

# Master Plan for North County Set

**Program Visions  
Population of  
750,000 by 1980**

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A long-range master plan for the development of North Los Angeles County—an area larger than Delaware—was adopted Wednesday by the Regional Planning Commission.

Milton Breivogel, county director of planning, said the general plan will serve as a guide in helping to direct the orderly growth of the 2,260-square-mile mountain and high desert region lying on the northern fringe of the Los Angeles Metropolitan area.

North County, the plan pointed out, has a population of 84,000 now but this is expected to soar to 750,000 by 1980. Of this total, Antelope Valley will have about 520,000 residents compared to its current population of 63,000.

## **Other Communities**

Included in the general plan study presented to the commission were the communities of Lancaster-Quartz Hill, Palmdale, Littlerock-Pearblossom, Newhall-Saugus and Agua Dulce-Acton.

The commissioners, acting at the conclusion of a second hearing on the proposed plan, heard a parade of North County representatives describe the study as a flexible pattern for the region's future growth.

Clifford Rawson, executive director of the Antelope Valley Progress Assn., reminded the commissioners, "There isn't much land left in Los Angeles County."

## **New Taxable Wealth**

"With this plan, the county has provided us with a new dimension for growth," he said. "It has given our business people something basic to work from. Antelope Valley alone covers 1,500 square miles—an area larger than Rhode Island.

"It can be the source of new taxable wealth for Los Angeles County. I hope we can create a better image for the entire region—industrially, commercially and as a better place to live."

E. A. Holden, principal planner, envisioned Central

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Lancaster between Sierra Highway and the freeway as the concentrated center of business and multiple dwelling activity in Antelope Valley.

Expansion of industrial development, he said, should be encouraged along Ave. I and east of the Southern Pacific Railroad line.

At the same time, the nearby Quartz Hill region should retain its present characteristics as a low density, residential community, he explained.

To preserve the attractive-

ness of Quartz Hill's almond orchards, he urged the creation of large residential lots when the pressures of urbanization make this orchard land better suited for residential uses.

Breivogel explained that a number of factors will govern the extent of the North County's growth in the next 20 years.

Among them he listed completion of the Antelope Valley Freeway by mid-1960s, the availability of imported water from Northern California by 1971 and a stabilization of Antelope Valley's defense employment.

The plan, which will be altered as zone changes occur, is expected to establish a pattern for the development of North County's residential areas. It also provides a guide for the creation of schools, parks, highways, airports and other facilities to serve the growing population.

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