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One Valley One Vision (OVOV) is a joint effort between Los Angeles County and the City of Santa Clarita to update:

The Los Angeles County Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan and
The City of Santa Clarita General Plan

With consistent goals and policies to guide future growth and conservation throughout the entire Santa Clarita Valley.
The OVOV Team

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Background

1984 -- County’s Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan Adopted

1987 -- City of Santa Clarita Incorporates

1990 -- County’s Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan Updated

1991 -- City’s General Plan Adopted

2000 -- County and City Begin OVOV Process
The OVOV Process

Initial Outreach
Flapjack Forum
Stakeholder Interviews
Community Survey
School Activities
Visioning Workshops

May 2001
Castaic Elementary School – Castaic
Hart High School – Newhall
La Mesa Junior High School – Canyon Country
Pinetree Elementary School – Canyon Country
The OVOV Process

Initial Outreach

Santa Clarita Valley Snapshot

Vision and Guiding Principles

The following Vision and Guiding Principles have been formulated to come to the forefront the major purposes of a Valley Plan for the Santa Clarita Valley by the City of Santa Clarita and County of Los Angeles. They have been written in consideration of the enormous public input received during the OVOV Plan process through surveys, public meetings, interviews, school and youth services,including workshops and the Valley Congress. Previous drafts of the Guiding Principles have been modified to reflect the majority opinion and suggestions of the October 26, 2001 Valley Congress participants. Additional changes have been made in language to simplify language and improve the technical accuracy of this document.

The Vision and Guiding Principles will be submitted to the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission, the City of Santa Clarita Planning Commission and the Santa Clarita City Council for comments. Once approved these shall constitute the comprehensive City/County documents for the preparation of the Valleywide General Plan.

VISION

Our vision for the Santa Clarita Valley over the next two decades is of a young and emerging network of communities, balancing rural and suburban neighborhoods, each unique but offering opportunities. The Valley is a mosaic of diverse communities, each with individual identities, united by a common environment setting, a vibrant economy and high quality of life. The Valley provides excellent varied housing opportunities and other wellness development strategies that result in a dynamic economy and appropriate planning balance.

The Valley upholds the importance of partnerships in working together to address community issues and needs. Our communities embrace the cultural and ethnic diversity of residents and are enriched by the contribution of new students and residents. Santa Clarita Valley balances environmental protection of its natural open space areas, vegetated corridors, creeks and sensitized resources with an increasing economic base that offers its residents a broad range of quality employment opportunities. The Valley is a region with mountainous public areas and public services, all of which supports a high quality of life.
The OVOV Process

Initial Outreach

Valleywide Congress

October 25, 2001

Approval of Vision and Guiding Principles
The OVOV Process

Technical Background Report

Completed
October 2003
The OVOV Process

Poster Plan

COMMUNITY CONSENSUS

ESSENTIAL GUIDING PRINCIPLES
1. Management of Growth
2. Land Use
3. Vital Economy
4. Infrastructure
5. Environmental Resources
6. Residential Neighborhoods
7. Mobility
8. Schools & Public Services
9. Recreation

Do you want to be a part of Santa Clara Valley’s future?
Follow OVOV’s progress by visiting our new website:
http://www.santaclaravalley.org/ovo
for updates on scheduled community meetings.
We need your feedback!

OVOV PROCESS

PHASE I
Visioning Process
COMPLETE

PHASE II
Valleywide General Plan
COMPLETE

PHASE III
Implementation
COMPLETE

PHASE IV
Land Use Development
IN PROGRESS

PHASE V
Transportation
FUTURE

PHASE VI
Residential
FUTURE

VISION OF THE FUTURE

The Santa Clara Valley is a place of dynamic change where new challenges are being faced and opportunities are being seized. The vision for the Valley includes a sustainable and resilient future with a focus on equity, sustainability, and innovation.

MAP CREATION

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Surveying through aerial photography and mapping technologies, this phase provides a comprehensive view of the land use and development patterns.

SEAs

Significant Ecological Areas (SEAs) are identified within the planning area to ensure the preservation of natural resources and biodiversity. These areas play a crucial role in maintaining ecological balance and supporting the Drive Vegetative Stage.

TOPOGRAPHY

A topographical analysis highlights the unique geographical features of the Valley, including elevation changes and the distribution of natural vegetation, which are essential for planning purposes.

