

Hemet west along SR-74/Florida Avenue/Pinacate Road/Ethanac Road to the San Jacinto River. Irrigated farmland is located on both sides of the road through this area, and numerous parcels ranging in size from one-half to a full section suggest larger farming operations. West of the San Jacinto River, high-value farmland is less common and dispersed, and tracts generally are much smaller.

3.2.2.4 Alternative 4c

The designated farmland characteristics of 4c are nearly the same as Alternative 4a [identical course until last 3 km (2 mi)]. Alternative 4c includes 80 ha (198 ac) of Prime Farmland, 3 ha (8 ac) of Unique Farmland, and 415 ha (1,025 ac) of Farmland of Statewide or Local Importance.

3.2.2.5 Alternative 4d

Alternative 4d includes slightly less designated farmland, 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 4a. Alternative 4d includes 80 ha (198 ac) of Prime Farmland, 3 ha (8 ac) of Unique Farmland, and 364 ha (899 ac) of Farmland of Statewide or Local Importance.

3.2.2.6 Alternative 5a

Alternative 5a includes 45 ha (111 ac) of Prime Farmland, 11 ha (27 ac) of Unique Farmland, and 361 ha (890 ac) of Farmland of Statewide or Local Importance. Most of the farmland along the east half of the route is shared by all versions of Alternative 5, from SR-79/Domenigoni Parkway west/northwest along Matthews Road to Romoland, then west along Ethanac Road to the San Jacinto River. Irrigated farmland is located throughout this area, and numerous large parcels ranging upward from one-half section of land evidence larger farming operations. The Prime Farmland is located along Matthews Road between Leon and Menifee Roads. West of the San Jacinto River high-value farmland is less common and dispersed, and tracts generally are much smaller.

3.2.2.7 Alternative 5b

Alternative 5b includes 3 ha (7 ac) less designated farmland than Alternative 5a, because west of the San Jacinto River its more northerly route runs primarily through grazing or vacant lands that are not irrigated. East of the river, designated farmland is described in 5a. Alternative 5b includes 45 ha (111 ac) of Prime Farmland, 11 ha (27 ac) of Unique Farmland, and 358 ha (883 ac) of Farmland of Statewide or Local Importance.

3.2.2.8 Alternative 5c

The designated farmland in Alternative 5c is primarily east of the San Jacinto River, as described in Alternative 5a. This route includes 45 ha (111 ac) of Prime Farmland, 11 ha (27 ac) of Unique Farmland, and 378 ha (934 ac) of Farmland of Statewide or Local Importance.