



8. Public interest groups regularly observe the implementation process to both celebrate achievements and raise concerns when they are warranted.
9. The Riverside County Vision is frequently the subject of news media stories that call attention to aspects of its status.
10. Educational programs throughout the County contain segments on current issues and how their resolution reinforces the direction stated by the Vision.
11. The entire General Plan is reviewed and refined periodically in response to changing conditions and the degree to which the Vision is being achieved.

In short, the Riverside County Vision is at the heart of a great many public deliberations and has the continual attention of the public. It is a central part of the decision-making systems that shape what happens, where it happens, and how it happens.

FUNDAMENTAL VALUES

The physical character of our communities cannot be divorced from the values they respect. Sooner or later, these values manifest themselves in how our development decisions are made and how those decisions shape our communities. Where our values and results are synchronized, our communities prosper; where they are in conflict, so are the communities.

The simplest way to summarize our vision for Riverside County is to say that:

Riverside County is a family of special communities in a remarkable environmental setting.

Our vision is based on values that provide the foundation for common ground that, in turn, underpin the General Plan's goals, policies, and actions. The people of Riverside County declare that they join together in holding the following values and seeking a community future based on them. It can be argued that our values are optimistic and very ambitious: that they require our best instincts to prevail. Of course-why would we seek less in shaping our communities?

So, with that theme in mind, let us express the values that have motivated our community building and that will continue to do so in the future.

Community

We are, in fact, a community within which a family of local communities exists. "Family" means that we treat each other with the compassion and respect that one rightfully expects of family members. The richness of our natural setting is a shared resource of inestimable value. Despite differences in priorities and approaches, we are engaged in community building for ourselves and our heirs based on the common ground we have forged.