

# Excerpts from San Bernardino General Plan approved March 13, 2007 by County Board of Supervisors, Community Plan for Phelan/Pinon Hills

## Open Space Policy

### PH6.2 GOALS AND POLICIES

**Goal PH/OS 1. Preserve open space lands to ensure that the rural desert character of the community is maintained.**

Policies

PH/OS 1.1 Place high priority on preserving the open space character of Sand Canyon. Work with County Regional Parks, Special Districts and non-profit land conservancies to explore ways of acquiring property in Sand Canyon for public open space purposes. As lands are acquired or dedicated for public open space purposes, designate these lands as Open Space under the County General Plan land use system, if such a designation exists.

## 5 CONSERVATION

### PH5.1 INTRODUCTION

Preservation and protection of the community plan area's natural resources is extremely important to the residents of Phelan/Pinon Hills. These resources contribute to the character and quality of life within the plan area and surrounding region. If the plan area's sensitive resources are not effectively protected and managed, they will be permanently lost.

#### A. Natural Resources

The natural vegetation and wildlife in the plan area contributes to the beauty and character of the area. During meetings held with the community, residents articulated the need to protect these natural resources as a main concern.

The plan area is covered with a diverse biotic community of trees, vegetation and wildlife. The plan area includes the following general habitat types and respective sensitive species associated with these habitats (For a detailed list of the sensitive species associated with the various habitats see the Conservation Background Report of the General Plan and Open Space Overlay):

- A. White Fir Woodland
- B. Pinyon/Juniper Woodland
- C. Sage Scrub
- D. Joshua Tree Woodland
- E. Mojave Desert Scrub
- F. Saltbrush Scrub
- G. Conifer Forests
- H. Alkali Sinks
- I. Sand Dunes

## **PH5.2 GOALS AND POLICIES**

It is important to note that some of the key issues and concerns identified under Section 7.1 are also addressed in other elements of the community plan.

### **Goal PH/CO 1. Preserve the unique environmental features of Phelan/Pinon Hills, including native wildlife, vegetation and scenic vistas.**

Policies

PH/CO 1.1 Support the purchase of privately owned land and the acquisition of conservation easements by conservancy organizations, in agreement with land owners, for the purpose of preserving unique habitats containing diverse and threatened species, to protect wildlife movement corridors, scenic vistas and recreational areas.