

V. HISTORICAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

Despite increasing interest in history on the part of the general public in recent years, the preservation of sites of historical or archeological significance can be difficult to achieve. Some sites disappear through neglect while others are deliberately razed. Much of the work of finding and preserving the history of Kings County is being accomplished through the cooperative efforts of private individuals and groups with an interest in the county's history.

There are three sites in Kings County (all in Hanford) which are listed on the National Register

of Historic Places: the Taoist Temple, the old County Courthouse building, and the Carnegie Library building. Kings County also has three officially designated California Historical Landmarks, all located in outlying rural areas: the Mussel Slough Tragedy Site, the Kingston Townsite, and El Adobe de los Robles Rancho. The county also contains a number of sites of local historic significance (see Figure 15 for historic sites in unincorporated areas).

Goal 26: Preserve significant historical and archeological sites and structures which represent the ethnic, cultural, and economic groups that have lived and worked in Kings County.

Objective 26.1: Promote the rehabilitation or adaptation to new uses of historic sites and structures.

Policy 26a: List historic sites and structures designated, or proposed for designation, as County landmarks in specific or area plans or local area development guidelines.

Policy 26b: Designate the existing Kings County Museum Advisory Committee, a subcommittee of the Kings County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, or its successor to review proposed development which may affect proposed or designated historic sites or County landmarks.

Policy 26c: Refer applications which involve the removal, destruction, or alteration of proposed or designated historic sites or County landmarks to the Kings County Museum Advisory Committee or its successor for recommended mitigation measures.

FIGURE 15
MAP OF KINGS COUNTY HISTORIC SITES