

California State Parks' Central Valley Vision



Public Outreach Meeting
Woodland
April 27, 2005



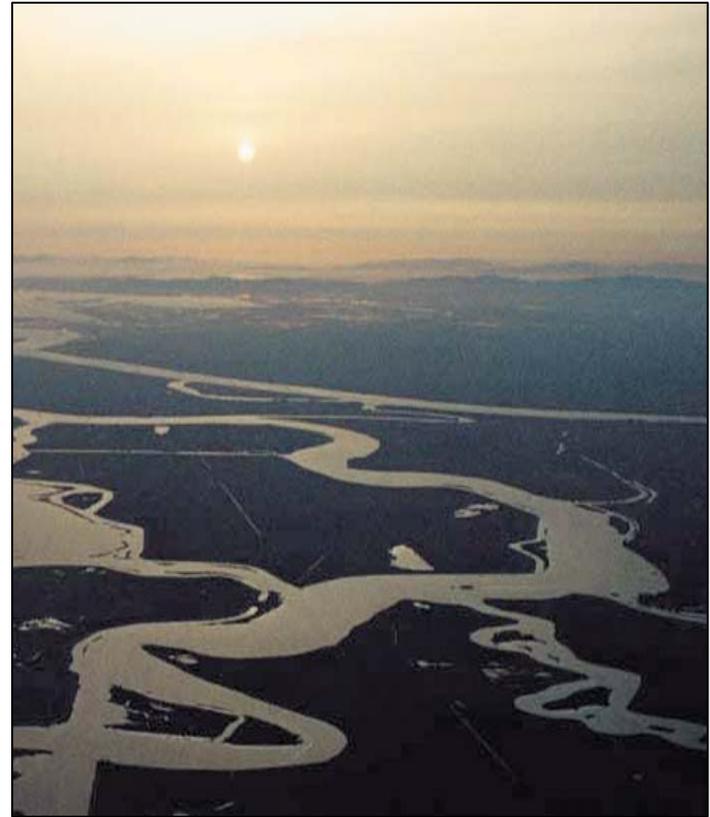
California State Park's Mission

“To provide for the health, inspiration and education of the people of California by helping to preserve the state's extraordinary biological diversity, protecting its most valued natural and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation.”



“We are embarking on a 20-year effort to study the Central Valley and increase our presence by providing meaningful experiences to meet the needs of Valley residents for protection and interpretation of incredible natural, cultural, historical and recreational resources found only in the Valley.”

