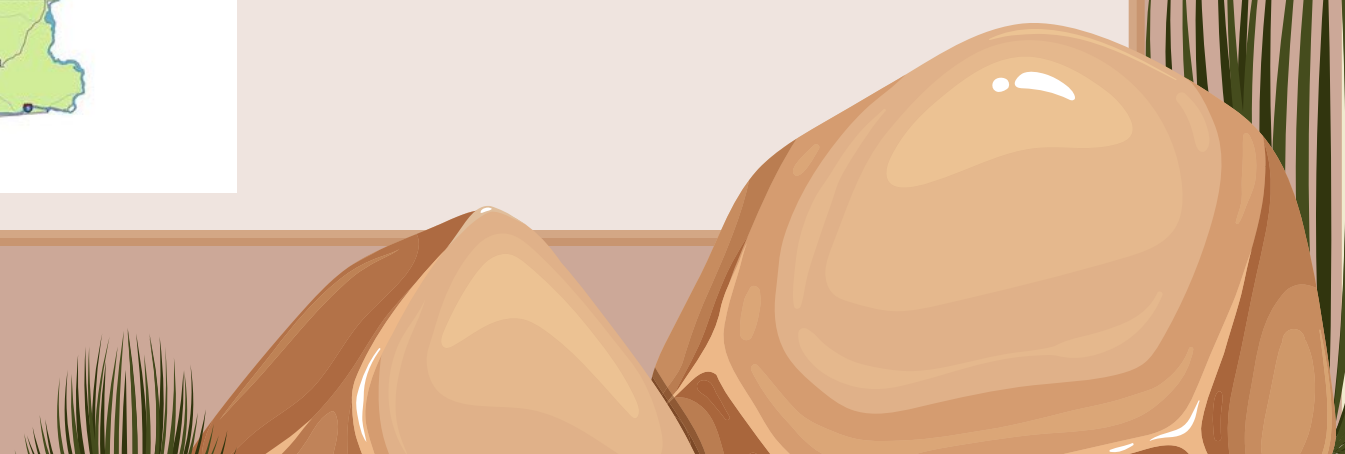
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How many Costcos are located in the high desert?

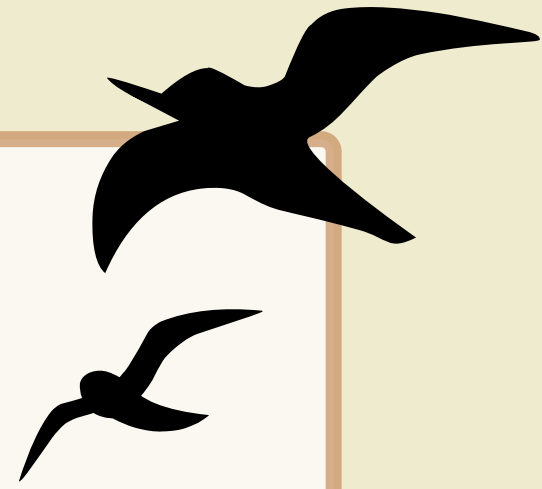
- a. One
- b. Two
- c. Three
- d. Four



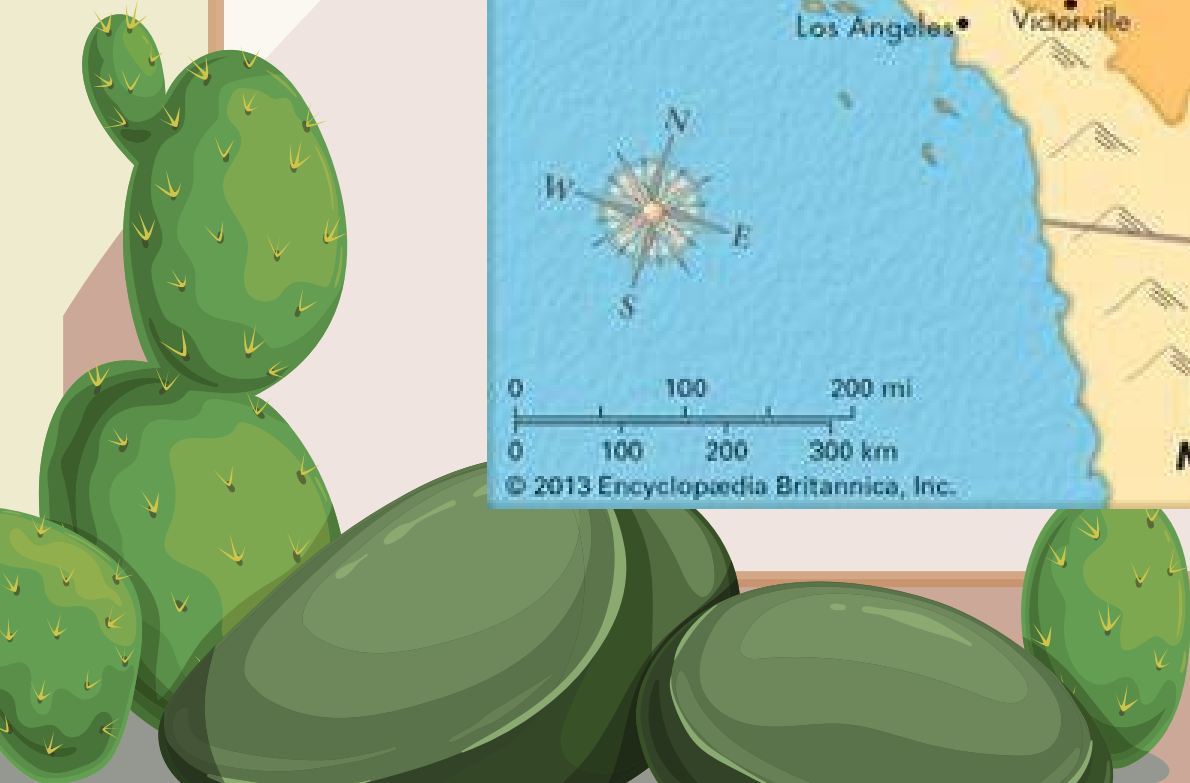
Where are you?



