



Multipurpose Open Space

The San Jacinto Valley area contains a multitude of open space functions, hence the label of “multi-purpose.” The point is that open space is really a part of the public infrastructure and should have the capability of serving a variety of needs and diversity of users. This is especially true with the notable resources in this planning area. This means that each resource requires thoughtful preservation and, in some cases, restoration. Preserving the scenic background and natural resources of this Valley gives meaning to the “remarkable environmental setting” portion of the overall Riverside County Vision. Not only that; these open spaces also help define the edges of and separation between communities, which is another important aspect of the Vision. Achieving a desirable end state of valued local open space to benefit residents and visitors will require sensitivity in both managing open space resources and designing development proposals.

LOCAL OPEN SPACE POLICIES

Ridgelines


The ridgelines of the San Jacinto Mountains provide a significant visual resource for the Area Plan.

Policies:



SJVAP 12.1 Refer to the Hillside Development and Slope polices in the General Plan Land Use Element, and the Scenic Resources policies in the General Plan Multipurpose Open Space Element.

MULTIPLE SPECIES HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN

 Please see the **Multipurpose Open Space Element of the General Plan** for further information on the MSHCP

Regional resource planning to protect individual species and habitats has occurred in Riverside County for many years. Privately owned reserves and publicly owned land have served as habitat for many different species. This method of land and wildlife preservation has proved to be piecemeal and disjointed, resulting in islands of reserve land without corridors for species migration and access. To address these issues of wildlife health, and habitat sustainability, the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Program (MSHCP) has been developed. The MSHCP comprises a reserve system that encompasses core habitat, habitat linkages, and wildlife corridors outside of existing reserve areas and existing private and public reserve lands into a single comprehensive plan that can accommodate the needs of species and habitat in the present and future.