Ruth Coleman, Director, California State Parks



Aerial photo of the Central Valley

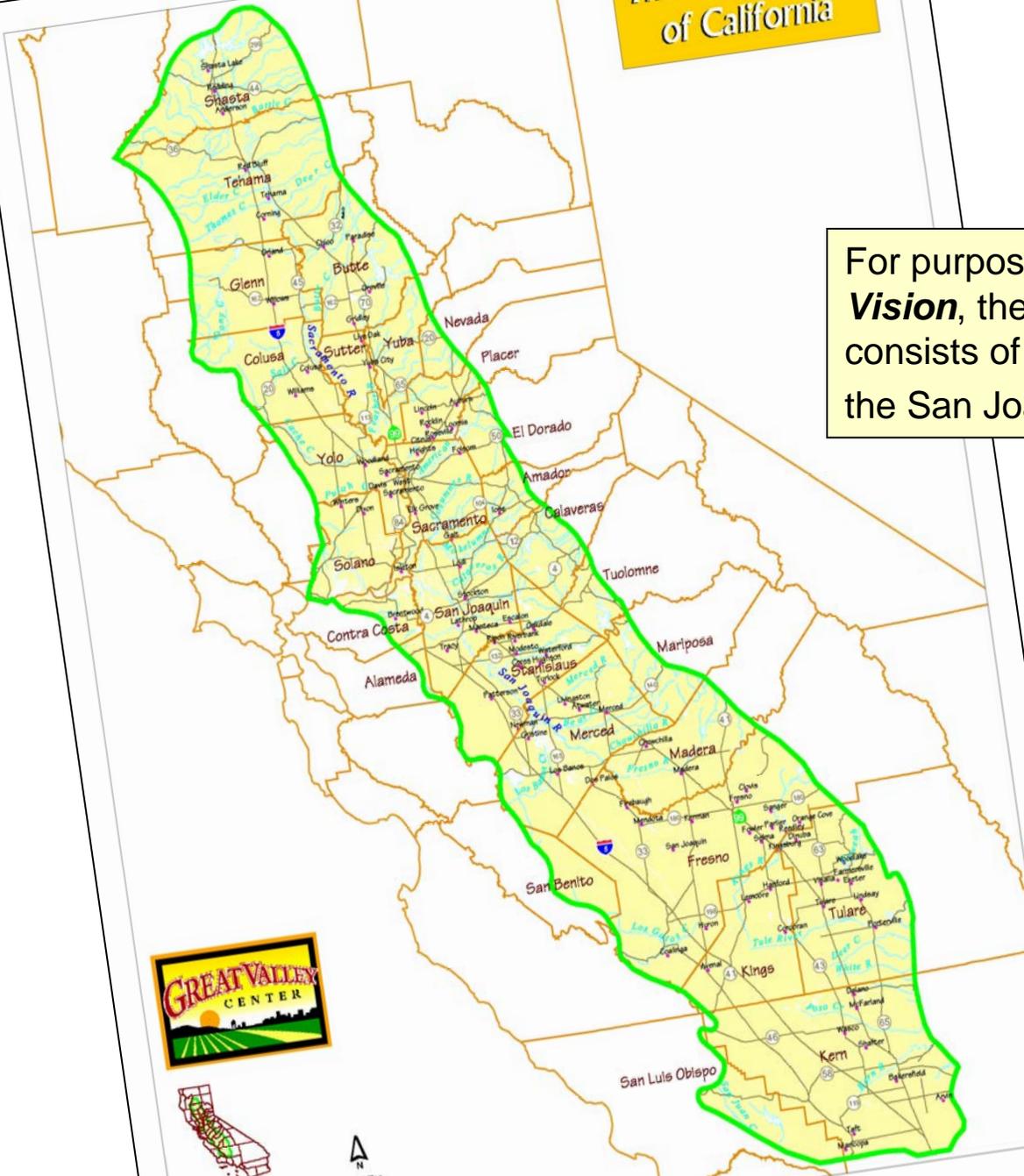
State Parks is challenged to provide:

...meaningful natural, cultural and recreational experiences for a diverse California in the Central Valley



The Great Valley of California

For purposes of the **Central Valley Vision**, the Great Central Valley consists of the Sacramento Valley and the San Joaquin Valley.





- Counties included in the Central Valley Vision:**
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|------------|-------------|
| Butte | San Joaquin |
| Colusa | Shasta |
| Fresno | Solano |
| Glenn | Stanislaus |
| Kern | Sutter |
| Kings | Tehama |
| Madera | Tulare |
| Merced | Yolo |
| Sacramento | Yuba |

Map source: California Association of Counties, California County Map, 2005

Defining the Central Valley

- San Joaquin and Sacramento Valleys
- Redding to the Tehachapi Mountains
- Valley to 2000' along the Coast Range and the Sierra Nevada
- Diverse and unique natural resources
- Numerous historic, cultural and recreational resources



Why a *Vision* now?

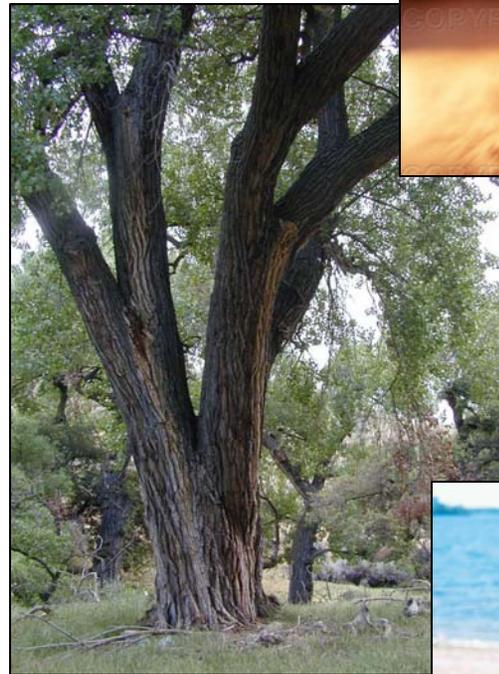
Profound growth & demographic changes in California

- 35 million residents today; 52 million by 2040
- Sacramento, Fresno, Stockton, Modesto, Bakersfield becoming major urban areas
- Valley will see intensive growth – averaging 20-25% *higher* than coastal areas
- Dramatic increases in diverse populations



Why else the *Vision* is Needed

- Balance coastal and urban focus
- Valley is under-represented in public land ownership
- Still a chance to do things right



