



VISION

MEETING SUMMARY

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EXERCISE 1

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Treasures	Concerns
1. Rural lifestyle	1. Better job and school opportunities
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4. Hiking trails	4. Preservation of natural resources
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7. Large lots	7. Need for west-east thoroughfare
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(Treasures) I like...	(Concerns) I would improve...
9. People with history in community	9. Clear cutting of lots
10. Small town atmosphere	10. Influenced by prison and prison policy
11. Open space view of mountains preserved	11. Less Section 8 housing; selection process, enforcement, follow through, local priority
12. Joshua trees	12. Habitat loss
13. Pride in community	13. Dust
14. Lower crime rate	14. Joshua trees not moved or replanted
	15. Not enough activity for youth
	16. Drug use
	17. Need more small area parks that are accessible to kids
	18. Equestrian center for kids
	19. Lack of private property enforcement
	20. Traffic flow
	21. Crosswalks, pedestrian friendly streets
	22. Current plan lacks health language
	23. More investigation of care facilities
	24. Improve County animal facilities
	25. Bicyclists need safe, dedicated commuter lanes

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. High home ownership and pride in appearance of homes
2. Safe neighborhoods
3. More safe entertainment areas like an outdoor theater, trails, skate park, equestrian center, amphitheater, more parks
4. Small towns with multiple types of transit
5. Great people
6. A very healthy streetscape accessible to all kinds of users to walk and enjoy; crosswalks, kids biking
7. Great views
8. Historic districts, preserved, museums
9. Agricultural opportunity – vineyards, wineries
10. Local industry and employment supported to reduce commutes
11. Green industry support
12. Better, faster transit connections with rest of County

DRAFT VISION STATEMENT – GR1

The Antelope Valley region is home to citizens who take pride in home ownership in the unique Mojave desert environment. The Antelope Valley is a safe, friendly area that values its agriculture, dark skies, mountain views, natural environment and small businesses. Families are important and our community takes pride in its services to all. Our transit is friendly to all citizens whether they walk, bike, ride, or drive and is easy for all to access safely.



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9. Agriculture	9. Losing agriculture
10. High speed limits	10. Complacency of residents
11. Wide open view	11. Too many houses
12. Rural areas stay rural	12. Massive tracts of housing
13. Good local atmosphere	13. Low income housing
14. Dark skies	14. Quality of life
15. Joshua trees	15. Public transportation
16. Walk through park and gardens	16. Provide shade at bus stops
17. Wildlife	17. Sprawl, growth
18. Local talent and minds	18. Water conservation
19. Clean air	19. Integrated Regional Water Management Plan becoming political
	20. Lack of open space and community centers
	21. Need for more schools because of tract homes
	22. Sight pollution
	23. Accessibility of events like these community meetings for the working community
	24. Junk yards
	25. Community Standards District for Quartz Hill
	26. High speed limits

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1. Retained the aerospace industry
2. Less pollution than the rest of the County
3. Bringing out entertainment industry (i.e. Dreamworks)
4. Have an observatory in rural area
5. The best public transportation system
6. Maglev transportation (magnetic levitation rail)
7. On-call monorail (private investment)
8. Water fuel cell technology
9. More parks, community gardens
10. Encourage alternative energy (solar)
11. No more power lines
12. More people to participate in public meetings
13. Good collective mind set and more young minds
14. Increased cultural and sociological integration

DRAFT VISION STATEMENT – GR2

The Antelope Valley needs controlled, constructive, managed foresight to preserve the wilderness environment and small towns while allowing the cities to grow to achieve a balance for all aspects of the way we live.



