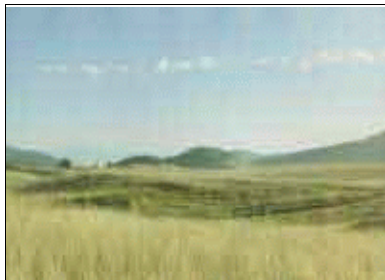




A scenic vista along State Route 79

- Provide for adequate long-term protection to threatened and endangered plant and animal species as described in the MSHCP section of the General Plan Multipurpose Open Space Element.
- Provide recreational opportunities as described in the Open Space, Parks, and Recreation section of the General Plan Multipurpose Open Space Element.
- Protect outstanding scenic vistas as described in the Hillside Development and Slope section and the Scenic Corridors section of the General Plan Land Use Element, and the Scenic Resources section and Scenic Corridors section of the General Plan Multipurpose Open Space Element.
- Provide adequate access as described in the System Access section of the General Plan Circulation Element.
- Limit density within the site to no more than 1 dwelling unit per 20 acres, as indicated on Figure 3, Land Use Plan.
- Control the design of future development by minimizing grading cuts and fill, clustering development in the least biologically sensitive areas, and minimizing light and glare impacts.



The rolling topography of the Santa Rosa Plateau

Santa Rosa Plateau/De Luz

The Santa Rosa Plateau/De Luz area is set in the Santa Ana Mountains west of the Cities of Temecula and Murrieta among rolling hills, steep slopes, and valleys, which are dotted with avocado and citrus farms. As mentioned, the unique Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve is located here, and because of its size (8,200 acres) plays a significant role in setting the character for the area. Scattered among these abundant natural features are residential equestrian estates and ranches. Access to the area is limited not only by the terrain, but by the fact that there are only two major roads into the area: Clinton Keith and De Luz Roads.

The Santa Rosa Plateau/De Luz Policy Area is intended to help maintain the rural and natural character of the area, account for its varied topography, and address the long term stability of the Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve. On the flatter lands in certain locations, rural residential development or agricultural uses are appropriate. However, in order to maintain the Plateau's attributes, future development must be designed in accordance with the area's rural character; limit the amount of grading to maintain the natural terrain to the greatest extent possible; and limit impacts to the ecological reserve.



Conserved multipurpose open space is viewed as a critical part of the County's system of public facilities and services required to improve the existing quality of life and accommodate new development.



- RCIP Vision

Policies:

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| SWAP 4.1 | Allow residential parcels in the Santa Rosa Plateau/De Luz Policy Area to be reduced to 5 acres, provided that a minimum 10,000 square-foot building pad is provided and that hillside adaptive construction is utilized to minimize grading. |
| SWAP 4.2 | Preserve the land within the Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve, excluding any privately owned parcels, for habitat and open space uses. |