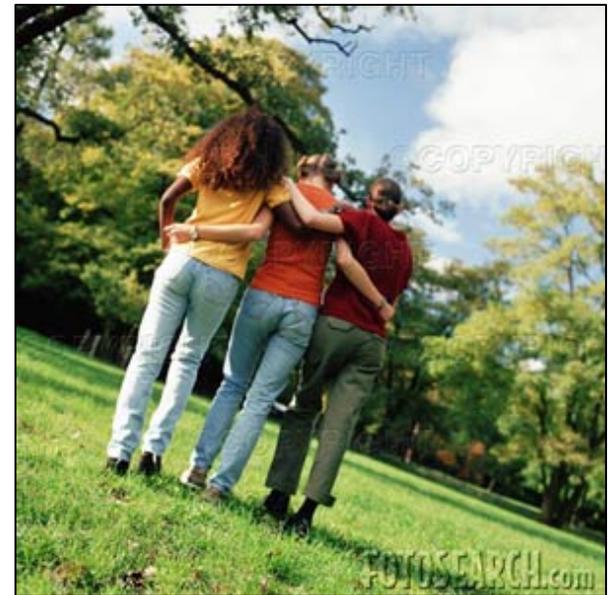
Dramatic Population Shifts

- 550,000 – 650,000 added each year to California
- 1 in 8 U. S. Citizens live in California
- By 2010, 1 in 5 will be *older* than 60
- Californian's are two full years *younger* than U. S. average