High Desert Region



- Adelanto School District
- Apple Valley Unified School District
- Baker Valley Unified School District
- Barstow Unified School District
- Bear Valley Unified School District
- Helendale Elementary School District
- Hesperia Unified School District
- Lucerne Valley Unified School District
- Needles Unified School District
- Oro Grande School District
- Silver Valley Unified School District
- Snowline Joint Unified School District
- Trona Joint Unified School District
- Victor Elementary School District
- Victor Valley Union High School District



Demographics

Population

Victorville- 134,810

Hesperia- 100,971

Apple Valley- 75,791

Adelanto- 38,046

Barstow- 25,415

Poverty Levels

Victorville- 18.8%

Hesperia- 18.9%

Apple Valley- 16.7%

Adelanto- 21%

Barstow- 29.8%

Weather

Record High: 116

degrees

Record Low: -1 degree

Graduation Rates

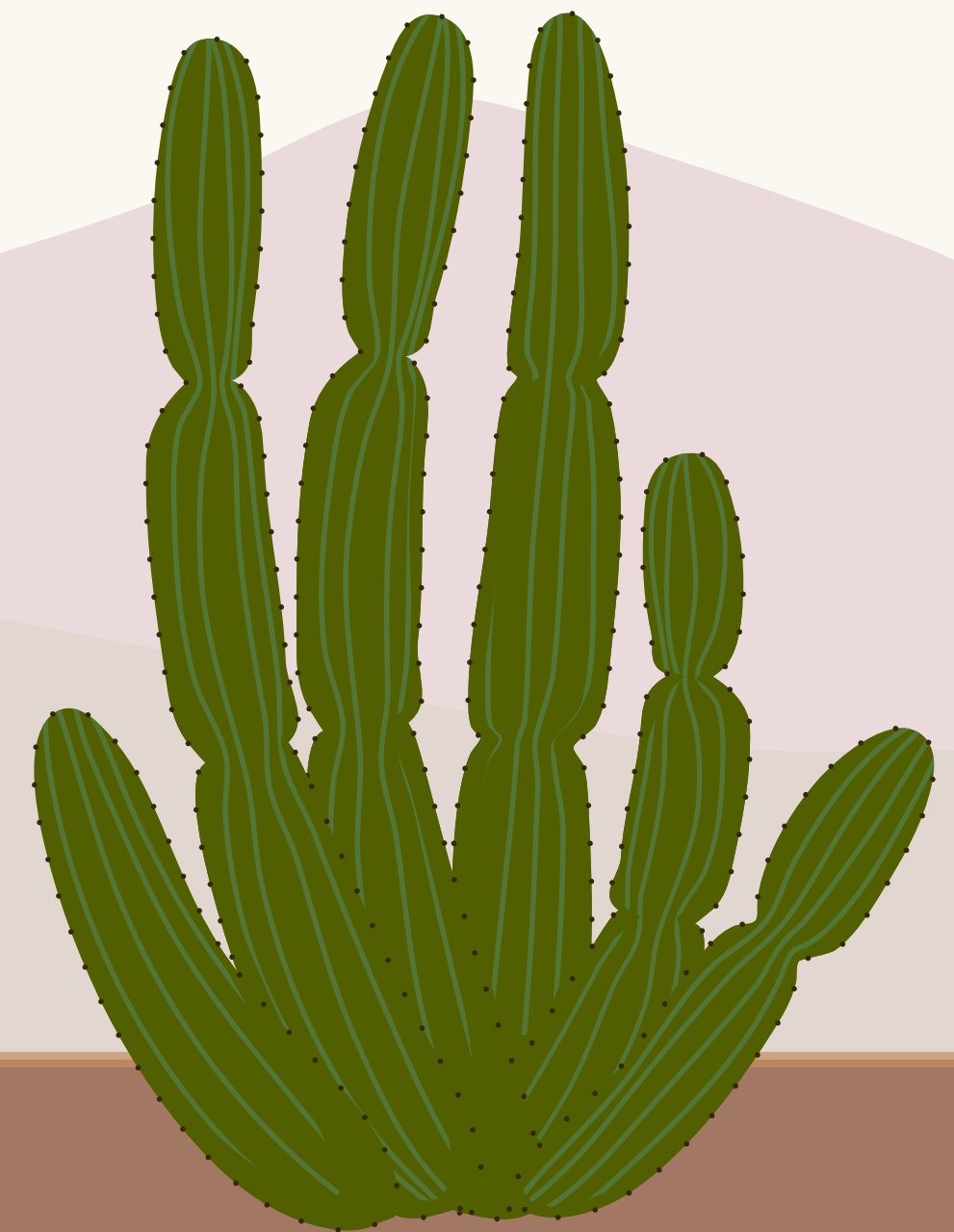
Victorville- 77.4%

Hesperia- 78.1%

Apple Valley- 86.2%

Adelanto- 72.8%

Barstow- 83.3%



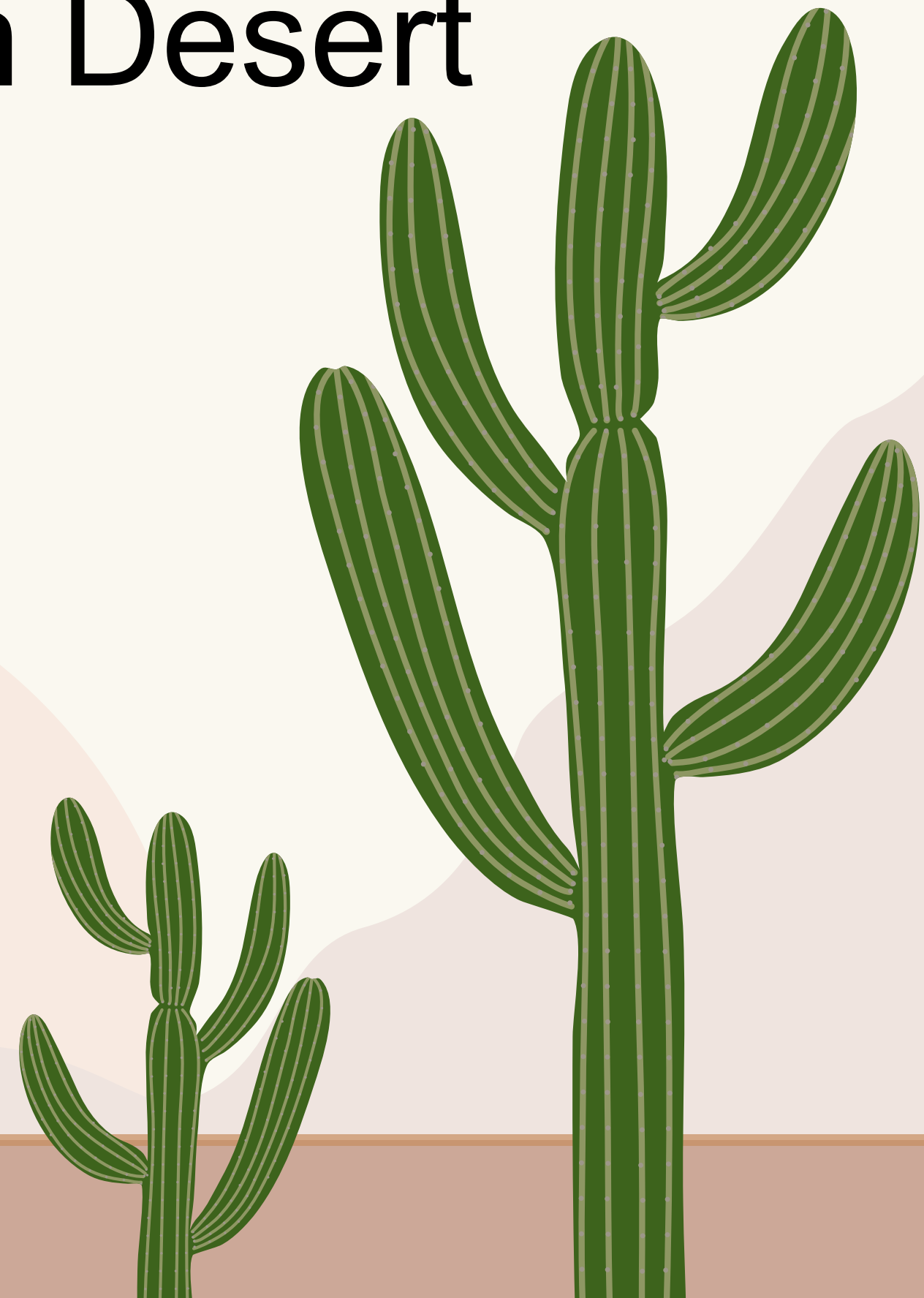


Resource Desert

