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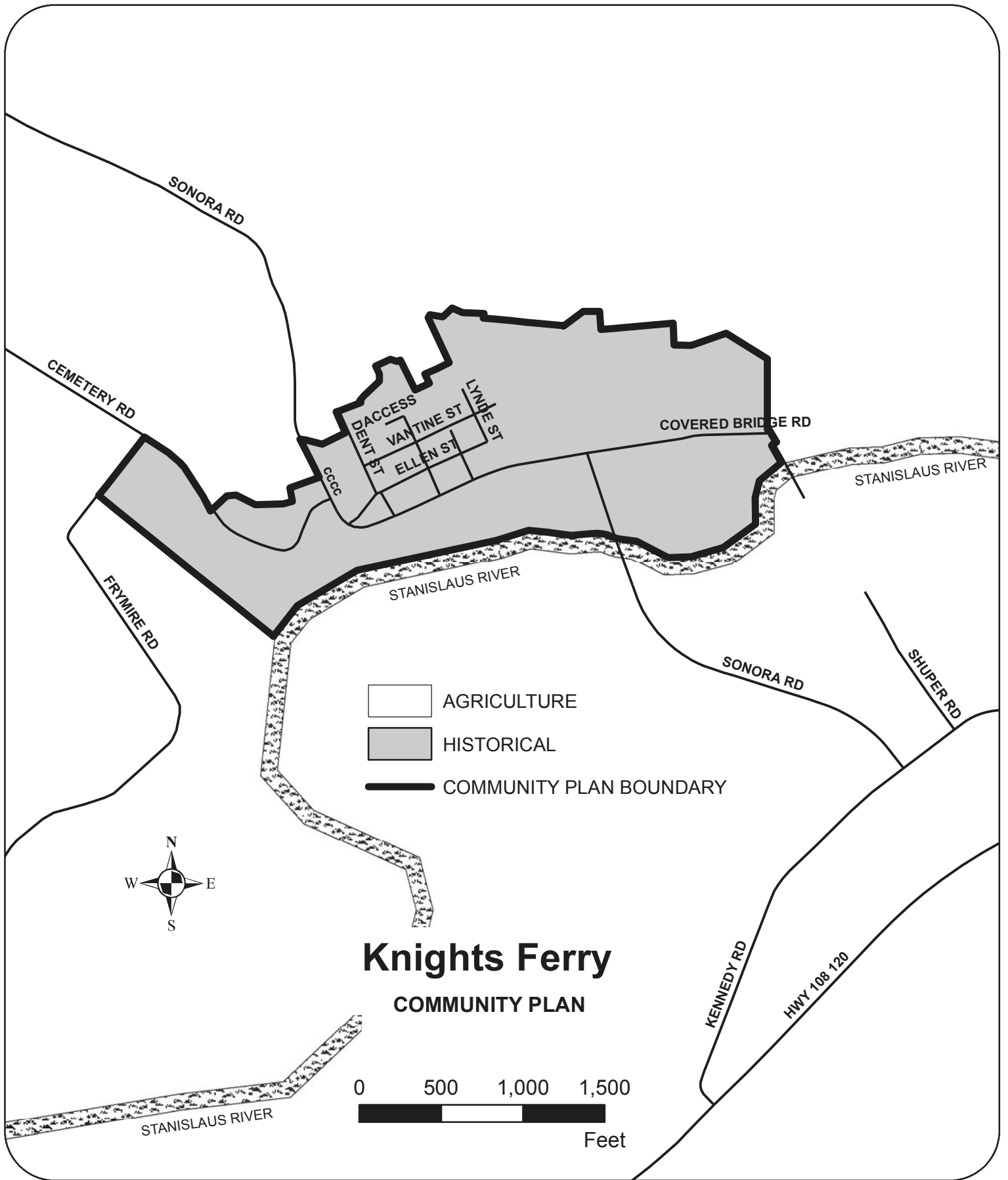
KNIGHTS FERRY COMMUNITY PLAN

Adopted by the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors

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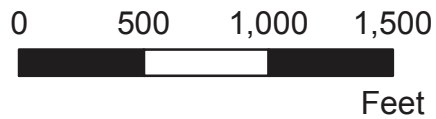
**A technical update to population statistics, service providers, and conditions in and surrounding the community were adopted on August 23, 2016, as part of the 2015 General Plan Update. The 2015 update also incorporated into the Community Plan information from the June 23, 1987, adopted Support Documentation to the Stanislaus County General Plan.*

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Description of Knights Ferry

The community of Knights Ferry is located on the east side of Stanislaus County on the north bank of the Stanislaus River. It lies just north of the intersection of State Highway 108/120 and Kennedy and Sonora Roads.

History

Land within Stanislaus County north of the Stanislaus River was, until 1860, part of San Joaquin County. At that time, Stanislaus County Supervisors recognized that the community of Knights Ferry was prosperous and booming. Therefore, to add to the tax revenue of the County, an assembly bill was introduced and signed annexing that portion to Stanislaus County.

In 1862, Knights Ferry became the seat of government for Stanislaus County and remained so for nine years. During this period, the community enjoyed steady growth and flourished with economic activity. With the decline in mining, ravages of fire, changes in transportation, and relocation of the County seat to Modesto, Knights Ferry became a sleepy hamlet steeped in history and character.

Knights Ferry is recognized both state and nationwide. In California it is Registered Landmark Number 347 and in December, 1975, it was designated a National Historic Landmark and listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Land Use

Knights Ferry consists predominantly of older single-family residences with some older commercial and fraternal structures. Large parcels to the north of the community are under Williamson Act contracts.

Available Urban Services

The Knights Ferry Community Services District provides public water, but there is no sanitary sewer system. The Oakdale Rural Fire Protection District and the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department provide fire and police protection services, respectively.

Transportation

Highway 108/120 runs parallel to Knights Ferry south of the Stanislaus River. The intersection at Kennedy and Sonora Roads provides access to Knights Ferry.

Development Potential

It is not anticipated that Knight's Ferry will experience significant growth in the coming years. Lack of sanitary sewer, existing Williamson Act contracts to the north, the Stanislaus River on the south, and the community's desire to retain its historical character will keep its growth to a minimum. In the event that development is proposed within the historical community of Knight's Ferry, it must comply with the building standards in Appendix I-B1- Knights Ferry Historical Standards of the Land Use Element of the General Plan.

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