

Figure 3.14.6. The view from Vantage Point I depicts rural development west of I-215 along Ethanac Road. Views from this area are dominated by foreground views of the rural development with minimal middle ground and background views of the inland foothills and valleys.

The view from Vantage Point J depicts urban development in the Menifee area along Newport Road looking east. The view depicted shows foreground views of the residential (urban) development through this community.

Figure 3.14.7. The view from Vantage Point K depicts urban development in the Canyon Lake area along Railroad Canyon Road. This vantage point depicts foreground views of the residential (urban) development through this community that dominate the overall visual character of the area.

The view from Vantage Point L depicts rural development along SR-74 looking northeast. Views from this vantage point are dominated by foreground views of the rural development with no middle ground or background views.

Figure 3.14.8. The view from Vantage Point M depicts rural development and inland foothills and valleys along SR-74 looking southwest towards the Lake Elsinore area. Views from this vantage point are dominated by foreground views of the rural development with middle ground views of inland foothills and valleys and background views of the Santa Ana Mountains.

3.14.2 Applicable Planning Policies

There are planning policies from the new County of Riverside General Plan (Hearing Draft, April, 2002) that are applicable to visual resources within the HCLE Corridor Study area. Applicable policies have been included from portions of the Land Use Element and the Multipurpose Open Space Element.

The following policies are restated in this section of the environmental document to form the visual resource planning background and framework for the implementation of the proposed alternatives within the HCLE Corridor study area. In addition, all City General Plan policies related to visual resources would be considered as part of the evaluation of the proposed project.

3.14.2.1 Land Use Element

Scenic Corridors. Riverside County contains abundant natural visual resources, including low-lying valleys, mountain ranges, rock formations, rivers, and lakes. These features are often enjoyed via the County's many roadways. Due to the visual significance of many of these areas, several roadways have been officially recognized as either Eligible or Designated State or County Scenic Highways. The intent of the following policies is to conserve significant scenic resources along designated scenic highways for future generations and to manage development along scenic highways and corridors so as not to detract from the area's scenic quality.