The OVOV Process focuses on developing a sustainable and equitable future for Santa Clara Valley, ensuring that the Valley remains a vibrant and resilient place for generations to come.
The OVOV Process

Outreach

Workshops

May 2007
Agua Dulce School – Agua Dulce
Castaic Middle School – Castaic
Santa Clarita Sports Complex – Canyon Country
West Ranch High School – West Ranch

City Planning Commission Study Sessions

Spring – Fall 2008

Environmental Impact Report Scoping Meeting

August 4, 2008 – Santa Clarita City Hall
The OVOV Process

Recent Activities

Media Coverage

Release of Preliminary Draft Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan

Workshops

November 2008
Castaic Elementary School – Castaic
Pinetree Elementary School – Canyon Country
Rancho Pico Junior High – West Ranch
Santa Clarita Sports Complex – Canyon Country
Public Review

Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan Update

The City of Santa Clarita and the County of Los Angeles are initiating a joint planning effort to address future growth in the Santa Clarita Valley. For the effort, the City and the County will plan together to address the region’s growth, infrastructure development, and issues such as transportation, housing, and open space. This joint program has been called “One Valley One Vision”.

- Notice of Preparation of Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan (Doe Valley, One Vision)
- Doe Valley, One Vision Planning Area
- Santa Claritas Project

Contact Information
For more information, contact the Community Studies Section at 661-210-9100 or visionary@lacity.org. Workshops will be held at 7:30pm and 5:30pm. For updates, please visit www.santaclaritavalleyareaupdate.com.

2008 – Preliminary Draft Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan

Chapters
Chapter 1: Introduction
Chapter 2: Land Use
Chapter 3: Circulation
Chapter 4: Conservation and Open Space
Chapter 5: Safety
Chapter 6: Noise

Appendices
Appendix I: Significant Ecological Area Designations
Appendix II: Maps

Department Spotlight

One Valley, One Vision
Public Review
The Big Picture

Growth

1990 Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan
(As Amended)

2010 Horizon Year

Housing Units = 115,438
Population = 329,707
Employment = 130,226
Urban Areas Only
The Big Picture

Growth

2008 Estimate

Built Housing Units = 80,000
Approved Housing Units = 39,500
Population = 252,000
Employment = 75,000
The Big Picture

Growth

2008 Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan
(Preliminary Draft)

Ultimate Build-Out

Housing Units = 143,887
Population = 443,172
Employment = 217,910 to 286,254

Urban and Rural Areas
The Big Picture

Themes

County and City Consistency

Vision and Guiding Principles

Land Use Designations

Goals and Policies
The Big Picture

Themes

Valley of Villages

Diverse, Distinctive Communities

Common Values and Needs

Newhall

Saugus

Newhall Ranch
The Big Picture

Themes

Valley Greenbelt

Preserve National Forest, Open Space Lands

Concentrate Growth in Valley Center

Towsley Canyon

Elsmere Canyon
The Big Picture

Themes

Maintaining Rural Character

Low Densities, Rural Development Standards

Equestrian Lifestyles

Agua Dulce

Horse Trail
The Big Picture

Themes

Jobs / Housing Balance

Additional Employment Opportunities

Less Commuting Outside the Valley

Business Park

Mixed Use
The Big Picture

Themes

Environmental Protection

Expansion of Significant Ecological Areas

Policies to Address Climate Change

Santa Clara River

Drought Tolerant Landscaping
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Land Use Element

Land Use Suitability Criteria

Environmental Constraints

Topography

Natural Hazards

Access (Highway Plan)

Proximity to Urban Infrastructure

Character of Surrounding Development
Circulation Element

Streets and Highways
Classifications
Cross-Sections
Levels of Service
Traffic Model and Traffic Study
Circulation Element

Other Transportation Modes

Rail Service / Metrolink
Santa Clarita Transit / Bus Service
Bikeways and Trails
Conservation/Open Space Element

Total Acres (Unincorporated Area) = 12,458
Conservation/Open Space Element

Total Acres (Unincorporated Area) = 47,458
Conservation/Open Space Element

**Topics**

- Soils, Geologic, & Mineral Resources
- Water Resources
- Biological Resources
- Cultural & Historic Resources
- Scenic Resources
- Air Resources
- Park & Recreation / Open Space Resources
Conservation/Open Space Element

**Climate Change (AB 32)**

Implement County’s Green Building Program

Limit “Urban Sprawl” in Rural Areas by Promoting Infill & Transit-Oriented Development

Improve the Jobs/Housing Balance
Safety Element

Topics

Seismic & Geological Hazards
Flood Hazards
Fire Hazard
Emergency Preparedness & Response
Law Enforcement & Crime Prevention
Noise Element

Under Development

Noise Generators

Noise Receptors

Noise Study
Moving Forward

Our Next Steps

Complete Noise Study & Noise Element

Complete Traffic Study

Complete Environmental Impact Report

Release Draft Plan & Draft Environmental Impact Report

Schedule Hearings Before the Regional Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors