



Land Use

While the General Plan Land Use Element and Area Plan Land Use Map guide future development patterns in the Reche Canyon/Badlands area, additional policy guidance is often necessary to address local land use issues that are unique to the area or that require special policies that go above and beyond those identified in the General Plan. These policies may reinforce County regulatory provisions, preserve special lands or historic structures, require or encourage particular design features or guidelines, or restrict certain activities, among others. The intent is to enhance and/or preserve the identity, character and features of this unique area. The Local Land Use Policies section provides a host of policies to address those land use issues relating specifically to Reche Canyon/Badlands.

LOCAL LAND USE POLICIES

Equestrian Uses

The Reche Canyon/Badlands area contains a significant rural residential component, with many residents engaged in equestrian activities. Increased urban development in the form of improved transportation facilities may negatively impact equestrian uses within these rural enclaves.

Policies:

RCBAP 2.1 Ensure the provision and/or preservation of equestrian trails and related facilities in the Reche Canyon/Badlands area.

Agriculture

Agriculture has long been established in the Reche Canyon/Badlands area. This area plan, while limiting intense forms of urban development, also seeks to recognize existing and future agricultural activities as important and vital components to the land use pattern. Residential uses and agriculture are potentially incompatible and often times lead to complaints by local residents of offending odors, noise, flies and the like. Likewise, farmers and their land can be the targets of vandals, thieves and trespassers.

It is the intent of the Reche Canyon/Badlands Area Plan to recognize agriculture as an important economic activity in the region and to accommodate those agricultural owners who wish to continue their operations in the future.

Policies:

RCBAP 3.1 Preserve the viability of agriculture in the region through adherence to policies found in the Agriculture Area Plan Designation section of the General Plan Land Use Element, and policies located in the Agricultural Resources section of the Multipurpose Open Space Element.