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Land-use provision blasted

**SAN BERNARDINO: County
officials OK a vision statement to
help update the general plan.**

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By IMRAN GHORI / The Press-Enterprise

San Bernardino County Supervisors approved a vision statement for a new county general plan Tuesday despite the objections of environmentalists over a provision dealing with roads and access to public lands.

The statement is a two-page document that will serve as a foundation for the county's update of the general plan, which is used to guide land-use decisions over the next two decades.

The statement was developed by an advisory

committee and represents the characteristics that residents have said they would like to see in the county, said Randy Scott, chief of advanced planning for the county's land-use department.

The three sections of the statement outline the county's goals for how residents will live, work and play. The last section sparked controversy with a paragraph stating that one of the county's goals is "recovery and maintenance of multiuse access to public lands, including regional parks, national parks, national forests, state parks, and Bureau of Land Management areas."

Some desert residents and environmental groups criticized that provision, seeing it as a reference to the county's past efforts to gain ownership of 5,000 miles of back roads across national parks and other federal lands. Critics say the county's efforts to acquire those roads imperil sensitive desert lands by allowing vehicles and other uses in.

Last year, the supervisors voted to seek title to Camp Rock Road, a 42-mile gravel road that crosses federal land from Lucerne Valley to Daggett in the High Desert, testing a new U.S. Department of Interior rule that allows the government to abandon federal lands claimed as highway rights-of-way.

Supervisors said the vision statement was not about that issue in particular, but about maintaining public access to federal lands for a range of activities.

"Either someone is truly misinformed or maliciously spreading rumors," board Chairman Dennis Hansberger said.

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He said the county does not intend to expand roads or create new ones, and has only intervened to protect the rights of residents who have valid claims to roads.

But Byron Kahr, a field organizer with the California Wilderness Coalition, said Hansberger's statement contradicts the county's actions.

"What they're really doing is potentially opening it up for anyone," he said.

Kim Floyd of Wrightwood questioned why the county wants to take on responsibility for additional roads at a time of budget shortages. "We can't take care of the roads and the road needs we have now," he said. With the approval of the vision statement, the next step in updating the general plan is to review technical documents for its different elements. The county also will prepare separate community plans for 13 areas and conduct land-use studies of cities' spheres of influences, the areas that they may annex in the future, Scott said. Reach Imran Ghorl at (909) 806-3061 or ighori@pe.com

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