

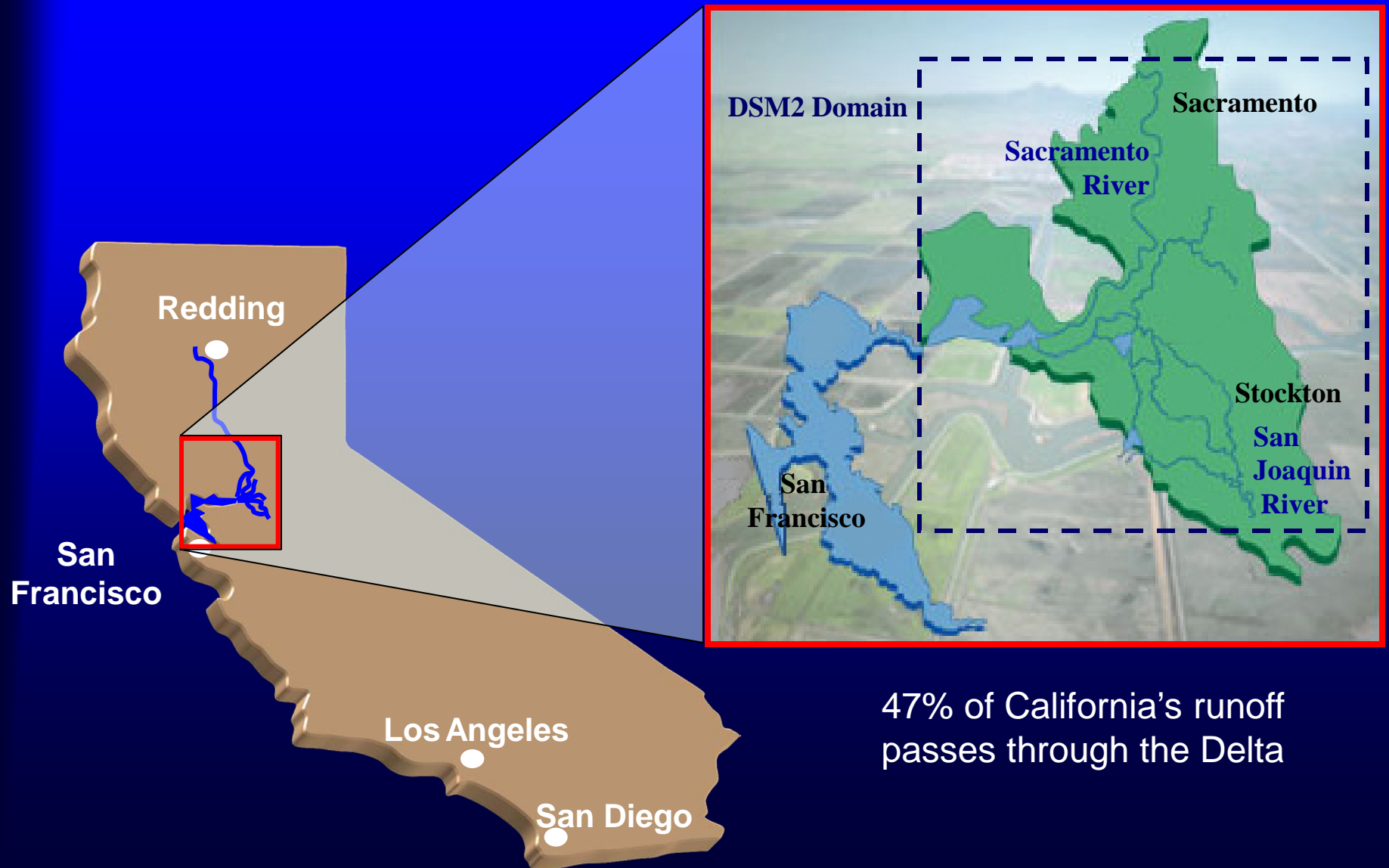
Constraints in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta

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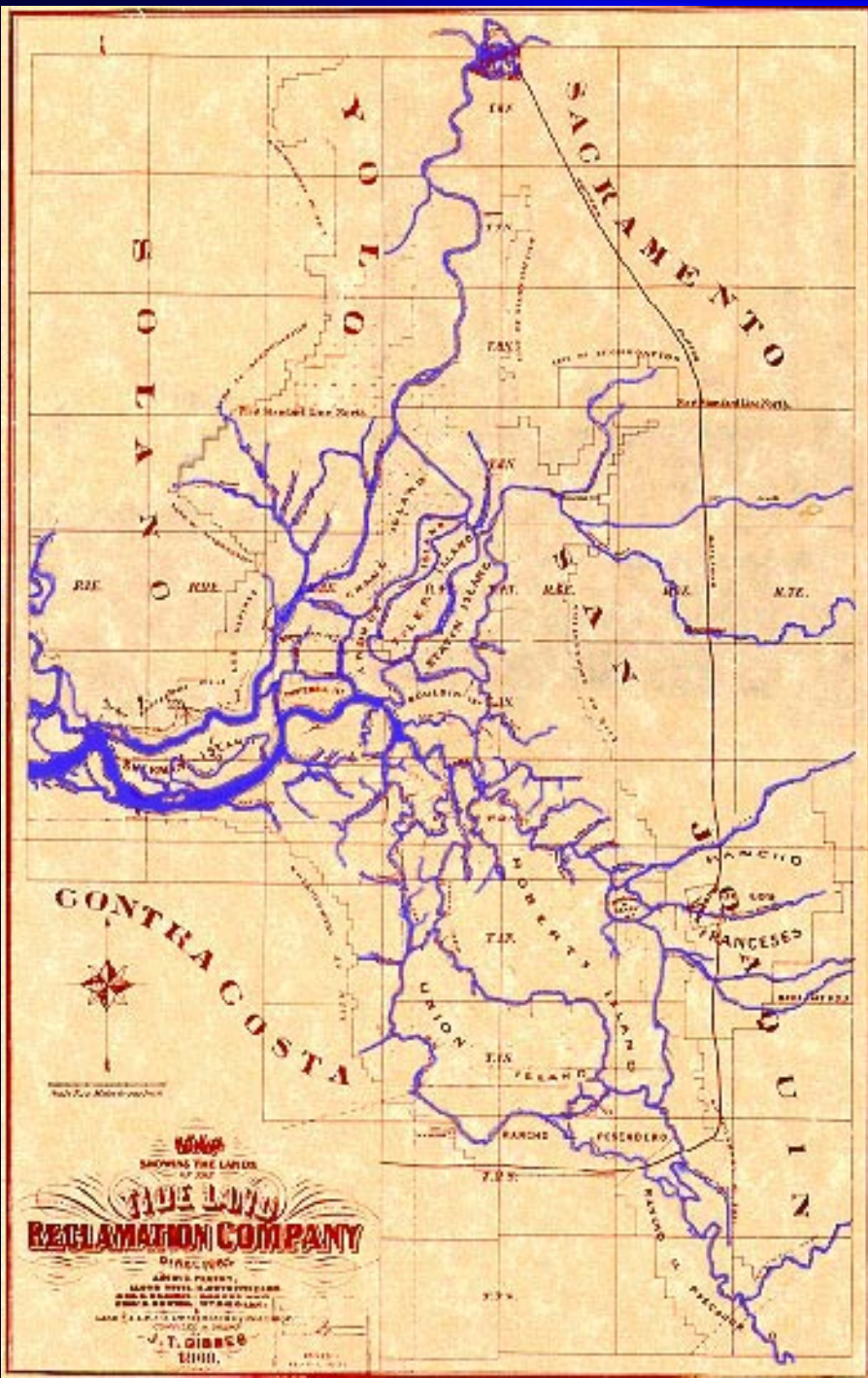


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Bay-Delta System



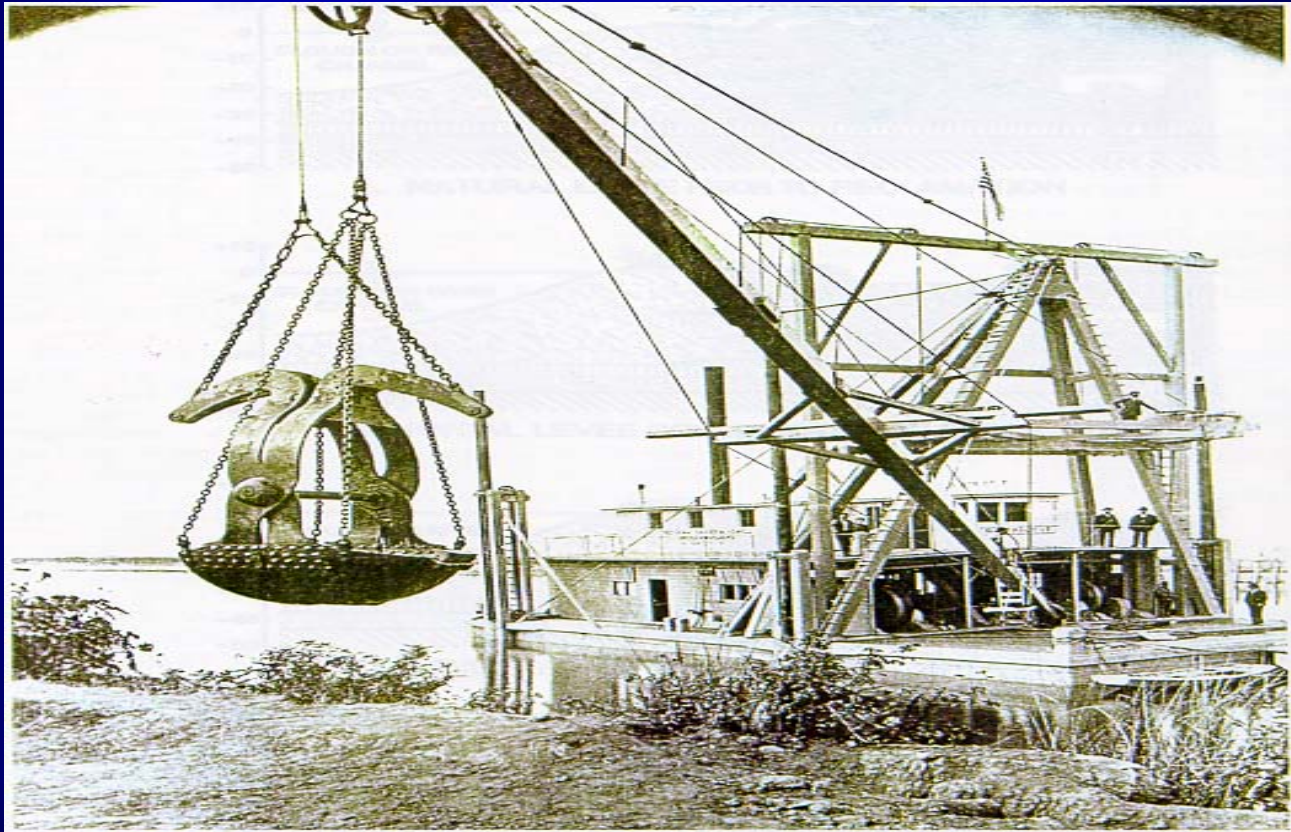
47% of California's runoff passes through the Delta



