



## Features

The Riverside County Vision builds heavily on the value of its remarkable environmental setting. That applies here as well. The central location of Lakeview/Nuevo affords an ample view of the mountain vistas that dominate the remarkable setting of the western County. These defining characteristics are shown on Figure 2, Physical Features, and further described below. This section describes the setting, features, and functions that are unique to the Lakeview/Nuevo planning area.



An overview of Lakeview/Nuevo planning area.

## SETTING

The Lakeview/Nuevo planning area contains a wide valley formed by the San Jacinto River. This valley contains agricultural land as well as much of the development within the planning area. The Bernasconi Hills create a border in the northwest, while the Lakeview Mountains form the eastern boundary of the planning area. The rural community of Juniper Flats is located among the boulders of the Lakeview Mountains. The San Jacinto Wildlife Area is located at the foot of the Bernasconi Hills and forms the northern boundary of the planning area. The Colorado River Aqueduct runs underground in an east-to-west manner through the northern portion of the planning area.

## UNIQUE FEATURES

### Lakeview Mountains

The Lakeview Mountains define the bulk of the central and southeastern portion of the Lakeview/Nuevo planning area and create a scenic backdrop for the planning area. The mountains, which are dotted with picturesque rock outcroppings, gently slopes west to the valley that contains the San Jacinto River. Juniper Flats, a small rural community, is located in the southeastern portion of the Lakeview Mountains.



A view of the Bernasconi Hills.

### Bernasconi Hills

The Bernasconi Hills are located within the Lake Perris State Recreation Area. A portion of these hills are located in the northwest corner of the Lakeview/Nuevo planning area. The Bernasconi Hills are barren, steep, and rugged peaks that are a stark contrast to Lake Perris, which is located immediately north of this planning area. The hills and lake offer a seemingly endless array of some of southern California's finest recreational facilities, such as camping, hunting, water sports, fishing, picnicking, and biking.



*Watercourses are the corridors of streams, rivers, and creeks, whether permanent or seasonal, and whether natural or channelized.*

### San Jacinto River

The San Jacinto River flows westward from Lake Hemet in the Santa Rosa Mountains, through Canyon Lake, and then to Lake Elsinore. It flows through the central portion of this planning area and has a profound influence over its land use patterns. Currently, the river is a semi-natural watercourse that is normally dry. Through the planning area, the river is partially channelized with