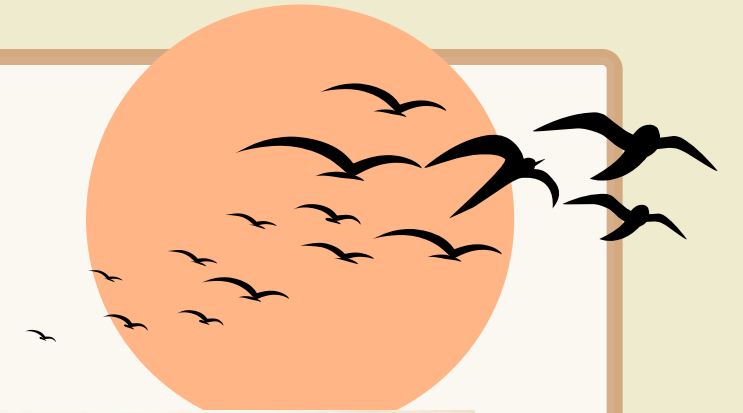
- **Nutrition:** Six of our districts don't have grocery stores in their areas.
- **Health:** lack of health clinics and hospitals. People drive down the hill for specialty medical services.
- **Peer Programs:** no Boys and Girls Clubs or YMCA programs.
- **Transportation:** local public transportation can take hours to get to different locations.
- **Neighborhoods:** lack of sidewalks, streets, and lighting makes unsafe.

Strengths of the High Desert

- Weather- four seasons
- Lower cost of living
- Strong community connection
- Sense of pride- High Desert Natives
- More space
- Hiking
- Desert toys- off road vehicles
- Location- Vegas, Los Angeles, Beach, Mountains
- Less people
- Growth- more opportunities for families
- No mosquitoes!



Silverwood Project

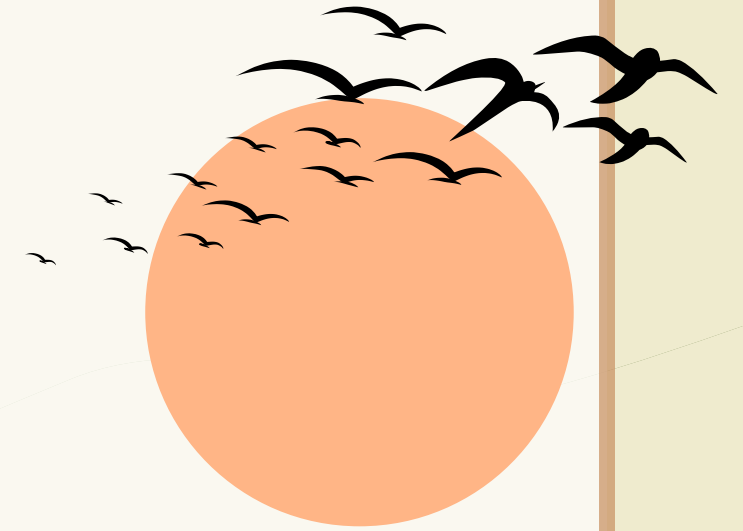


New development project located in the High Desert

- More than 9,000 acres in size
- More than 15,000 homes
- Additional jobs
- Additional schools
 - Five elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school



Hesperia High School (HHS) Community School



What is a Community School?

A community school focuses on serving the "whole-child" based on the needs within their unique community. It is informed by decision-making from all partners including students, parents, community organizations, and staff members. A community school serves every student, every day, every period.

HHS Community School



HHS Pilot

- Resource Desert
- Oldest high school in Hesperia
- Centrally located

Currently:

- Data- health and wellness
- Holding monthly meetings with parents, students, teachers, support staff, district staff, and community partners
- Safe space for input from all partners
- Collaborative decision-making



HHS SchoenBased Health Center

- **Current partnerships:**
 - Providence St. Mary's
 - Inland Empire Health Plan
 - Desert Mountain Children's Center
 - SBCSS
- **De-silo work**
 - Inviting partners to be part of our work and help with decision-making
 - High Desert Mental Health and Wellness Network





Thank You!

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