Natural State

- Series of dendritic “branching” channels
- Seasonal wetland
 - Winter flooded fresh water
 - Summer shallow channels saline water
- Native species adapted to seasonal salinity, flow, and temperature changes

1850's Levee Construction



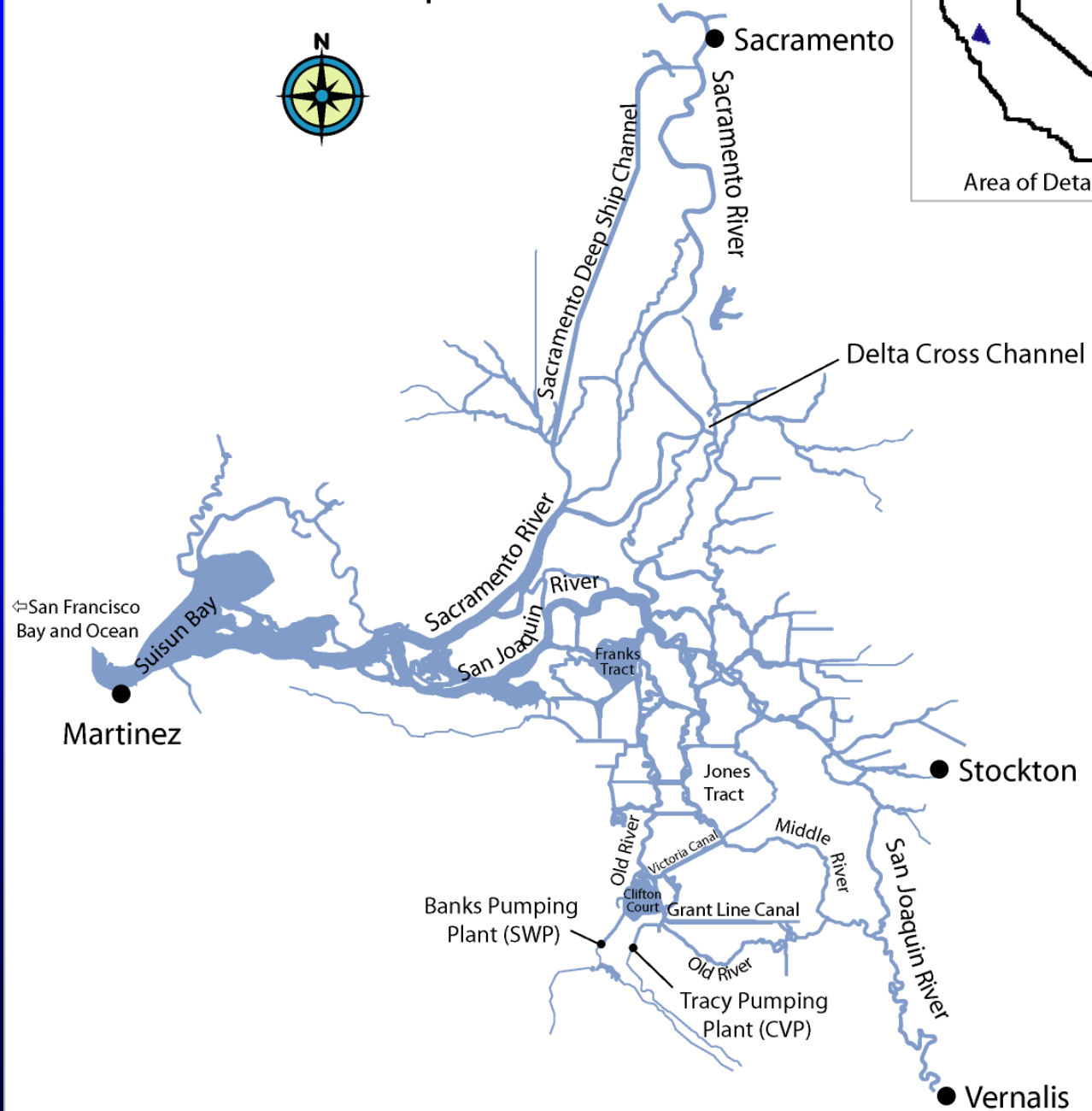
Physical modifications (dredging, levees, pumps, gates, resevoirs, etc)

Modern Delta

Highly managed

- Reservoirs
- Gates & barriers
- Pumps
- Levees

Sacramento San Joaquin Delta



Human Influences

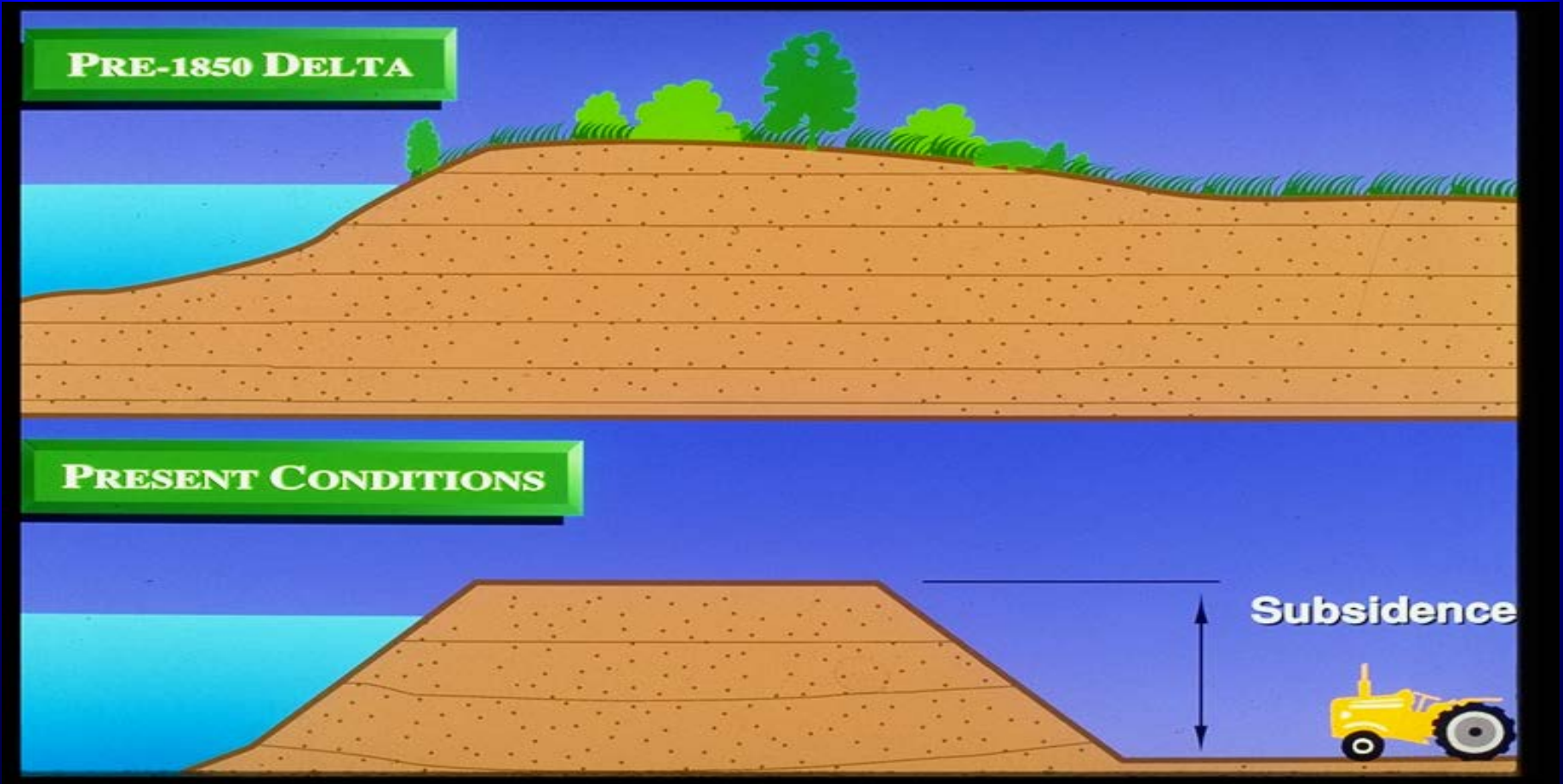
Commercial shipping:
Sacramento and San-
Joaquin Deepwater Ship
Channels



Recreation:

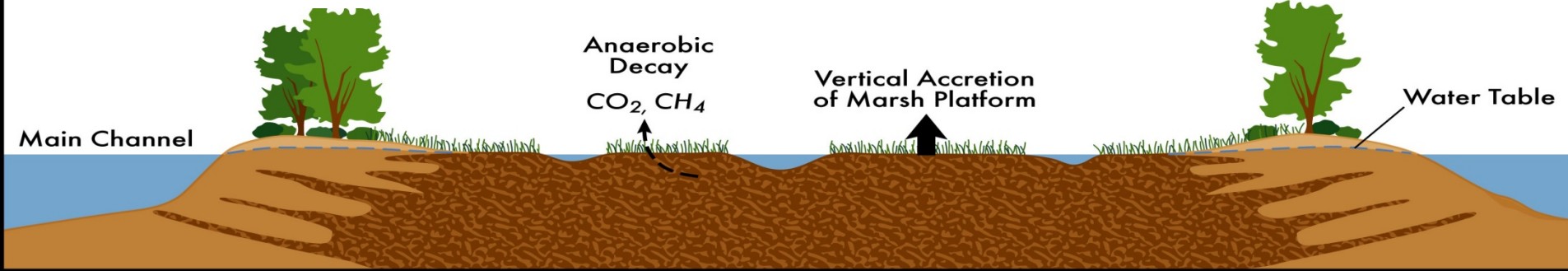
fishing, hunting,
boating, passive
enjoyment

