



SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN RIVER DELTA FACTS

Population:

515,264 (2000 Census)

Counties in the Delta:

Alameda, Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, Yolo, and a portion of Rio Vista

Major Cities Partly Within the Delta:

Sacramento, Stockton, West Sacramento

Size in 1991:

538,000 acres of agriculture
64,000 cities and towns
61,000 water surface
75,000 acres of undeveloped areas
Total acreage: 738,000

Levees (total mileage, 1987):

1,100

Rivers flowing into the Delta:

Sacramento, San Joaquin, Mokelumne, Cosumnes, Calaveras (These rivers plus their tributaries carry about half of the state's total annual runoff.)

Diversions Directly from the Delta:

State Water Project
Federal Central Valley Project
Contra Costa Canal
North Bay Aqueduct
City of Vallejo
Western Delta Industry
1,800+ Agricultural Users

Water Supply:

Drinking water for 22 million people; supports California's trillion dollar economy (fifth largest in the world) and \$27 billion agricultural industry

Recreation:

User days annually 12 million

Transportation:

Interstate Highways 5, 80 and 205
State Highways 4, 12 and 160
Deepwater Ship Channels to Sacramento and Stockton
Railroads: Southern Pacific/Union Pacific, Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe and Sacramento Northern

Agriculture (1990):

Average Annual Gross Value-over \$500 million
Main Crops: corn, grain and hay, sugar beets, alfalfa, pasture, tomatoes, asparagus, fruit and safflower

Plant and Animal Species:

500

Major Anadromous Fish:

Salmon, Striped Bass, Steelhead Trout, American Shad and Sturgeon

Example of intent to mislead reader:

1. Census # does not include the people of the cities of the Delta and uses 2000 figures even though more current data is available.
2. Size of Delta acres uses 1991 figures, but includes some of the city and town acres but not all. 2000 figures are available when this web page was made.