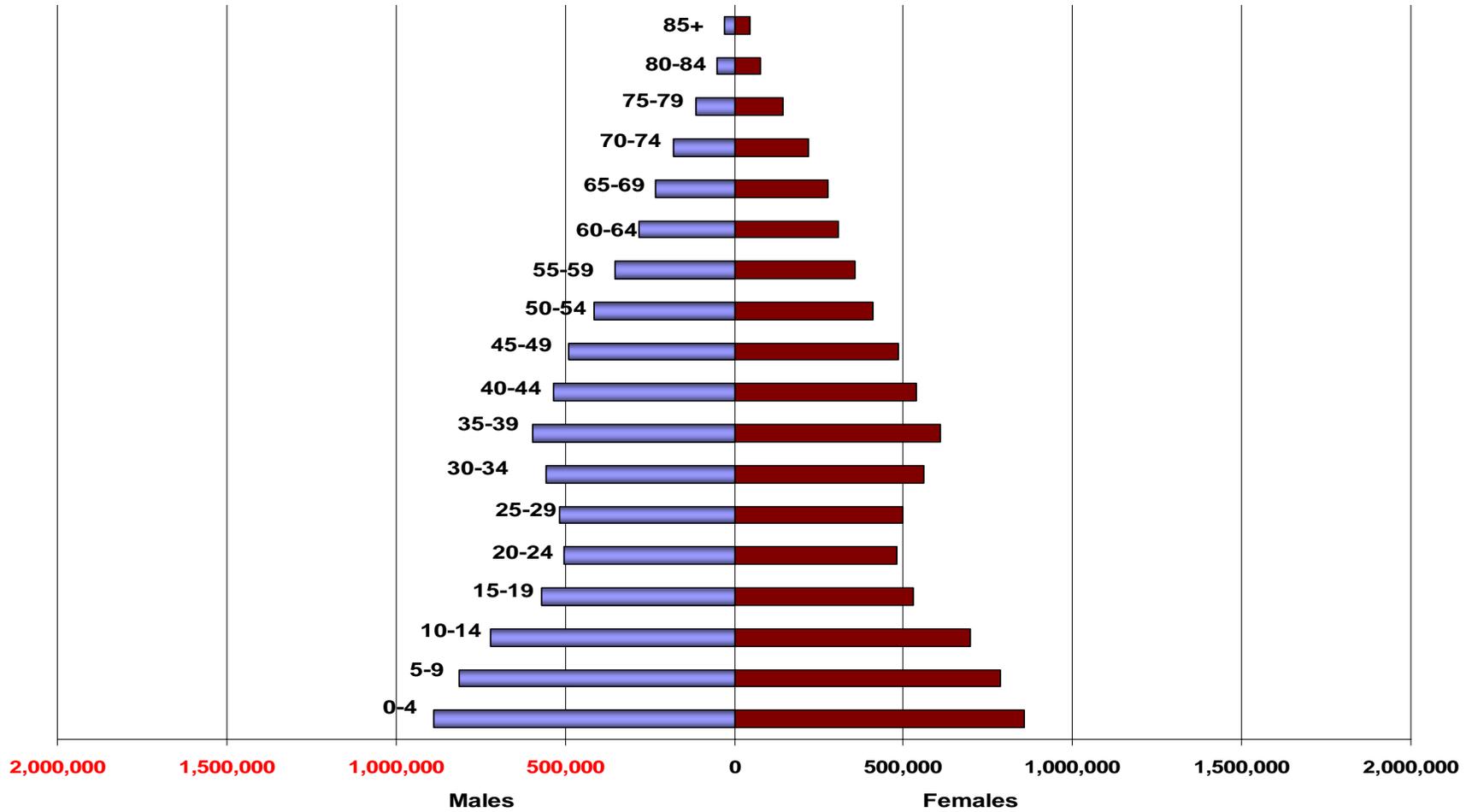
Population Shifts

- Recent immigrants
- By 2020, California's senior population will **double**
- Over one-third (36.1%) of Asian-Americans live in California
- Nearly one-third (31.1%) of Hispanic-Americans live in California



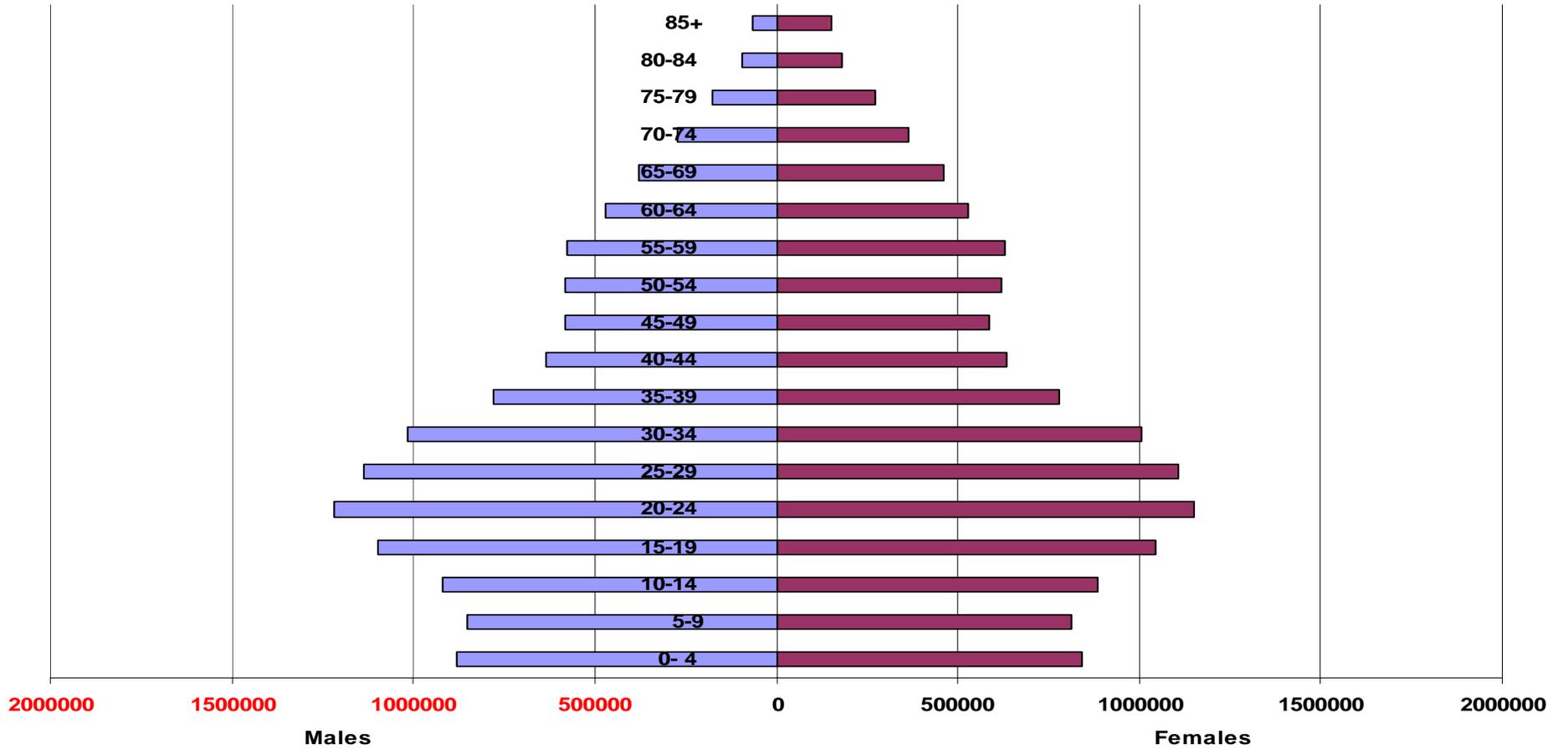
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California Population 1960 (Source: CA Dept. of Finance)