Subsidence

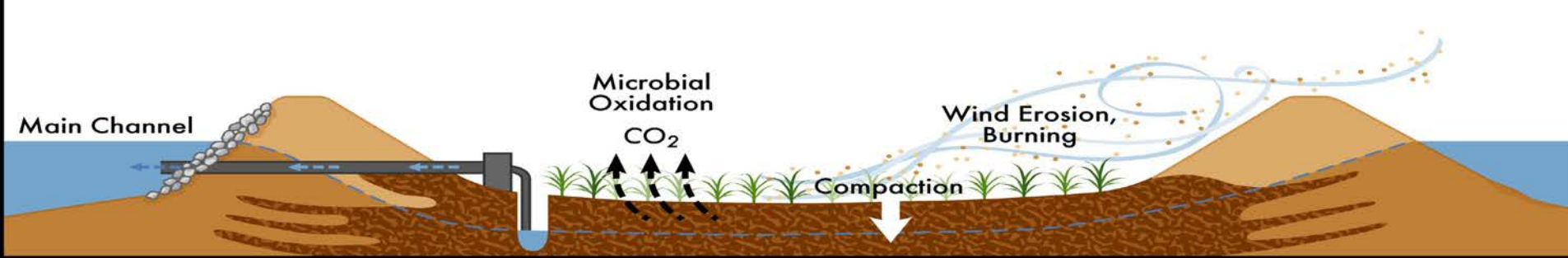


Land Subsidence: a historical fact

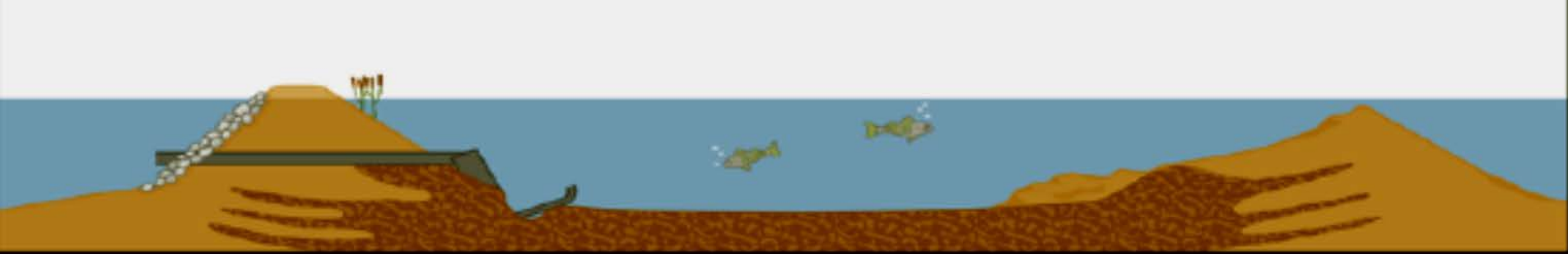
Pre-1880's



Present Time



Levee Failure



Land Subsidence

Due to Farming & Peat Soil Oxidation

- 25 ft.

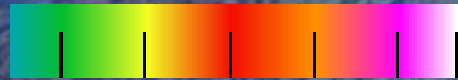
- 20 ft.

- 15 ft.

- 5 ft.

Below Sea Level

-30 -20 -10 -5 ft



Physical Processes

- **Hydrodynamics**
 - **Hydraulics:**
flood flows,
tidal action
 - **Sedimentation**
 - **Erosion**



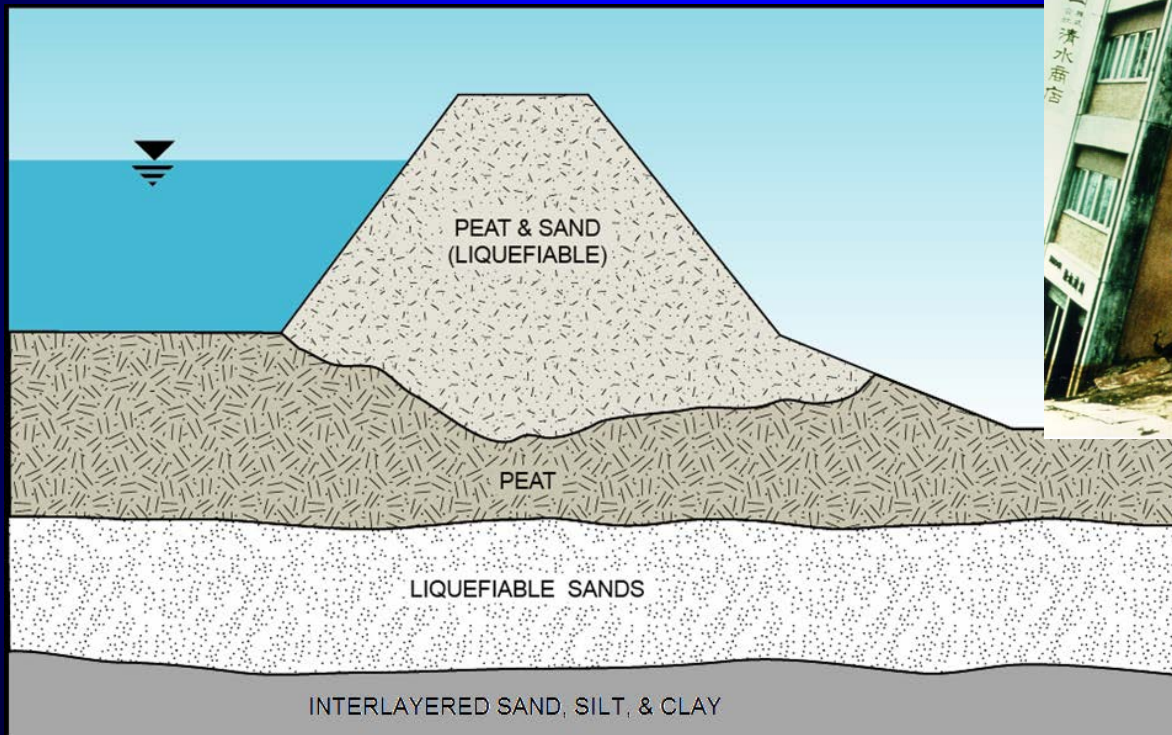
Seismic Risk



Bay Delta Region Major Faults

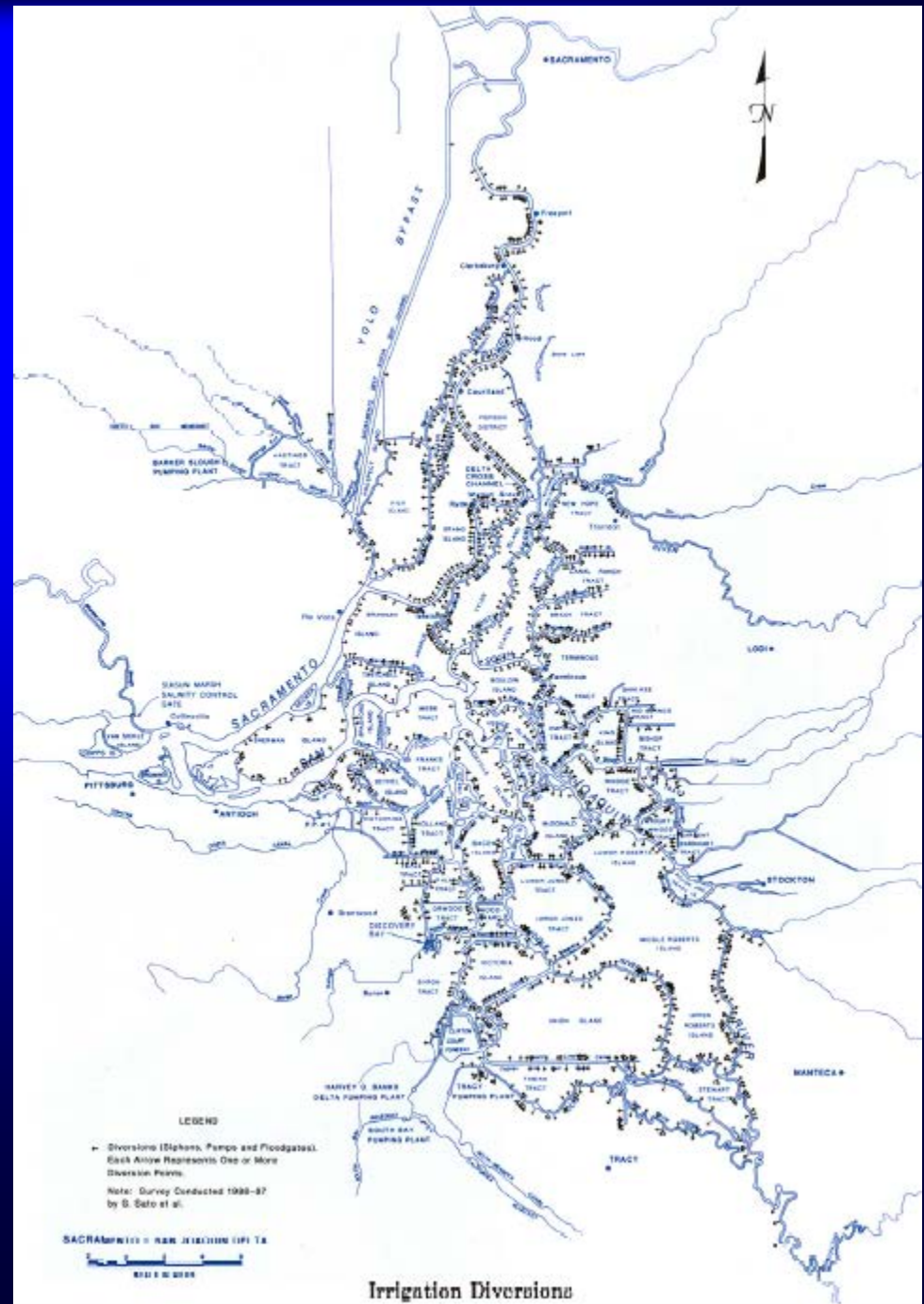
Levees have risk of failure during a seismic event

