



Policies:



SWAP 7.1 Adhere to the lighting requirements of county ordinances for standards that are intended to limit light leakage and spillage that may interfere with the operations of the Palomar Observatory.



Light pollution occurs when too much artificial illumination enters the night sky and reflects off of airborne water droplets and dust particles causing a condition known as skyglow. It occurs when glare from improperly aimed and unshielded light fixtures cause uninvited illumination to cross property lines.

Third and Fifth Supervisorial District Design Standards and Guidelines

In July 2001, the County adopted a set of design guidelines applicable to new development within the Third and Fifth Supervisorial Districts. The Development Design Standards and Guidelines for the Third and Fifth Supervisorial Districts are for use by property owners and design professionals submitting development applications to the Riverside County Planning Department. The guidelines have been adopted to advance several specific development goals of the Third and Fifth Districts. These goals include: ensuring that the building of new homes is interesting and varied in appearance; utilizing building materials that promote a look of quality development now and in the future; encouraging efficient land use while promoting high quality communities; incorporating conveniently located parks, trails, and open space into designs; and encouraging commercial and industrial developers to utilize designs and materials that evoke a sense of quality and permanence.

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SWAP 8.1 Adhere to development standards established in the Development Design Standards and Guidelines for the Third and Fifth Supervisorial Districts.



A major thrust of the multipurpose open space system is the preservation of components of the ecosystem and landscape that embody the historic character and habitat of the County, even though some areas have been impacted by man-made changes.



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Agricultural Preservation

Agriculture continues to be an important component for many communities within the Southwest planning area. In addition to offering valuable agricultural production, the wineries and vineyards are a strong tourist attraction and economic asset for the Southwest planning area. The citrus and avocado groves also provide a viable agricultural product, while cattle can be found grazing on the rangeland. Not only do each of these agricultural uses provide an economic benefit, but they also help to preserve the historic character of the Southwest planning area.

Policies:



SWAP 9.1 Protect farmland and agricultural resources in the Southwest planning area through adherence to the Agricultural Resources section of the General Plan Multipurpose Open Space and Agriculture section of the General Plan Land Use Element, as well as the Citrus/Vineyard Policy Area.