

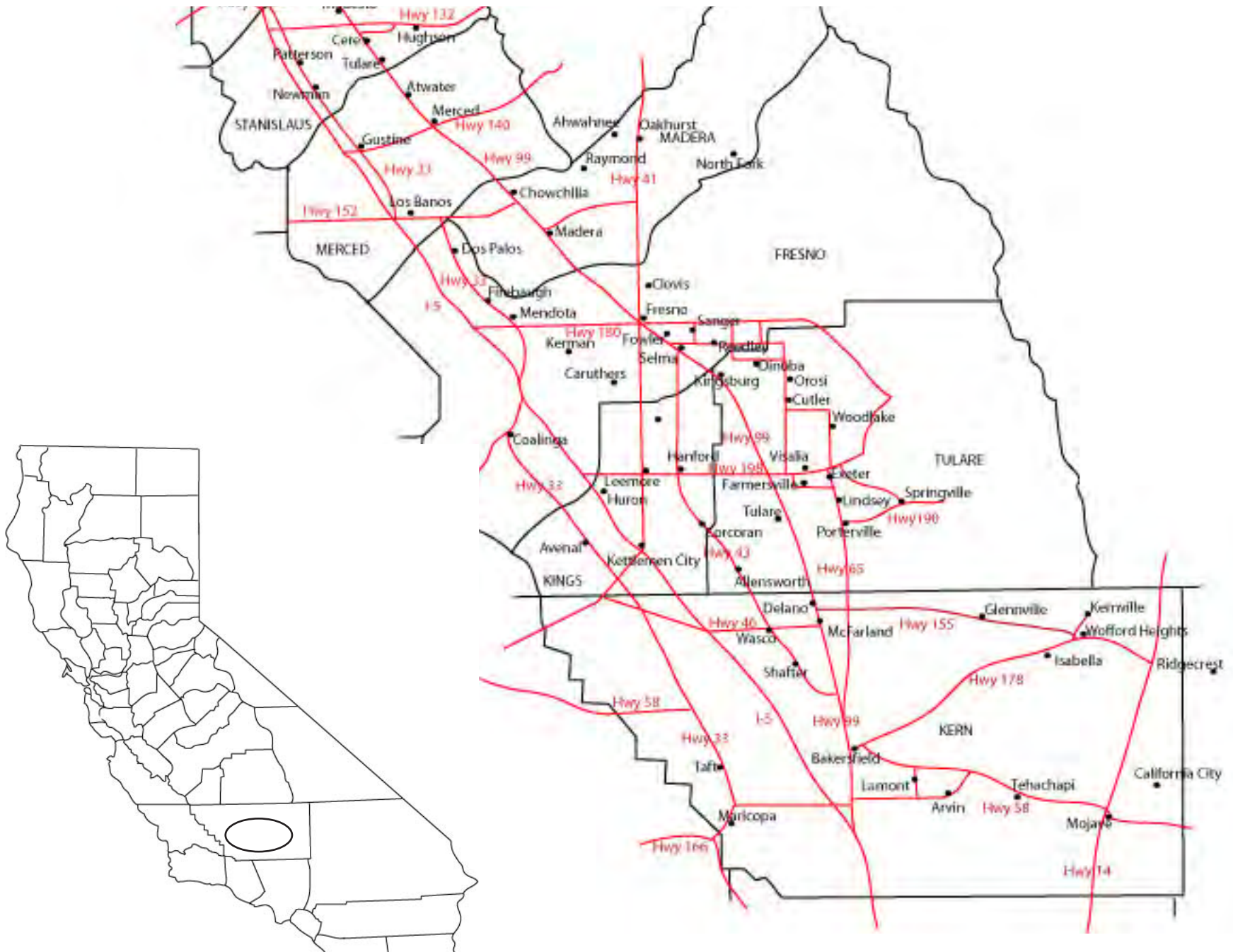
# Kern County

The Kern County Courthouse in Bakersfield.  
Part 4 of 6: Foothill communities.



# Kern County

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# Highway 155

Highway 155 connects Delano with Kernville in the high Sierra. (May 2003)



# Highway 155

(May 2003)



# Highway 155

(May 2003)



# Woody

Woody is a little bar stop along Highway 155.  
(May 2003)



# Highway 155

(May 2003)



# Highway 155

(May 2003)





# Glennville

The Glennville Post Office opened in 1874. (May 2003)



# Glennville

(May 2003)



# Glennville

(May 2003)



# Kern River Valley

Kern River Valley as seen from the pass over the Sierra.  
(May 2003)



# Kern River Canyon

(May 2003)



# Kern River

(May 2003)



# Kernville

Kernville has an excellent local history museum. (May 2003)



# Kernville

The original Kernville is now buried under Lake Isabella. The Army Corps of Engineers agreed to rebuild the town up river. The local residents chose a western motif for the new town. (May 2003)