- Levees remain susceptible to earthquakes even after PL84-99 improvements are made

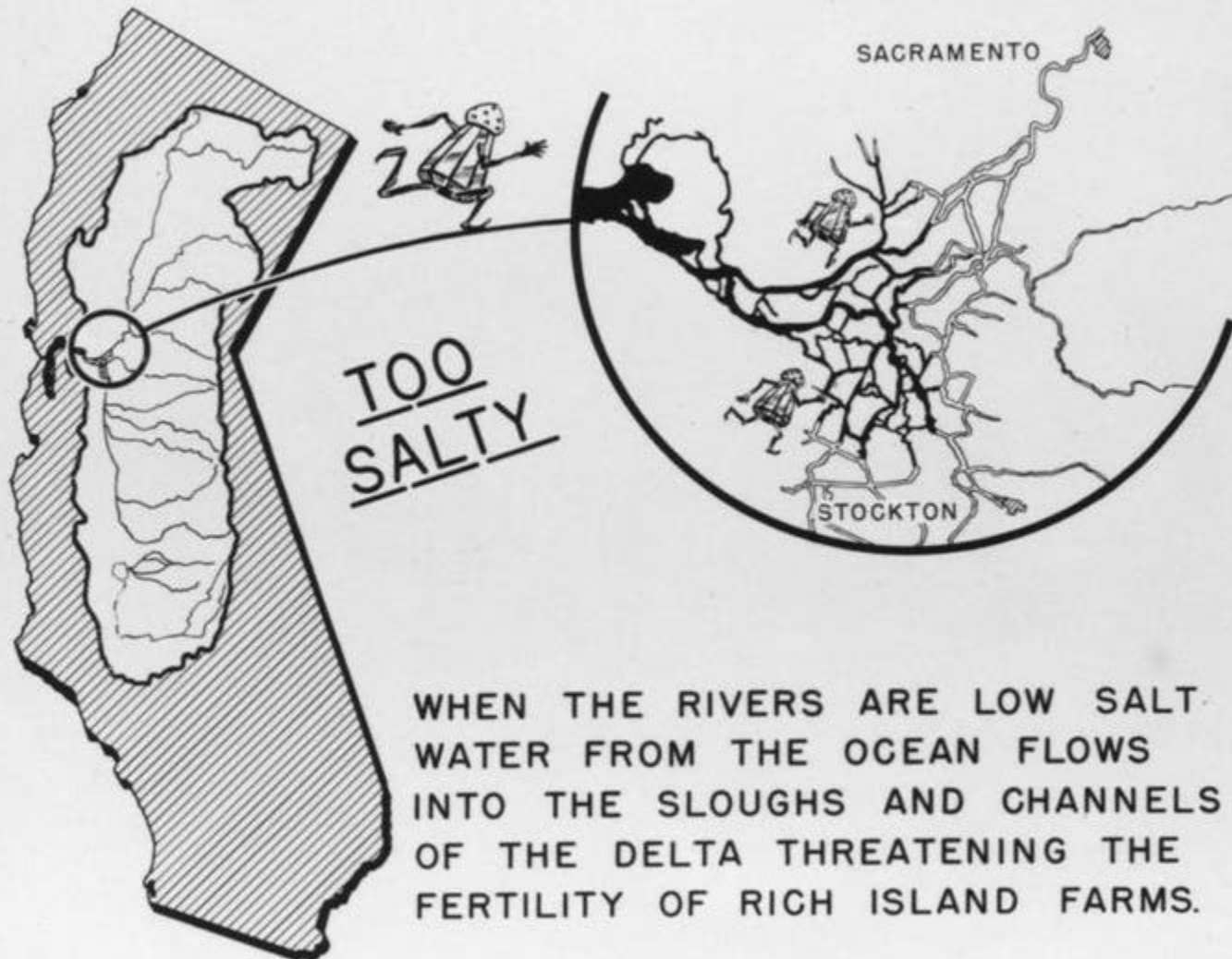


Agricultural Diversions

- Since the 1850's
- Economy
- Water Quality

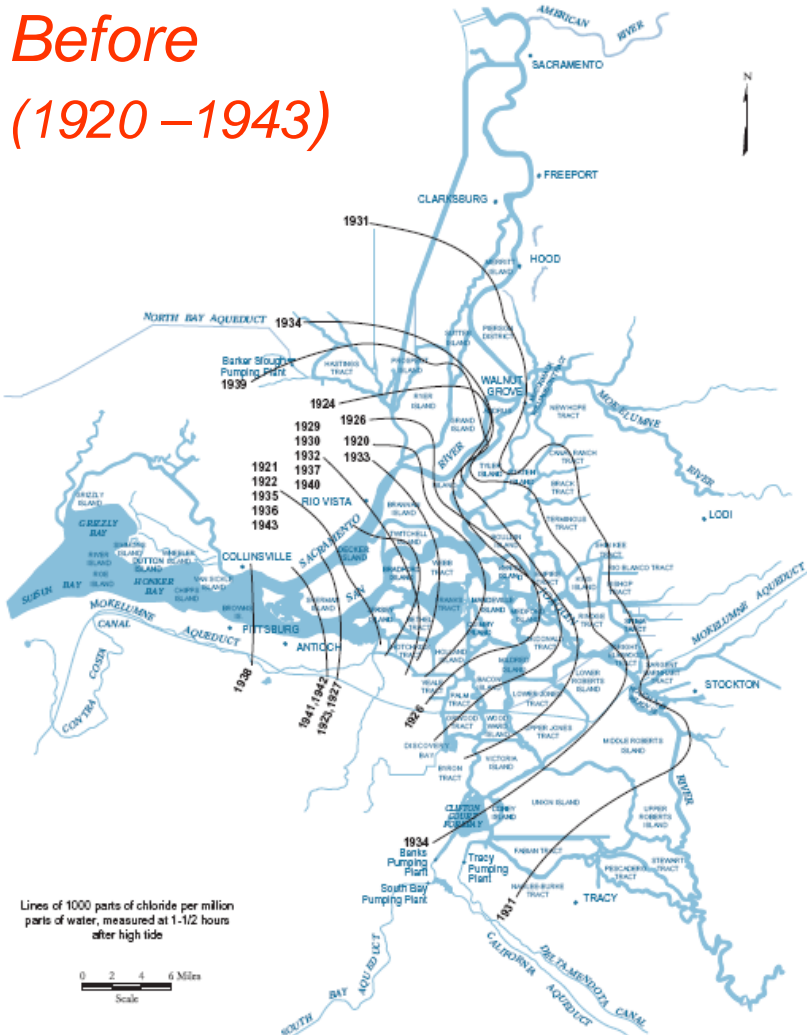


1930's Propaganda for CVP



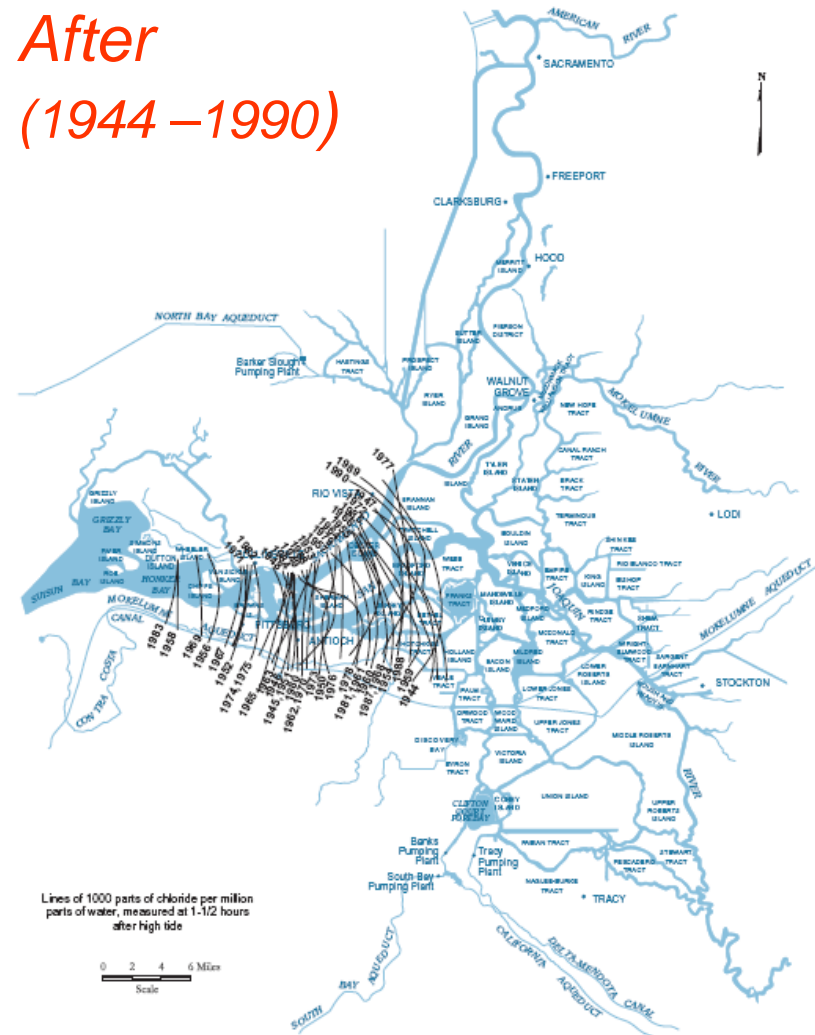
Salinity Intrusion Before and After Managed Upstream Reservoirs

Figure 4-26 Maximum Salinity Intrusion, 1921-1943



Source: Department of Water Resources, Sacramento - San Joaquin Delta Atlas, 1993

