



VISION

MEETING SUMMARY

JUNE 4, 2008



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EXERCISE 1

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Treasures	Concerns
1. Rural lifestyle	1. Better job and school opportunities
2. Natural environment / Angeles Nat'l Forest	2. More educational centers
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4. Hiking trails	4. Preservation of natural resources
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6. Dark skies	6. Affordable housing options including senior housing
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(Treasures) I like...	(Concerns) I would improve...
9. Wetlands (lakes)	9. Wind farms impact on birds
10. Old growth trees	10. Light pollution
11. Rural lifestyle	11. No big commercial developments
12. Clean air	12. Lack of libraries/educational center
13. Wide open spaces	13. Lack of parks/pocket parks
14. Desert open spaces	14. Native preserves within development
15. Little noise	15. Lack of rural transportation (\$8-12 to Palmdale)
16. Dark skies	16. Sprawl
17. Wildlife	17. Pedestrian safety
	18. Dedicated bike paths and lanes
	19. Don't widen N/S routes unless bike lanes
	20. Housing tracts
	21. Sign twirlers
	22. Cutting trees, replacing w/non-native plants
	23. Rural/urban transition
	24. "Leapfrog" development
	25. Sustainable (solar, green building)
	26. Water
	27. Half of Elizabeth Lake is privately owned, can be County Wetlands Conservancy
	28. Traffic N/S on Lake Hughes, Pine Canyon, Bouquet, and San Francisquito (commuter)

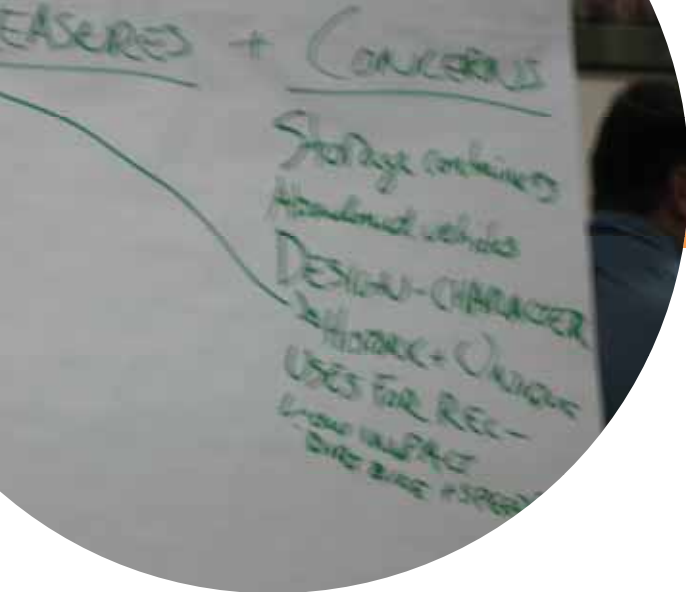
EXERCISE 2

Building on the treasures and concerns identified in EXERCISE #1, how would you describe the Antelope Valley region to a visitor in the year 2020, assuming anything is possible?

1. Known for embracing alternatives to auto-transit: bikeways, pedestrian friendly areas
2. Have clean air
3. Ridgelines are protected and undeveloped
4. Sky is blue
5. Stars are visible
6. Joshua trees still dot the land
7. Halted growth of block-walled subdivisions
8. The Lakes and Three Points known as “Beverly Hills” of Antelope Valley
9. Palmdale and Lancaster improved, have walkable, pleasant downtowns
10. Graffiti is no longer an issue, murals instead
11. Known for sustainable planning and building
12. Solar energy thriving instead of wind farms
13. 4-year university
14. Shakespeare on the Lake
15. Planners have foresight to preserve rural lifestyle

DRAFT VISION STATEMENT – GR1

The Antelope Valley region respects the rural lifestyle, encourages environmental preservation, requires sustainable living, has an array of transportation options, protects open space and natural views, channels growth to areas most appropriate, is devoted to improving cultural and education opportunities, preserves the wonder of the night sky, and facilitates non-motorized recreation through accessible facilities.



