



Features

The Riverside County Vision builds heavily on the value of its remarkable environmental setting. That theme is certainly applicable here. The setting is especially situated to capture distant mountain views in almost every direction, many of which are outside of Riverside County. That quality is evident in the functions, setting, and features that are unique to Eastvale found in this section, as can be seen on Figure 2, Physical Features. The Santa Ana River, located along the southern edge of Eastvale, serves to buffer development here from that in neighboring Norco and provide habitat for many native species.

SETTING



Unincorporated land is all land within the County that is not within an incorporated city or an Indian Nation. Generally, it is subject to policy direction and under the land use authority of the Board of Supervisors. However, it may also contain state and federal properties that lie outside of Board authority.

The Eastvale area is a predominantly flat, rural agricultural area adjacent to the Santa Ana River and Prado Dam Basin in the western Jurupa Valley. The Santa Ana River, which serves as Eastvale's southern boundary, is the area's most prominent natural feature with its large, lush riparian habitat area. The Cucamonga Creek flood control channel traverses the northwest portion of Eastvale.

Land uses found in the Eastvale area include agriculture, residential, commercial and public facility uses. Agricultural activities, including dairies, field crops and ranches are the primary land use in the area, though these activities are gradually giving way to more urban types of development. That conversion of character is likely to accelerate because of the numerous subdivision maps that have been approved but not yet built.

UNIQUE FEATURES

The Eastvale area is predominantly characterized as a slightly undulating flatland. It contains fewer natural open space features than is the case with most of the area plans.

Santa Ana River



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Located along the southern boundary of Eastvale, the Santa Ana River represents a significant watershed, recreational, habitat and visual resource. This portion of the River is just upriver from the noteworthy Prado Basin, a habitat area of statewide significance. The massive 2,650-square mile Santa Ana River Watershed is the focus of extensive habitat conservation and restoration efforts, some of which are occurring near Eastvale.

Cucamonga Creek

Though no longer natural in character, Cucamonga Creek is a concrete-lined drainage corridor traversing the northwestern portion of Eastvale. Its value as an open space resource can be enhanced through design of adjacent development.