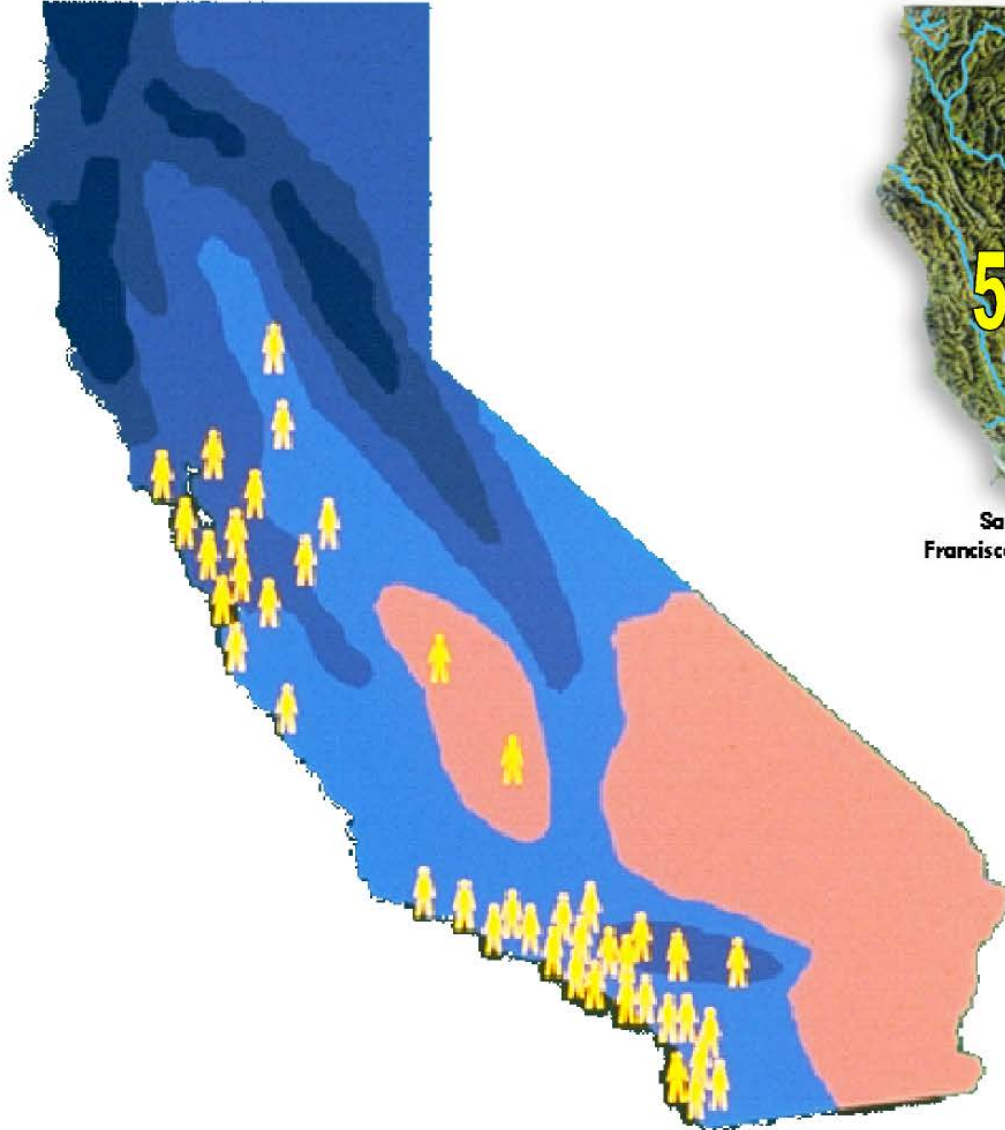
Figure 4-27 Maximum Salinity Intrusion, 1944-1990



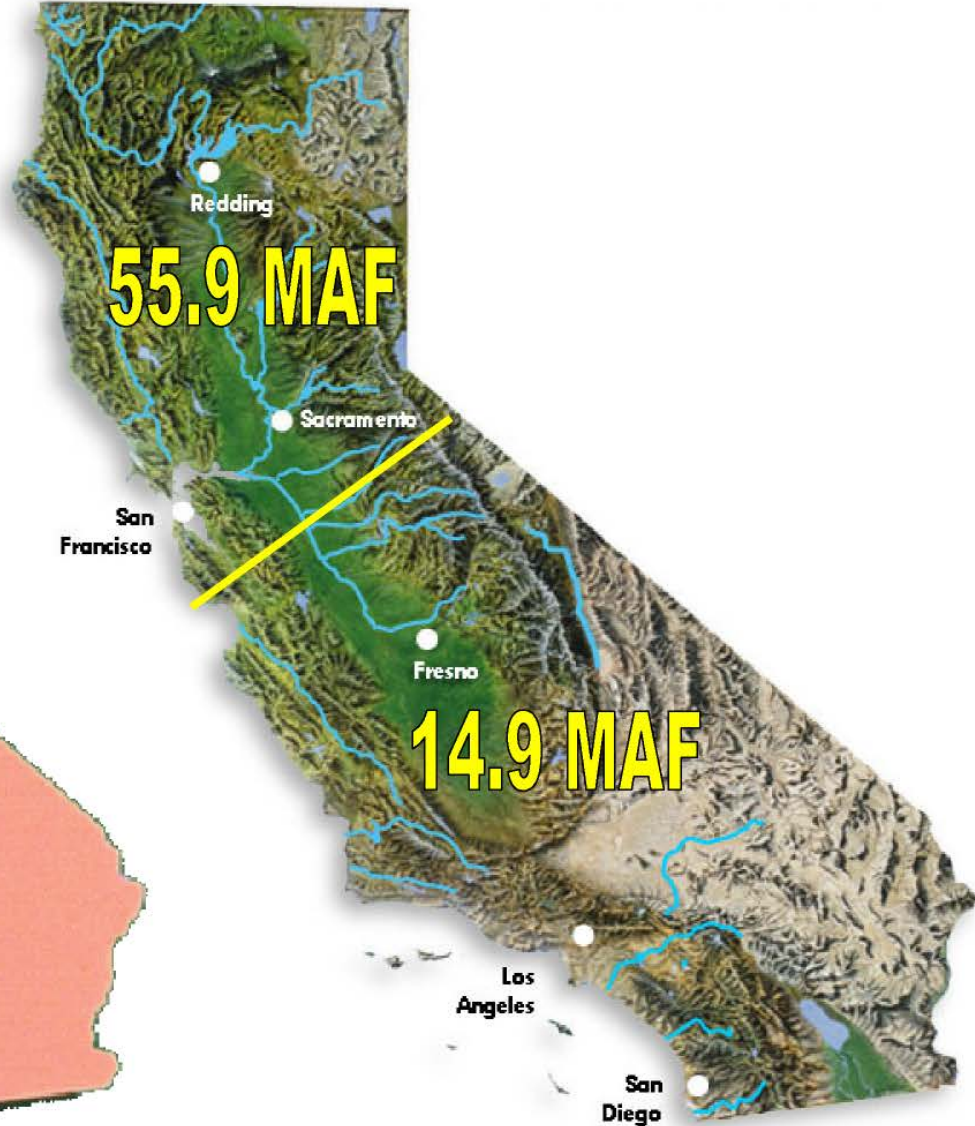
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California's Water Resources

Precipitation (blue contours)
vs Population (yellow icons)



