



County of Riverside General Plan - *Hearing Draft*

Riverside Extended Mountain Area Plan (REMAP)

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 REMAP 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.

Pattern of Development & Open Space

A system of open space and recreational lands has been established in REMAP that provides protection from natural hazards, promotes its scenic resources, and establishes distinctive community settings. Areas to be preserved and to be developed within REMAP have been clearly defined. The Plan more accurately reflects topography and natural resources in this planning area through appropriate land use designations, and avoids high intensity development in natural hazard areas.

The REMAP economy will continue to focus on the tourist and recreational industry. The potential for jobs is not expected to increase significantly. The character of the many communities and villages within REMAP is intended to be preserved, though the Rural Village designation delineates areas in which an increase in development potential is acceptable. However, changes in land use and/or intensities in even these areas is intended to be minimal.

Agriculture

Additional lands, in agricultural production within the Plan area, have been recognized with the Agriculture designation. Specialized agriculture uses will continue to be a large part of this region's character and economy.

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 is part of the General Plan Implementation Program.