



Land Use Plan

The Reche Canyon/Badlands Land Use Plan focuses on preserving the unique features addressed by the Reche Canyon/Badlands Area Plan and, at the same time, accommodating future growth. To accomplish this, more detailed land use designations are applied than for the countywide General Plan.

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Each of our rural areas and communities has a special character that distinguishes them from urban areas and from each other. They benefit from some conveniences such as small-scale local commercial services and all-weather access roads, yet maintain an unhurried, uncrowded lifestyle.

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The Reche Canyon/Badlands Land Use Plan, Figure 3, depicts the geographic distribution of land uses within this area plan. The plan is organized around 24 Area Plan Land Use designations. These area plan land uses derive from, and provide more detailed direction than, the four General Plan Foundation Component land uses: Agriculture, Rural, Open Space and Community Development. Table 1, Land Use Designations Summary, outlines the development intensity, density, typical allowable land uses and general characteristics for each of the Area Plan Land Use Categories within each Foundation Component. The General Plan Land Use Element contains more detailed descriptions and policies for the Foundation Components and each of the Area Plan Land Use Designations.

Proposed uses represent a full spectrum of categories that relate the natural characteristics of the land and economic potential to a range of permitted uses. Many factors led to the designation of land use patterns. Among the most influential were the Riverside County Vision and Planning Principles, both of which focused, in part, on preferred patterns of development within the County; the Community and Environmental Transportation Acceptability Process (CETAP) that focused on major transportation corridors; the Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) that focused on opportunities and strategies for significant open space and habitat preservation; established patterns of existing uses and parcel configurations; and current zoning. The result of these considerations is shown in Figure 3, which portrays the location and extent of proposed land uses. Table 2, Statistical Summary of the Reche Canyon/Badlands Area Plan, provides a summary of the projected development capacity of the plan if all uses are built as proposed. This table includes dwelling unit, population and employment capacities.

LAND USE CONCEPT

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The extensive heritage of rural living continues to be accommodated in areas committed to that lifestyle, and its sustainability is reinforced by strong open space and urban development commitment provided for in the RCIP

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The primary purpose of the Land Use Plan is to preserve the remote, rural nature of the Reche Canyon/Badlands area. Slope, habitat and other natural constraints severely limit opportunities to provide substantial areas for population or employment growth. Conservation of habitat, preservation of existing rural enclaves, and provision of areas for lower density residential areas in keeping with the rural character of the planning area are the primary objectives of this Land Use Plan.

The Land Use Plan designates much of the land in the northern portion of the planning area as Rural Mountainous and Open Space Rural, in keeping with the mountainous character of the region. Lands designated for Very Low Density Residential and Rural Residential are applied to areas adjacent to the City of Moreno Valley and along some of the area's major roadway corridors, including San Timoteo Canyon Road, Gilman Springs Road, Reche Canyon Road, and