Total Annual
Runoff = 70.8 MAF



Delta Inflow Refresher

Sacramento River

~80% Inflow; good quality

East Side Rivers

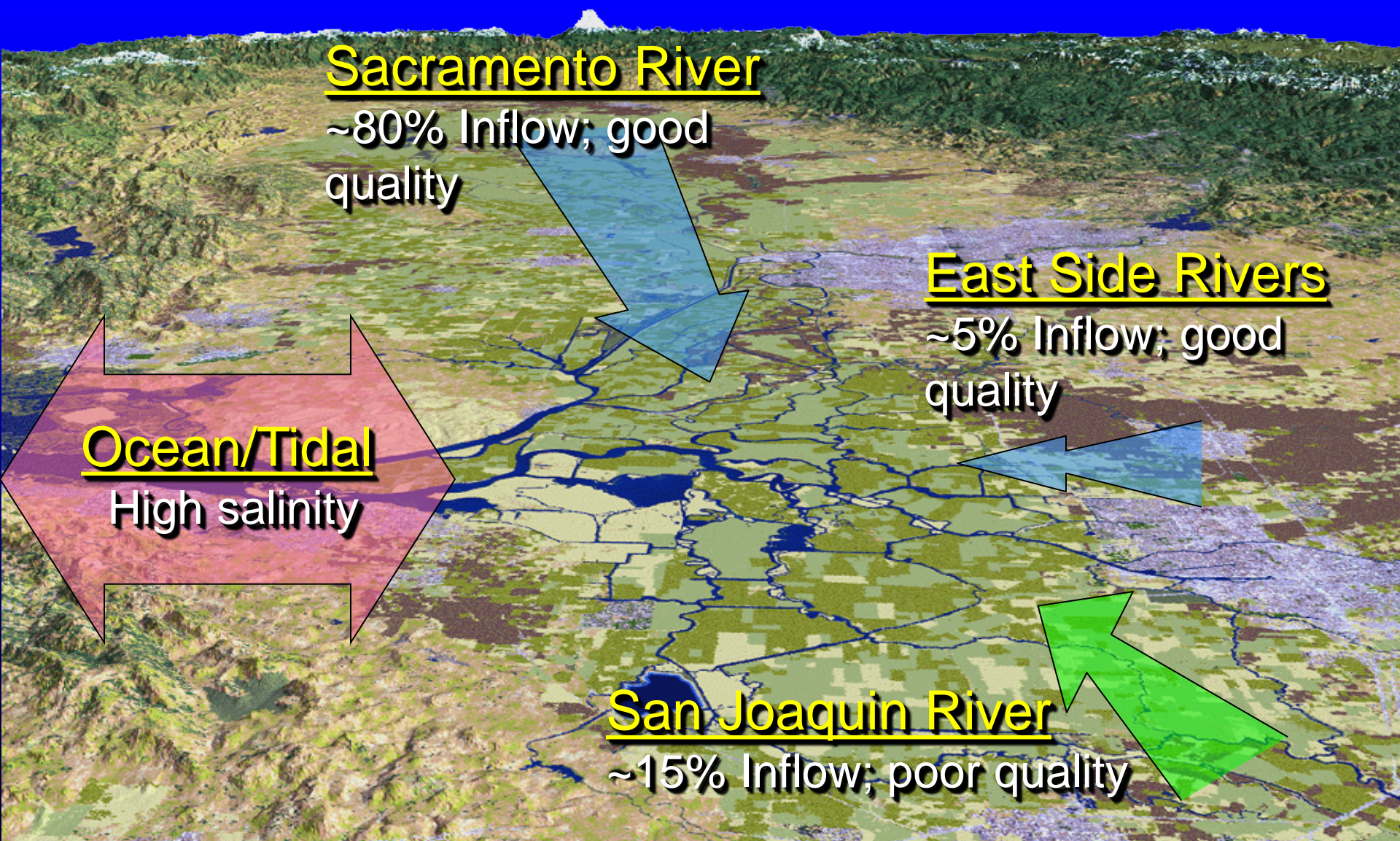
~5% Inflow; good quality

Ocean/Tidal

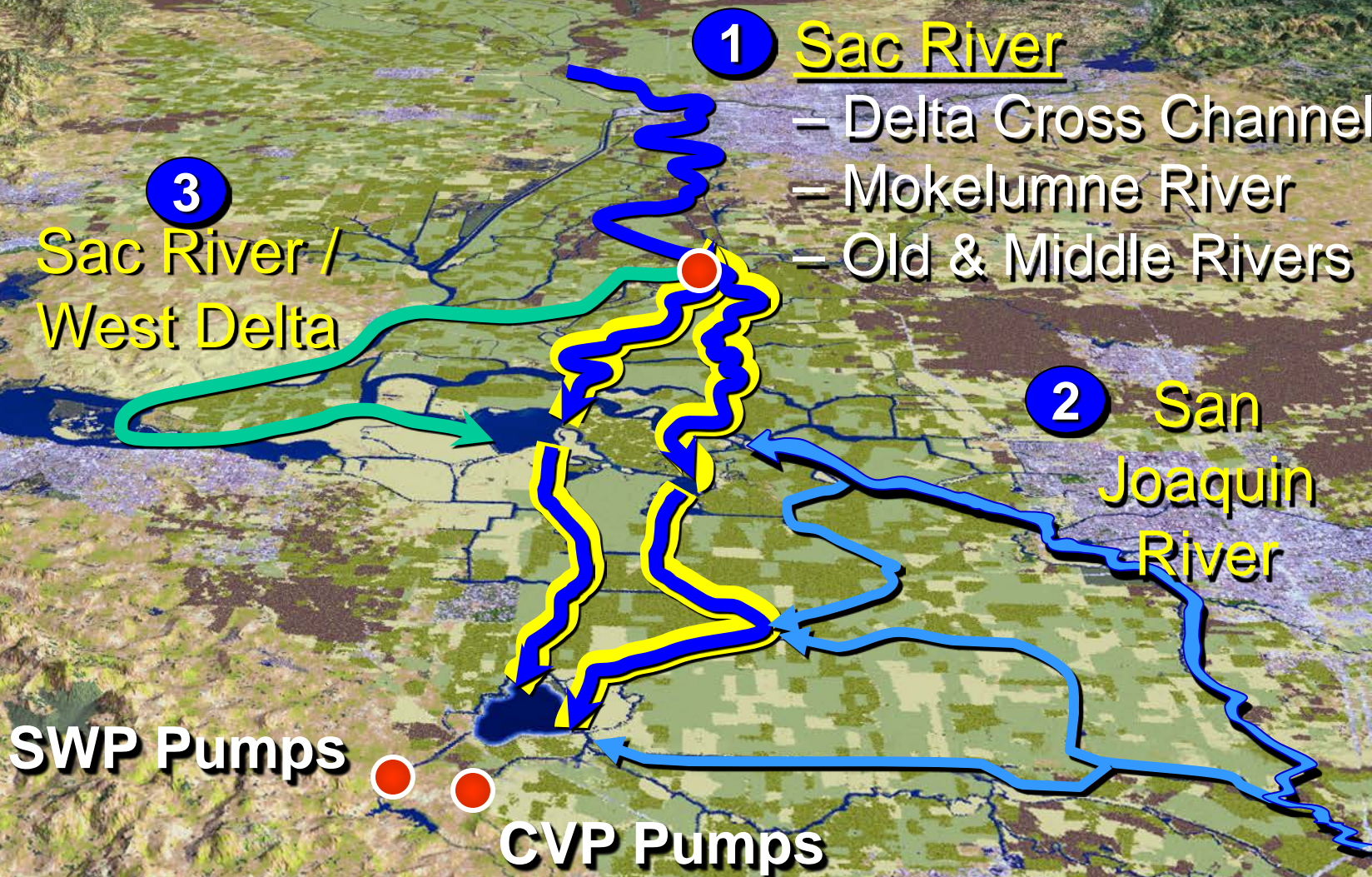
High salinity

San Joaquin River

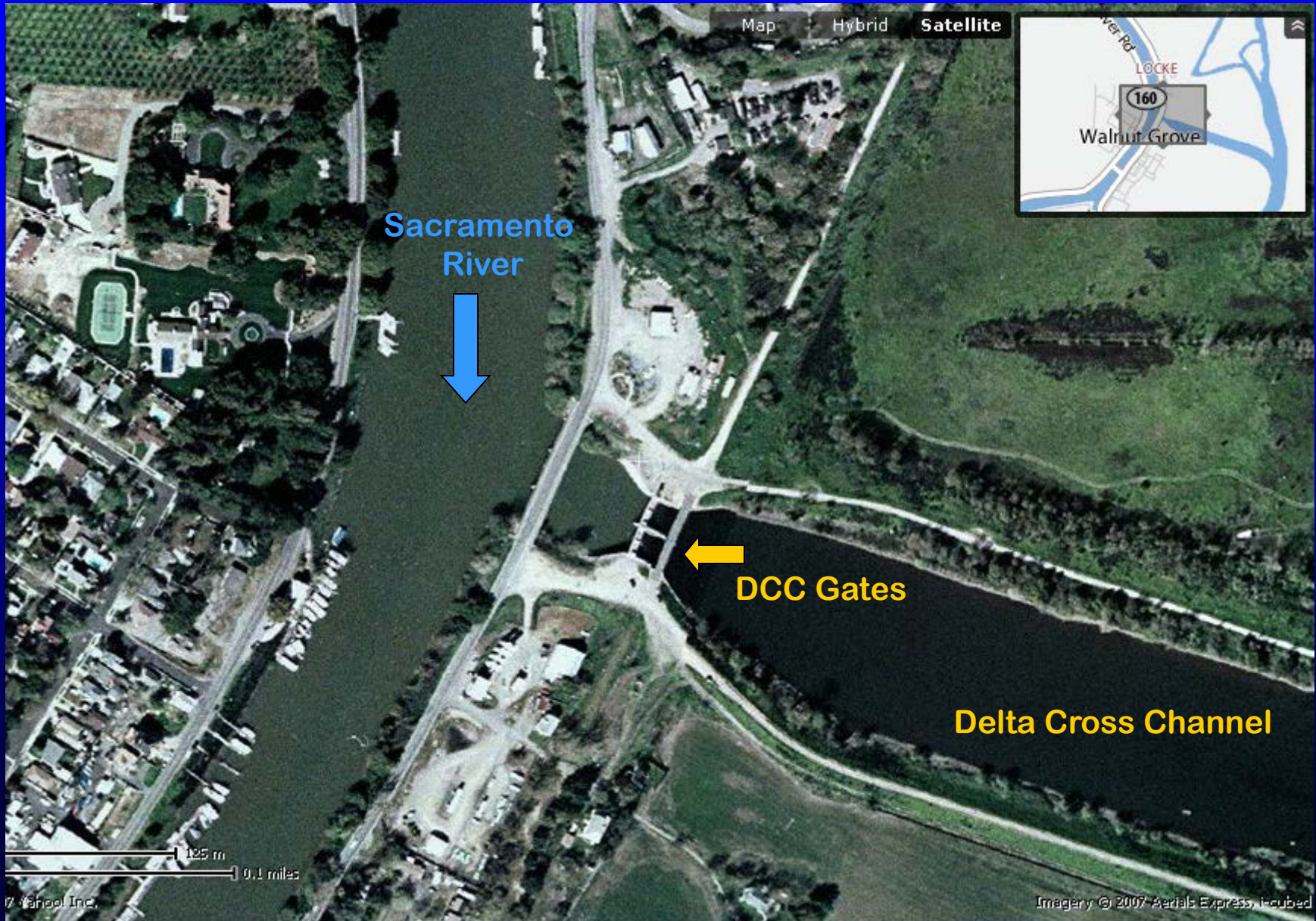
~15% Inflow; poor quality



Flow of Water for State and Federal Projects



Delta Cross Channel





Skinner FF

