

of inland valley and foothills, from the future alignment of Butterfield Stage Road looking northeast toward SR 79.

**Rural Residential.** The second most dominant visual character within the WT Corridor study area is rural residential. The visual features associated with this visual characteristic include scattered homes on large residential parcels and roads. Views from within this area include open views to the foothills and valleys in the middle ground and background. This visual characteristic generally has foreground views of large residential parcels and rural roads.

Figure 3.14.3 depicts views (Vantage Points G and H) along Scott Road south of the community of Menifee in the northern area of the WT Corridor study area. Both vantage points depicted on Figure 3.14.3 show foreground views of residential areas, roadways, and utility lines, which is a typical view within the rural residential visual character areas.

**Urban.** The urban visual characteristics within the WT Corridor study area are primarily within the communities of Menifee, Murrieta, Rancho California, and Temecula, which are the largest developed areas within the WT Corridor study area. The dominant view within the urban visual character area is a foreground view of urban land uses such as homes, commercial/retail areas, roads and highways, and/or urban landscaped areas. Typically, there are no middle ground or background views within this visual character area.

The views from the vantage points (Vantage Points M and N) depicted on Figure 3.14.4 are from the roadway along SR 79 in Temecula. Views are dominated by retail and commercial land uses on both sides of the roadway. As shown in the views, there are no real middle ground or background views within this visual character area.

#### 3.14.1.4 Typical Existing Views within the WT Corridor Study Area

The following views depict the visual character areas described above, as seen throughout the WT Corridor study area. The vantage points and the views are typical for all viewer groups (temporary travelers and permanent residential viewer groups) within the study area.

#### Figure 3.14.5

- C Vantage Point E - The view from this vantage point depicts foreground views of an urban visual character along Butterfield Stage Road in Temecula/Rancho California. There are minimal middle ground and no background views from this vantage point.
- C Vantage Point F - The view depicts inland foothill and valley visual features adjacent to an urban visual character area. This situation is typical for areas that are at the edge of urban development throughout the WT Corridor study area. This view depicts foreground and middle ground views from the permanent viewers toward the foothills south of Temecula near Pala Road.

Figure 3.14.3 - Vantage Points Depicting Typical Views within the Study Area

Figure 3.14.4 - Vantage Points Depicting Typical Views within the Study Area

Figure 3.14.5 - Vantage Points Depicting Typical Views within the Study Area

### Figure 3.14.6

- C Vantage Point C - The view from this vantage point depicts new residential areas being developed within a rural area along the future alignment of Butterfield Stage Road north of Temecula. Views from this area are dominated by foreground views of the development with minimal middle ground views of the inland foothills and valleys.
- C Vantage Point D - The view from this vantage point depicts inland foothills and valleys in the middle ground and background. This view is typical throughout much of the WT Corridor study area.

### Figure 3.14.7

- C Vantage Points I and J - The view from this vantage point (near Scott Road south of Menifee) shows a rural visual character area typical of the study area. There are middle ground views and minimal background views of rural and inland foothills and valley visual character areas.

### Figure 3.14.8

- C Vantage Point K - The view from this vantage point traveling on I-215 south toward Murrieta and Temecula depicts the highway in the foreground and middle ground and background views of inland foothills and valleys dominating the overall view. This view is typical for the majority of the viewer groups within the WT Corridor study area.
- C Vantage Point L - The view from this vantage point depicts an urban visual character area within the Murrieta and Temecula communities. This view is typical for viewer groups within this urban area.

### Figure 3.14.9

- C Vantage Point O - The view from this vantage point depicts an urban visual character area along SR 79 in Temecula. This is a typical view within an urban area of the study area.

## 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 WT Corridor Study area. Applicable policies have been included from portions of the Land Use Element and the Multipurpose Open Space Element.