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**Population:** 515,264 (2000 Census)

**Counties:** Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, Yolo, Alameda

**Major Cities Partly Within the Delta:** Sacramento, Stockton, West Sacramento, Oakley, and Rio Vista

**Levees (total mileage, 1987):** 1,100

**Rivers flowing into the Delta:** Sacramento, San Joaquin, Mokelumne, Cosumnes, and Calaveras

**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 25 million people; supports California's trillion dollar economy (eighth largest in the world) and \$27 billion agricultural industry (nation's number one)

**Agriculture (2001):** Average Annual Gross Value totals more than \$2 billion. Crops include corn, grain, hay, alfalfa, tomatoes, asparagus, pears, and wine grapes.

**Wildlife:** 52 mammals, 22 reptiles and amphibian species, 225 birds, and 54 species of fish. The Delta is also home to approximately 260 invasive species of plants and animals.

**Recreation:** Over 12 million visitors annually. There are 290 shoreline recreational areas, 300 marinas, and about 500,000 boaters. The Delta has 57,000 acres of navigable waterways. (Figures from the Department of Boating and Waterways)

### Major Sport Fish:\*

- American Shad
- Bass (Striped, Smallmouth, Largemouth, Spotted)
- Black Crappie
- Chinook Salmon
- Catfish (Channel, Blue, White, Black Bullhead, Brown Bullhead)
- Starry Flounder
- Steelhead
- Sunfish (Bluegill, Pumpkinseed, Redear, Green)
- Tule Perch
- Warmouth
- White Sturgeon

### Area:

The Bay-Delta is the West Coast's largest estuary, with 57 major reclaimed islands and numerous unleveed channel islands.

### Land Use:

- 425,700 acres - irrigated agriculture
- 64,000 acres - urban & commercial
- 61,000 acres - open water

\* Before fishing in the Delta, always check with the California Department of Fish & Game ([www.dfg.ca.gov](http://www.dfg.ca.gov)) for regulations regarding particular fish species and specific license requirements for the region.