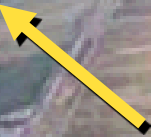


Clifton Court Forebay

CCF Intake



Banks PP



Tracy PP

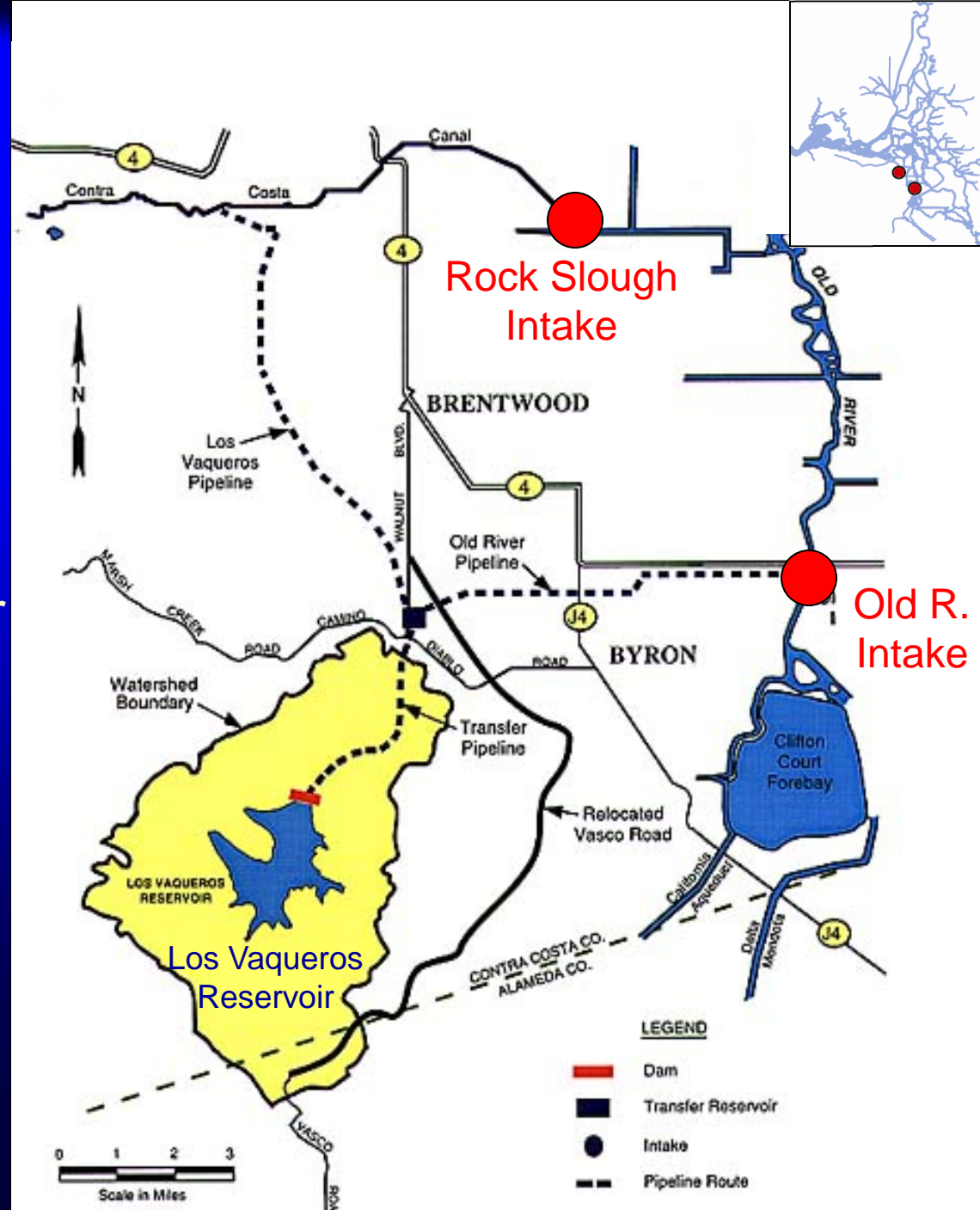


Tracy Fish Collection Facility

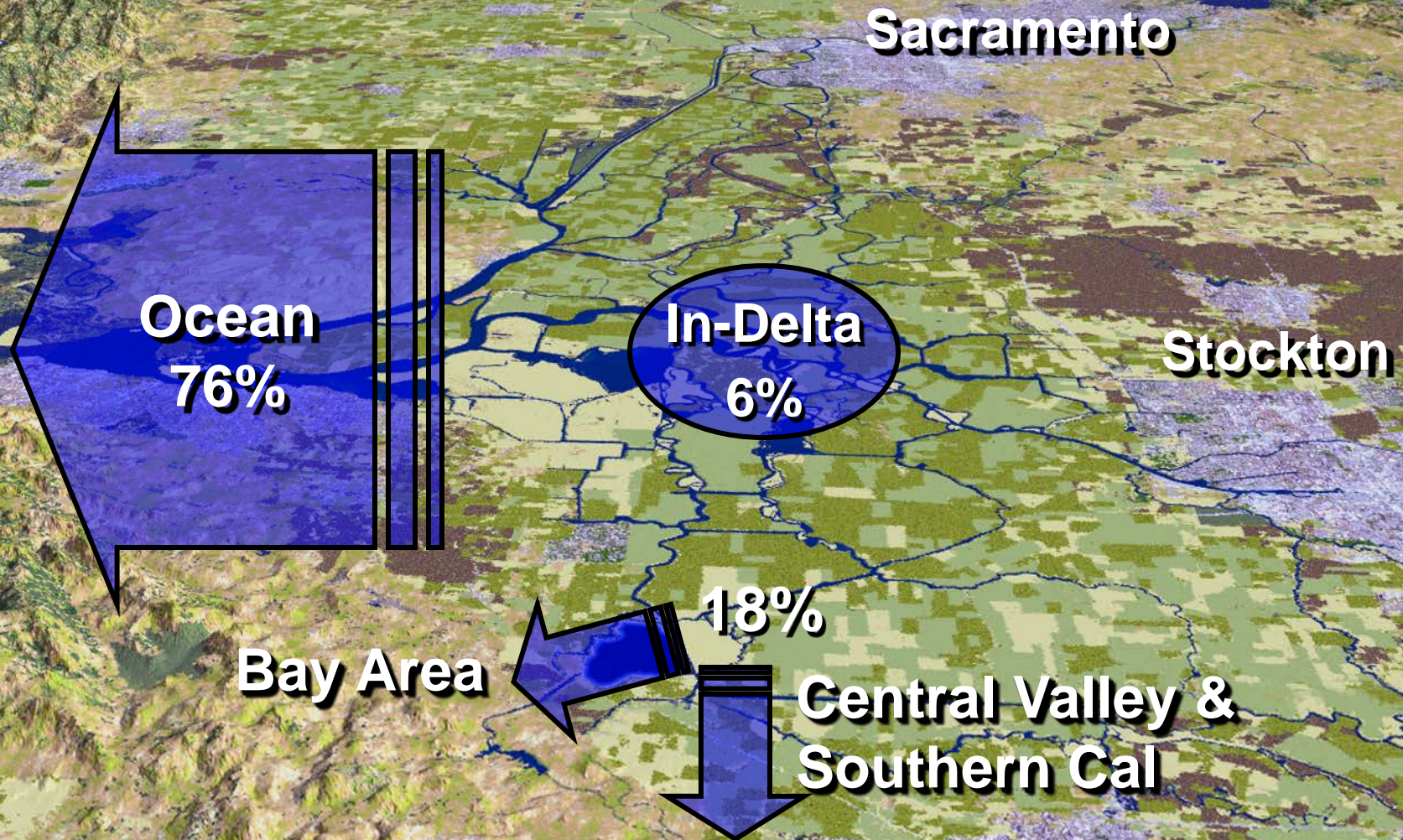


Contra Costa Water District

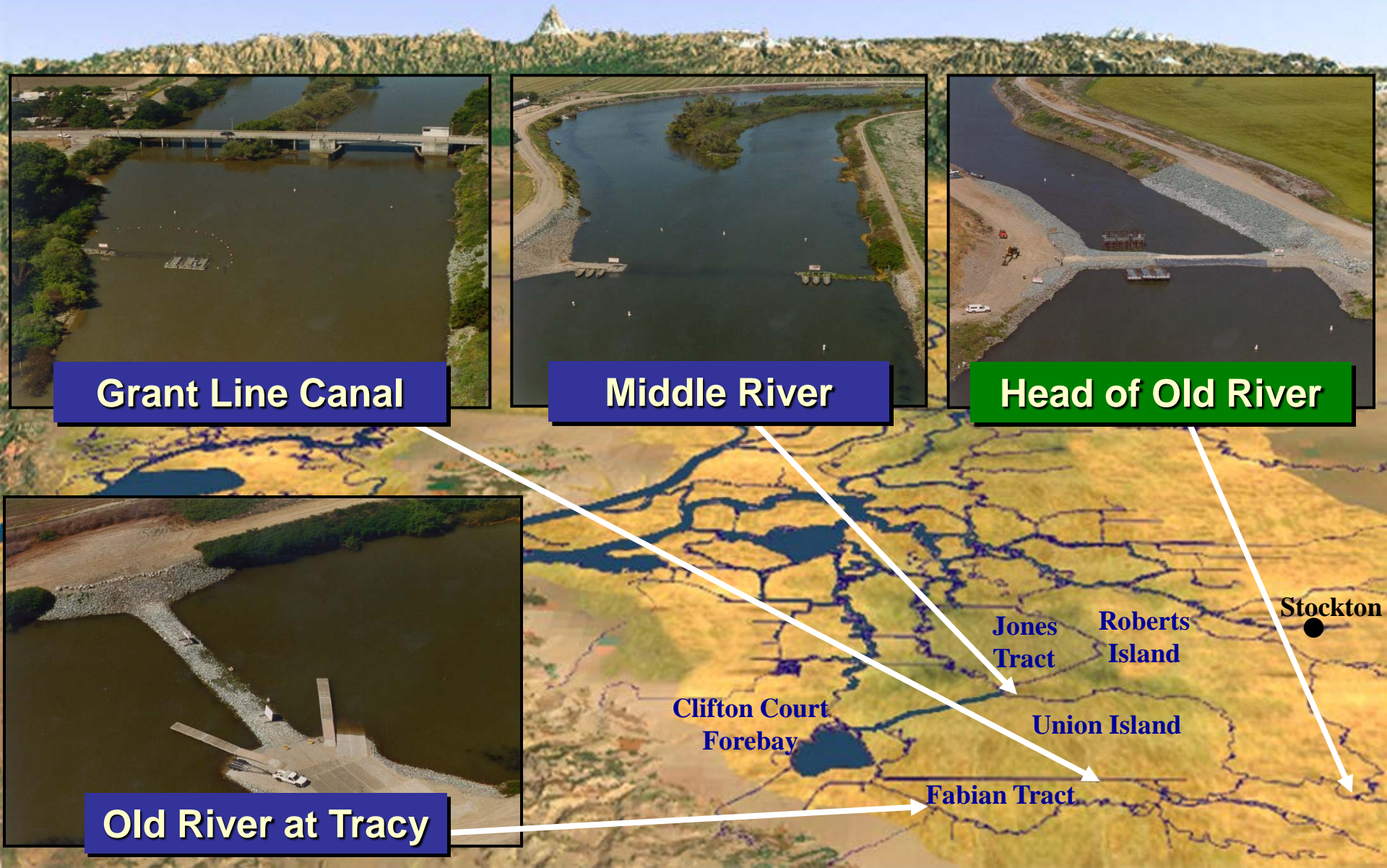
- 550,000 customers
- Contra Costa Canal
 - Rock Slough Intake (350 cfs)
- Los Vaqueros Reservoir
 - Old River Intake (250 cfs)
 - 100,000 ac-ft storage
 - Completed 1997



