

3.2.2.9 Alternative 5d

Alternative 5d includes slightly less designated farmland than Alternative 5a, because west of the San Jacinto River it runs primarily through lands not suited for agriculture. East of the river, designated farmland is described in Alternative 5a. Alternative 5d includes 70 ha (173 ac) of Prime Farmland and 56 ha (137 ac) of Farmland of Statewide or Local Importance.

3.2.2.10 Alternative 5e

East of the San Jacinto River, farmland in Alternative 5e is described in 5a. Alternative 5e includes 45 ha (111 ac) of Prime Farmland, 11 ha (27 ac) of Unique Farmland, and more than 393 ha (971 ac) of Farmland of Statewide or Local Importance.

3.2.2.11 Alternative 6a

Alternative 6a includes 40 ha (100 ac) of Prime Farmland and 184 ha (454 ac) of Farmland of Statewide or Local Importance. Nearly all the designated farmland is located along the east half of the route shared by both versions of Alternative 6, from SR-79/Domenigoni Parkway west to I-215. Irrigated farmland is located throughout this area, and numerous large parcels ranging upward from one-half section of land suggest larger farming operations. The Prime Farmland is located along Newport Road east of Lindenberger Road, and southwest of Menifee along the interstate.

3.2.2.12 Alternative 6b

Alternative 6b includes 40 ha (100 ac) of Prime Farmland and 188 ha (464 ac) of Farmland of Statewide or Local Importance.

3.2.2.13 Alternative H1

Alternatives H1 and H3 combine variations of Alternative 1 west of I-215 and Alternative 5 east of the interstate, and include farmlands that approach the interstate between Cajalco/Ramona Expressway and Ethanac Road. Alternative H1 includes almost 133 ha (328 ac) of Prime Farmland, 109 ha (270 ac) of Unique Farmland, and almost 518 ha (1,280 ac) of Farmland of Statewide or Local Importance. Prime Farmland is located east of the Sobrante/Cajalco Road intersection, and along Matthews Road between Leon and Menifee Roads. Farming operations in Alternative H1 include orchards near Lake Mathews, irrigated farmland near I-215, and larger farming operations southeast of Menifee.

3.2.2.14 Alternative H3

Alternatives H1 and H3 combine designated farmland areas within Alternatives 1a and 1b west of I-215 and Alternative 5 east of I-215, and designated farmland adjacent to the interstate between Cajalco/Ramona Expressway and Ethanac Road. The designated farmland characteristics of Alternative H3 are nearly the same as Alternative H1, with minor differences between their western ends. Alternative H3 includes 116 ha (287 ac)

of Prime Farmland, 61 ha (151 ac) of Unique Farmland, and almost 515 ha (1,272 ac) of Farmland of Statewide or Local Importance.