



French Valley Airport

The Southwest planning area is one area to which one can fly as well as drive. This is made possible by a 261-acre general aviation airport known as French Valley Airport, located in the French Valley, adjacent to Winchester Road (State Route 79 North). Owned and operated by the County of Riverside, the airport's single runway is oriented roughly in a north/south direction and is expected to be a valuable asset to the businesses and residents that settle in the area.

Figure 4, Policy Areas, depicts a policy area surrounding the airport. This is essential to protect the airport by recognizing and supplementing the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Riverside County restrictions on the uses, concentrations of population, and height of proposed development in the airport's vicinity. More information on the French Valley Airport and its policies can be found in the Policy Area section of this area plan and the French Valley Airport Land Use Plan.

UNIQUE COMMUNITIES

Glen Oaks Hills



The entrance to Galway Downs

Located in the foothills of the Agua Tibia Range and Black Hills, Glen Oaks Hills is a rural community with an equestrian focus set among gently rolling hills and ample oak woodlands. A focal point of this equestrian community is the Galway Downs Racetrack, surrounded by an enclave of large ranch estates. As one might expect, this peaceful setting is also home to a rich variety of natural habitats including oak woodlands, tree stands, and chaparral.

The Pauba/Wolf Valley and Pechanga Indian Reservation

Characterized as a mountainous and rural area east of Interstate 15, the rolling hills, accented by Temecula and Pechanga Creeks, help to form the distinct character of this area. The very special habitat of the Emerson Oaks Preserve is located here, offering beautiful oak woodlands and chaparral habitats. This is also an area of the Southwest planning area that has experienced the expansion of suburban development near the City of Temecula. A relatively narrow strip of industrial uses adjacent to Interstate 15 and an expanse of rural development round out this valley system.

Located along the San Diego County line and south of the City of Temecula on State Route 79 South is the Pechanga Indian Reservation. In addition to the historic Pechanga Indians, this Reservation is home to the Pechanga Gaming Casino, a major local tourist attraction.