Delta Water Use



South Delta Temporary Barriers



Grant Line Canal

Middle River

Head of Old River

Old River at Tracy

Clifton Court Forebay

Jones Tract

Roberts Island

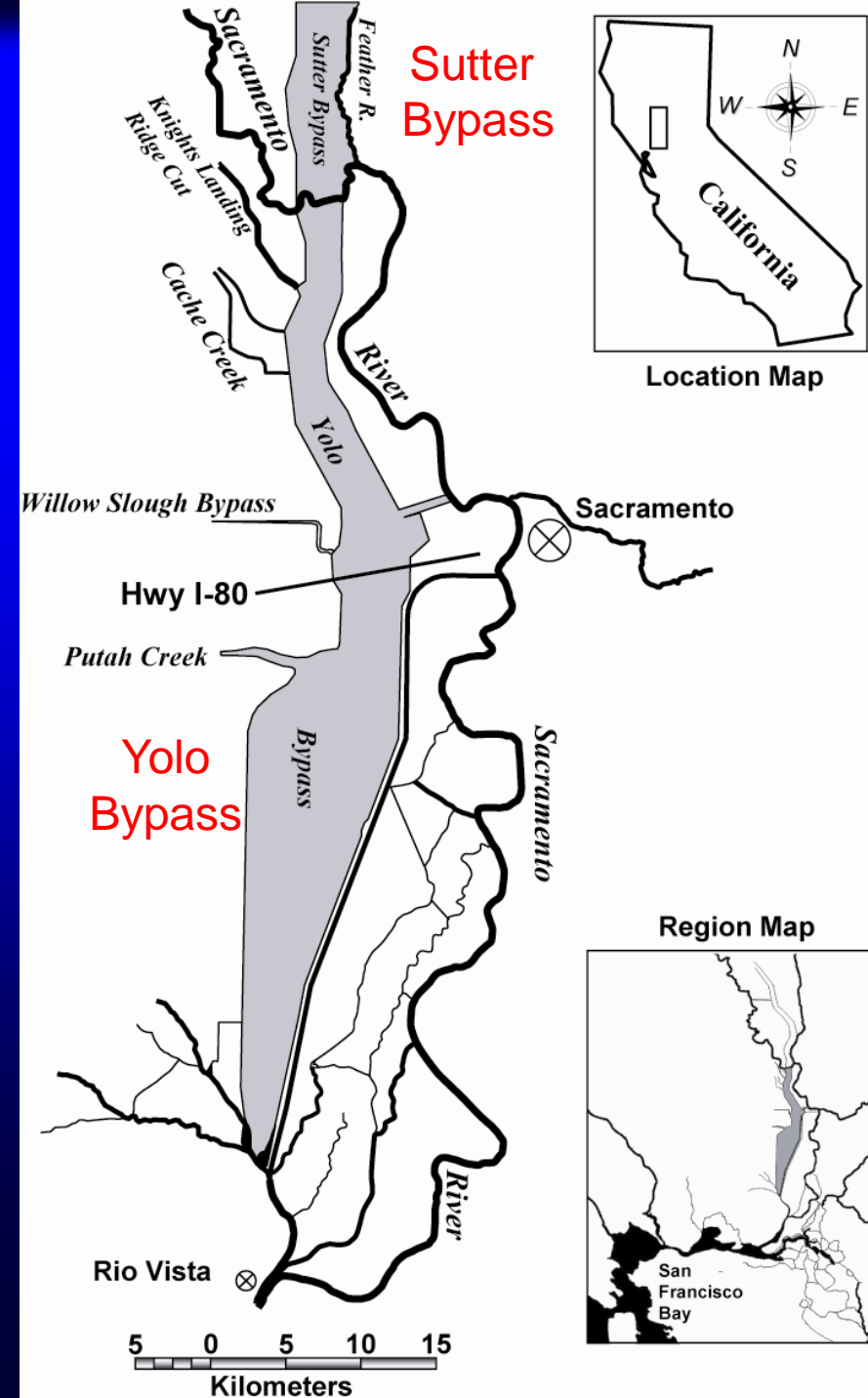
Stockton

Union Island

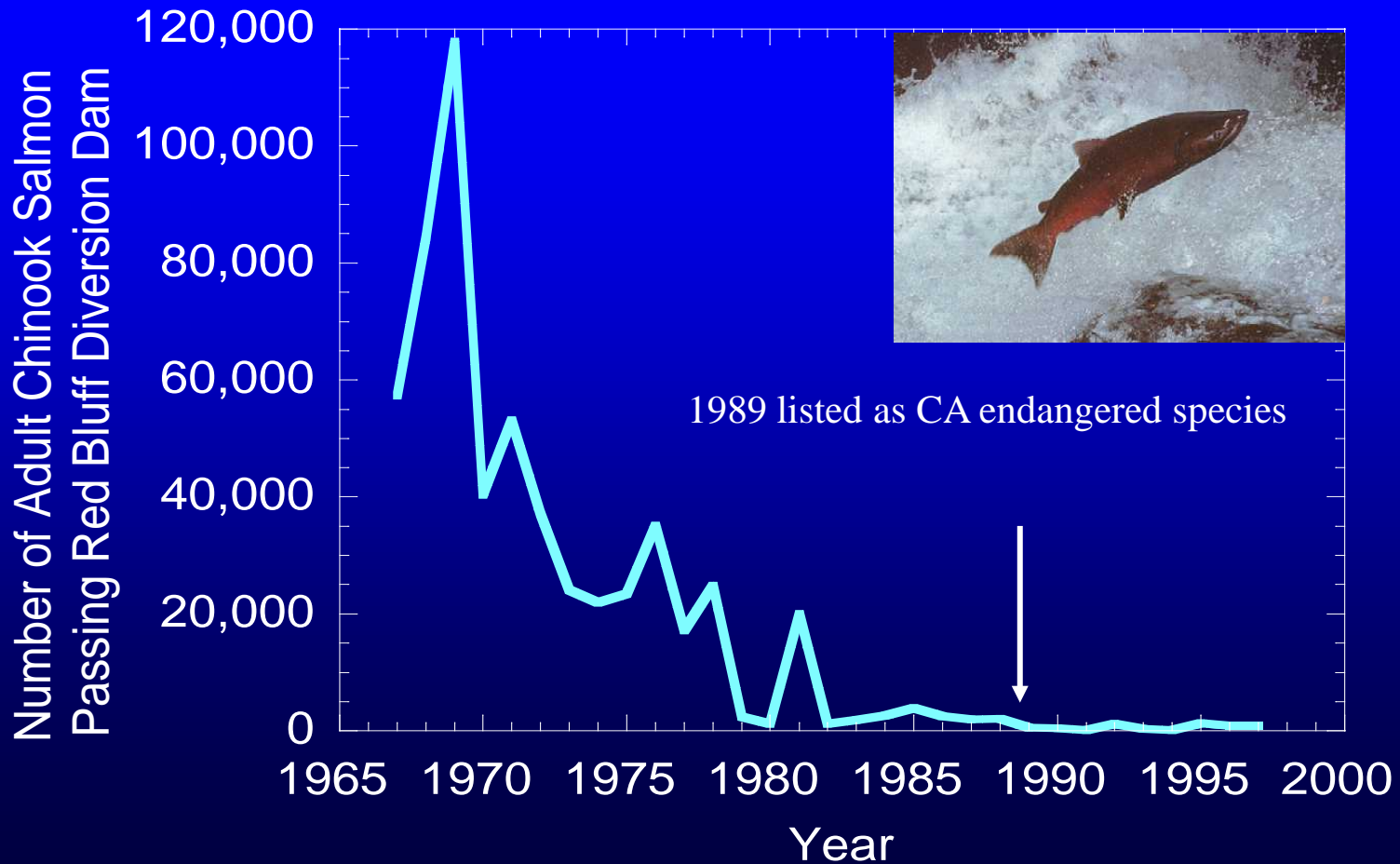
Fabian Tract

Flood Control and Fish

- Sutter Bypass
 - Tisdale Weir
- Yolo Bypass
 - 59,000 acres
 - Fremont Weir
33.5 ft crest elev.
 - Vic Fazio Yolo Wildlife Area



Winter Run Chinook Salmon



Habitat (water, food, spawning)

- Fish listed under Endangered Species Act
 - Chinook Salmon
 - Delta Smelt



- Protecting listed fish
 - Take limits at SWP pumps
 - Reverse Flow controls
 - Biological opinions restrict other DWR activities

Bay-Delta Standards

Contained in D-1641

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FLOW/OPERATIONAL

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fish and Wildlife 													
SWP/CVP Export Limits					1,500cfs ^[1]								
Export/Inflow Ratio ^[2]	65%	35% of Delta Inflow ^[3]					65% of Delta Inflow						
Minimum Delta Outflow	[4]								3,000 - 8,000 cfs ^[4]				
Habitat Protection Outflow		7,100 - 29,200 cfs ^[5]											
Salinity Starting Condition ^[6]		[6]											
River Flows:													
@ Rio Vista								3,000 - 4,500 cfs ^[7]					
@ Vernalis - Base		710 - 3,420 cfs ^[8]				[8]							
- Pulse				[9]								+28TAF	
Delta Cross Channel Gates	[10]	Closed				[11]							Conditional ^[10]

WATER QUALITY STANDARDS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Municipal and Industrial 												
All Export Locations	≤ 250 mg/l Cl											
Contra Costa Canal	150 mg/l Cl for the required number of days ^[12]											
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agriculture 												
Western/Interior Delta	Max. 14-day average EC mmhos/cm ^[13]											
Southern Delta ^[14]	1.0 mS			30 day running avg EC 0.7 mS						1.0 mS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fish and Wildlife 												
San Joaquin River Salinity ^[15]	14-day avg: 0.44 EC											
Suisun Marsh Salinity ^[16]	12.5 EC	8.0 EC	11.0 EC						19.0 EC	[17]	15.5 EC	