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9. Lakes and forest	9. Flooding
10. Respect for nature by residents	10. Storage containers
11. Historic and unique design & character	11. Uses for recreation – low impact dirt bike & speedboats
	12. Housing development
	13. "Petersons Ranch"
	14. Privately owned future open space
	15. Drainage & erosion

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1. As many properties as possible protected in a conservancy
2. Multi-use non-motorized trails
3. Public facilities, golf courses, and parks
4. Public facilities protected and maintained
5. Environmental assets well protected
6. Local responsiveness
7. County attention and representation
8. Clone Supervisor Antonovich – political connection
9. School and administration for all ages
10. Youth employment and local service
11. Local appreciate – activity funding
12. Encourage arts community
13. Farmland

DRAFT VISION STATEMENT – GR2

The Antelope Valley is a protected rural community characterized by conservation of natural resources, unique and remote towns connected by trails, farmland, parks, public recreation and forest. The Antelope Valley is served by a responsive local government. Residents enjoy access to quality education, arts and culture, historic and distinct buildings and locations. The Antelope Valley uses sustainable energy and water practices, and public transit.



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9. Large setbacks	9. Clustering
10. Low density housing	10. Urban encroachment
11. Less traffic	11. Tract housing
12. Wildlife	12. Emergency services
13. Less pollution	13. Power lines
14. Rural environment	
15. Lack of infrastructure	

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1. No crime
2. Not a dumping ground
3. Housing and development maintained within city boundaries
4. Whole rural areas are preserved
5. Expansion of employment in urban areas
6. Expansion of conservation land
7. More wildlife refuges
8. Protect Significant Ecological Areas
9. Underground power lines
10. Small boutiques
11. High-speed rail
12. Expansive freeway system
13. Constructive growth

DRAFT VISION STATEMENT – GR3

The Antelope Valley region maintains the rural feel by conserving land through the expansion of wildlife refuges and Significant Ecological Areas. Slow growth is encouraged while maintaining low density housing. The Antelope Valley provides mobility through the expansion of the transportation system. The Antelope Valley preserves a safe environment for the communities. Visual environmental resources are protected through sensitive and unobtrusive placement of utilities.



GROUP 4

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9. Poppies	9. Commercial farms
10. Open spaces	10. Large commercial development
11. Independence and self-sufficiency	11. Crime
12. National forest	12. Lack of water
13. Clean air	13. Relocation of sex offenders and parolees
14. Wildlife	14. Lack of active community park area
15. Farms, orchards	15. Lack of police and fire protection
16. Quiet	16. Transmission lines
17. Good fire and disaster support	17. Urban growth (sprawl)
18. Dark skies	18. Our resources being sent down below
19. Small population	19. Urban vs rural balance of power
20. Good schools in Lakes and Valleys	20. Need university in Antelope Valley
21. Lakes and Valleys – separate identity	21. Lack of jobs – low salaries
22. Preservation of agriculture – small family farms	22. Lack of senior apartments
	23. Clinic in Lakes and Valleys
	24. Need fire hydrants in Lake Hughes
	25. Photo traffic tickets (Dahlia)
	26. Crazy drivers – need driver's education in schools

	27. Permits too difficult to get
	28. Lack of enforcement of Community Standards Districts and zoning violations
	29. Encroachment of city into rural area
	30. Too much development and not enough water
	31. Roads not maintained in rural areas
	32. We need a high school for Lakes and Valleys
	33. Dust related to sheep farming (opening of hydrants)
	34. Balance of power between developers and individuals
	35. Fuel costs – rethink public transportation and food supplies
	36. Insensitive off-road vehicles and hunters

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1. Lakes and Valleys have their own high school
2. All the gang members are not here
3. Good planning has maintained open space and lots of treasures for residents to enjoy
4. The university has created an environment for better jobs
5. High quality of life has become standard by removing stresses
6. 50% dependent on outside energy due to alternative energy sources such as wind turbines and solar roofs

DRAFT VISION STATEMENT – GR4

We have preserved our treasures through intelligent planning; carefully improved infrastructure including schools, public safety, community parks and trails; moved towards self-sufficiency in energy; people are able to make a living.