## HISTORICAL EVENTS IN THE KERN RIVER VALLEY

- 1,000 B.C. — Tubatulabal and Kawaiisu Indian tribes occupy the Valley. Descendants still live in the area.
- 1834 — Joseph Walker crossed the Southern Sierra. Walker pass later named for him.
- 1846 — Kern River named after Edward Kern, Cartographer for explorer John C. Fremont.
- 1854 — Gold discovered on Greenhorn Creek and the Kern River.
- 1856 — Keysville established Site of the Mammoth and Keys Mines
- 1859 — First Settlers on South Fork. Town of Weldon named.
- 1860 — Whiskey Flat established to accommodate the miners of the Big Blue Mine. Name changed to Kernville in 1864.
- 1861 — Onyx store built by William Scodie. Gold also discovered on Kelso Creek and Piute Mountain.
- 1861-65 — The Civil War impacts the Southern Sierra.
- 1863 — Massacre of 35 Indians occurred south of Kernville.
- 1866 — Kern County was formed. Havilah established as County Seat.
- 1893 — The town of Isabella established in honor of Queen Isabella.
- 1904 — The Borel Hydroelectric Power Plant began producing electricity for the Red Car line of Los Angeles.
- 1907 — World famous "KR 1" Power Plant on the lower Kern River completed.
- 1921 — Third power plant, "KR 3", near Riverkern completed. Provides power for parts of the Central Valley.
- 1926 — Kern Canyon Road opened.
- 1948 — Isabella Dam Project started by the U.S. Corp of Engineers.
- 1951 — The towns of Isabella and Kernville were moved to their present locations.
- 1953 — Isabella Dam completed.
- 1967 — Kern Valley Historical Society established.

THIS MUSEUM IS STAFFED BY VOLUNTEERS  
OF THE KRV HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
COMPLETED IN 1997, IT IS FUNDED BY

# Kernville

(May 2003)



# Kernville

(May 2003)



# Kernville

(May 2003)



# Lake Isabella

(May 2003)



# Kernville

(May 2003)



# Kernville

(May 2003)



# Kernville

(May 2003)





# Isabella Dam

The Army Corps of Engineers built the dam on the Kern River in 1953. (May 2003)



# Isabella Dam

(May 2003)



## ISABELLA MAIN DAM

### THE DAM

### THE RESERVOIR

TYPE - ROLLED EARTH FILL	CAPACITY - 570,000 ACRE FEET
WIDTH AT TOP - 20 FEET	MAXIMUM LENGTH - 9 MILES
HEIGHT - 185 FEET	SHORELINE - 38 MILES
LENGTH - 1725 FEET	AREA - 11,400 ACRES

PURPOSE - FLOOD CONTROL AND IRRIGATION



US ARMY CORPS  
OF ENGINEERS

# Isabella

The original Isabella is buried in the reservoir. The town was moved to this location in 1953. (May 2003)





# Isabella

(May 2003)



# Wofford Heights

Wofford Heights began in 1948 as a resort community.  
Its population is 2,000. (May 2003)



# Wofford Heights

(May 2003)



# Bodfish

Bodfish is named for George Bodfish who settled here in 1867. Its population today is about 2,000. (February 2006)





# Bodfish

(February 2006)



# Bodfish

(February 2006)



# Bodfish

(February 2006)



# Lake Isabella

(February 2006)



# Bodfish

(February 2006)



# Mountain Mesa

The town was built on the edge of Lake Isabella. The population is 777. (February 2006)



# Mountain Mesa

(February 2006)



# Highway 178

Lake Isabella. The Highway connects Bakersfield with Highway 395 in the Owens Valley. (February 2006)





# Weldon

Weldon is on Highway 178. It was founded in 1871 and has a population of 2,642. (February 2006)



# Weldon

(February 2006)



# Onyx

(February 2006)



# Onyx

Onyx dates back to 1861. It now has a population of 475. It is on Highway 178. (February 2006)



# Onyx

(February 2006)



## ONYX STORE - 1880

WILLIAM SCODIE, BORN IN 1827 IN PRUSSIA, ORIGINALLY MOVED TO KEYESVILLE IN 1856 AND OPENED AN EATING ESTABLISHMENT. HE RELOCATED TO THIS AREA IN 1866 OPENING A WAY-STATION FROM HIS HOUSE, STOCKING HIS FRONT ROOM WITH SUPPLIES, HE SOLD TO LOCALS AS WELL AS MINERS AND FREIGHTERS PASSING THROUGH TO THE ARGUS MINES IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY.

THIS STORE, ORIGINALLY CALLED THE SCODIE STORE, WAS CONSTRUCTED IN 1880 UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF CAPTAIN ADDRESS, A LOCAL RANCHER. IN 1889, THE NAME ONYX WAS CHOSEN BY SCODIE AFTER THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT DECLINED TO USE THE NAME SCODIE DUE TO ITS SIMILARITY WITH SCOTIA (IN HUMBOLDT COUNTY).

SCODIE DIED IN 1890, BUT THE STORE HE FOUNDED CONTINUES TO SERVE RESIDENTS AND TRAVELERS ALIKE.

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# Onyx

(February 2006)



# Walker Pass

(February 2006)





# Walker Pass

(February 2006)



# Walker Pass

Looking east into the high desert. (February 2006)



# Walker Pass

(February 2006)



# Walker Pass

(February 2006)



# Walker Pass

(February 2006)

