



County of Riverside General Plan - Hearing Draft

Reche Canyon/Badlands Area Plan

natural and man made hazards to consider and they are spelled out in the Hazards section.

A Special Note on Implementing the Vision

The preface to this area plan is a summary version of the Riverside County Vision. That summary is, in turn, simply an overview of a much more extensive and detailed Vision of Riverside County two decades or more into the future. This area plan, as part of the Riverside County General Plan, is one of the major devices for making the Vision a reality.

No two area plans are the same. Each represents a unique portion of the incredibly diverse place known as Riverside County. While many share certain common features, each of the plans reflects the special characteristics that define its area's unique identity. These features include not only physical qualities, but also the particular boundaries used to define them, the stage of development they have reached, the dynamics of change expected to affect them, and the numerous decisions that shape development and conservation in each locale. That is why the Vision cannot and should not be reflected uniformly.

Policies at the General Plan and Area Plan levels implement the Riverside County Vision in a range of subject areas as diverse as the scope of the Vision itself. The land use pattern contained in this area plan is a further expression of the Vision as it is shaped to fit the terrain and the conditions in the Reche Canyon/Badlands area.

To illustrate how the Vision has shaped this area plan, the following highlights reflect certain strategies that link the Vision to the land. This is not a comprehensive enumeration; rather, it emphasizes a few of the most powerful and physically tangible examples.

Multi-Purpose Open Space. This area is heavily invested with a rich mixture of open space resources, especially in its mountain and canyon reaches. A combination of Agriculture, Conservation, Open Space and Rural Residential designations offer an array of habitat, recreation and rural living opportunities. Lake Perris dominates a sweeping conservation area and provides a heavily used water recreation resource.

Community Separator. This same pattern of open space and rural uses constitutes one of the most significant community separators in the County. It surrounds the City of Moreno Valley on three sides and clearly sets the suburban and rural/open space edge in stark contrast.

Data in this area plan is current as of June 19, 2001. Any General Plan amendments approved subsequent to that date are not reflected in this area plan and must be supported by their own environmental documentation. A process for incorporating any applicable portion of these amendments into this area plan will be part of the General Plan Implementation Program.