



KNIGHTS FERRY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

P. O. Box 880, Knights Ferry, CA 95361

Meeting Minutes April 23, 2026

Members Present: Eric Feichter, Denise Crom, Shavon Haskell, Nancy Gardner-Heaven

At 7:00 PM the meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The meeting minutes of October 23, 2025, were read and approved.

Public Comments:

- 1 **33rd Peddlers Faire to be held April 26, 2026**
- 2 **Tri-Dam Project:** Distributed **LIVING BELOW A DAM** flyer

Community Report: Public Safety & Local Government:

- 1 **Army Corp of Engineers: NIA.** Joan Sneed asked why Horses were not allowed in Park. This is new information, growing up in Knights Ferry, horses were allowed. Shavon Haskell will research same.
- 2 **CHP: Officer Arias:** 1 call Major Accident Hwy 108/Wilms Road
- 3 **Modesto City Fire: NIA**
- 4 **Sheriff's Department:** Major Drug Bust on Kennedy Road. See notes below
- 5 **CEO Office:** Buck Condit Not in attendance, request Traffic Study – Not available – NO CHANGE
- 6 **Public Works: Bill Martin – see below.**
- 7 **SC Planning Dept: NIA**
- 8 **CCMU: NIA**

Update on Previous Items: (no action)

- 1 **Heavy Truck Traffic:** As noted above requested County assistance in reduction of same – NO CHANGE
- 2 **Speeding through Town: NO CHANGE**

Informational Discussion Items/Presentations

- 1 **Canyon Tunnel Project Update:** Katie Patterson, Fatality and 1 injured in Rock Fall collapse. Over 30 1st responders onsite, huge media coverage. OSHA responded and project on hold pending investigation. 3-year project, 15' tall, 22' wide flat bottom. Only 200' into overall 12,000' projected tunnel. Drill Tech, Provost & Pritchard, SJWD and OID appreciate the community partnership.
- 2 **Flooding Cemetery & Sonora Road:** Jason Turner provided photos of Winter flooding. Same were uploaded to STAN CONNECT. Bill Martin was unaware of work performed which added baserock to eroded Metal Guard rail reducing creek capacity. Shavon Haskell questioned turbidity of run-off and silting of major waterway. See attached photos. Laura Simons property was inundated, and she stated Scott Harmon also experienced property damage. Requested County provide intent to correct.
- 3 **Knights Ferry Emergency Tower Construction:** Eric Ledermyer OES stated planning department is reviewing impact. Confirmed no lights will be on tower. Reason for need was Emergency Rescue above bridge with no communication. Knights Ferry chosen for grant due to number of Emergency calls. No frequency above 800 MHRZ. Studies done on frequency show low health impact. KFMAC asked alternative sites to be reviewed: Army Corp of Engineers Maintenance Yard, Caltrans property on 108/Kennedy. Army Corp property using local resources, they need to accommodate Emergency response. **Robert Tretti**, Property Owner adjacent propose Tower Site spoke: His family has been in the area since 1886, Jacob Myers park in Riverbank, named after his Grandfather. Choose to invest building in area due to quaint community and historical relevance. Tower would immediately devalue his property by 20%. Concern of Environmental Impact, Unsightly to Community.
- 4 **Drug House Kennedy Road:** Stanislaus County and Tuolumne County Joint Task Force served Search Warrant and discovered Fentanyl and Methamphetamine in quantities for intent to sell. Arrest made. KFMAC understood all detainees were released and back in house. Questioned as a community what can we do? The County can Red Tag Property, potential eviction notice and repossess property if Owners do not address drug activity. Need to call Code Enforcement to initiate same.

Action Items:

- 1 **NONE**

Correspondence:

- 1 **NONE**

Council Comments:

- 1 Still have opening for new members. Appreciate any local citizens apply to Board.

With No Further Business, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted Shavon D. Haskell, Secretary