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9. Minimal traffic congestion, design of roadways	9. Section 8 housing problems
10. Clean air	10. Water supply – need to increase supply
11. Stores on 50 th – local library, hardware store, nursery	11. Flooding from Palmdale retention basin affects land and roads
12. Hearing nature's sounds in backyard	12. Annexation by Palmdale and Lancaster
13. Animals – 4H Club, Lane Ranch	13. No left turn lanes on Avenue L, M, 50 th , other
14. Keep small town flavor in the business districts	14. Traffic improvements not keeping up with development
15. Separation between commercial and residential uses and traffic	15. Inconsistent road standards between cities and County
	16. Traffic lights not synchronized between cities and County
	17. Light cycles are too infrequent
	18. Gangs and crime
	19. Jurisdictional lines not clear
	20. Lags in emergency response times
	21. Sheriffs don't cross jurisdictional boundaries
	22. Zone changes from rural to commercial

(Treasures) I like...	(Concerns) I would improve...
	23. Zoning changes after annexation – coordination between cities and County
	24. Air pollution
	25. Noise pollution
	26. Litter and dumping
	27. Abandoned vehicles

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1. Is a peaceful, open environment
2. Has the lowest crime in the country
3. Traffic flow is improved with roundabouts instead of traffic lights which is safer for pedestrians and reduces pollution
4. Has a small town, semi-rural feel (both residences and businesses)
5. Still have community-oriented businesses
6. Has affordable housing for working families
7. Has great opportunities for youth and adult education – private and charter schools with a variety of programs
8. Have a historical working ranch on 60th Street and L Street available for Los Angeles County school field trips to teach them about the rural lifestyle and animal raising/keeping
9. Historical restaurant with locally grown foods
10. Local schools have agricultural, floral, 4H programs –sell products to raise funds for senior projects
11. Have a native plant garden
12. Have a farmer’s market to showcase local products and eliminate corner vendors and provides a regional attraction
13. Have agricultural classes on farmland, not classrooms
14. Have great weather and clear skies
15. Schools have adequate parking, nice shaded places to eat lunch, places for band practice
16. Schools have parenting classes taught by nurses

DRAFT VISION STATEMENT – GR3

The Antelope Valley region...

- Retains a small town feel
- Celebrates its history
- Has parks in every neighborhood including large parks for activities and programs
- Has programs and facilities unique to Los Angeles County that promote native vegetation, local produce and other agriculture
- Good place to raise a family and educate students
- Provides a wide variety of educational programs and facilities (agriculture, trade schools)
- Has employment opportunities for every willing and able person
- Has affordable housing for working families and home ownership opportunities
- Manages traffic through innovative solutions like roundabouts
- Has safe homes, businesses, streets, and trails
- Takes advantage of climate for energy solutions (solar and wind)
- Has opportunities for youth training and activities
- Walk or bike across Valley without crossing street



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9. Close to nature	9. Fire safety, emergency response
10. Natural environment, animals, plants	10. Resources like water
11. Lack of city influence – freedom, space, quiet	11. Transportation links – east-west freeway speeding
12. Large lots, space	12. Infrastructure impacts – electrical transmission corridors, road improvements
13. Rural lifestyle, animals, pets	13. Crime, security
14. Slow pace	14. Need more senior housing facilities close by
15. Small roads, few stops	15. Tract developments are too big
16. Small population – know your neighbors	16. Location of development – close to services
17. Safety – know your neighbors	17. Scale of commercial developments
18. Family-oriented – close group like 4H, Future Farmers of America, etc	18. Density
19. Agriculture is close	19. Loss of community activity and shared experience

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1. Small towns with buffer zones/greenbelt like a “garden city”
2. Established, slow-growth towns
3. Rural theme, architectural design with trails
4. Fully functional Palmdale airport
5. Nature preserves useable year-round
6. Stable population with managed growth, consistent character
7. Insulated from city development
8. Towns communicating (Association of Rural Town Councils)

DRAFT VISION STATEMENT – GR4

The Antelope Valley region contains small towns which trade commercial amenities for a blended rural and low-density suburban lifestyle. It values community involvement in education, recreation, family life, and old town friendships. Development is well-planned, balanced geographically and environmentally responsible.