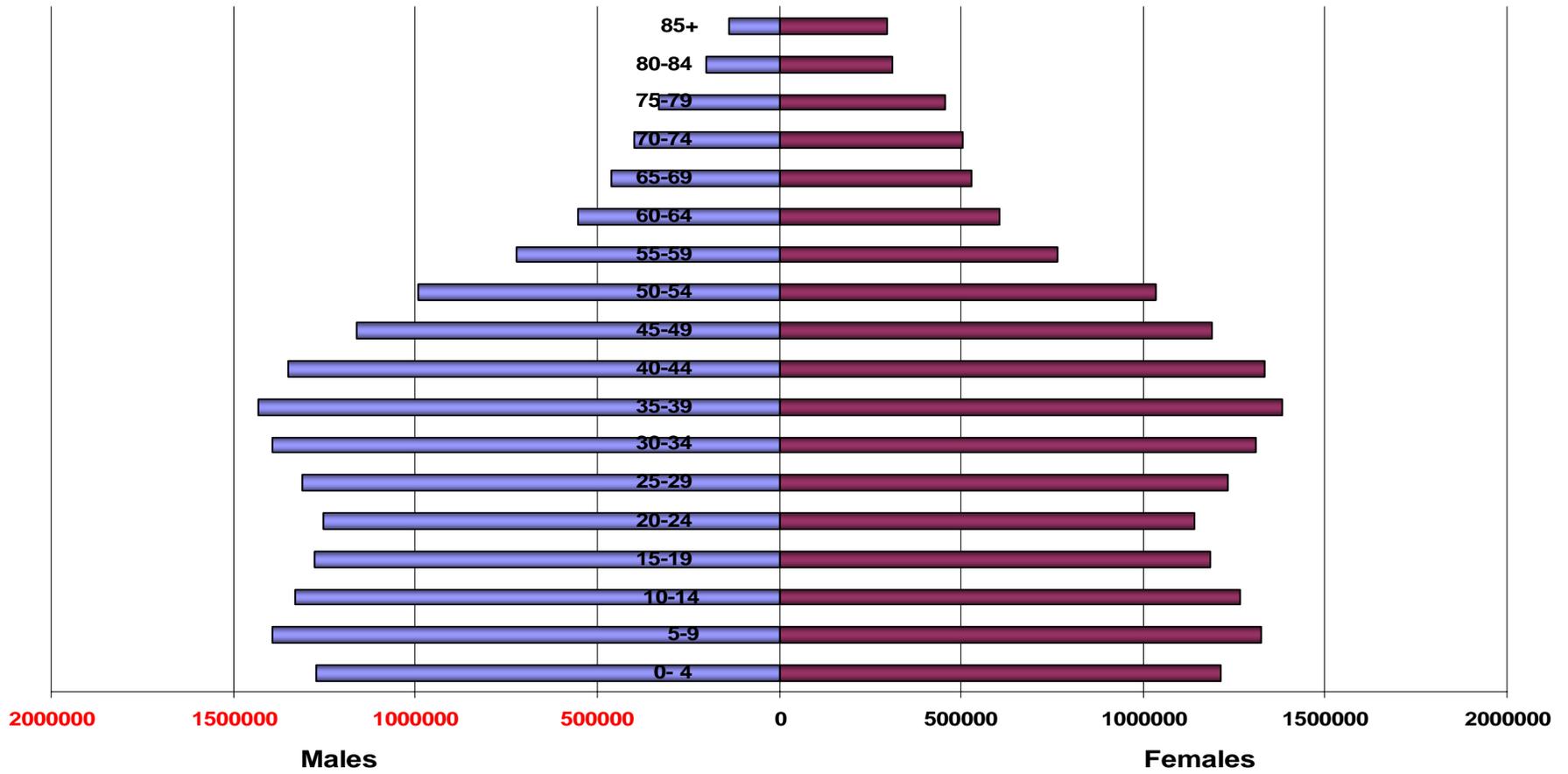
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California Population 1980 (Source: UCData Center/CA Dept. of Finance)



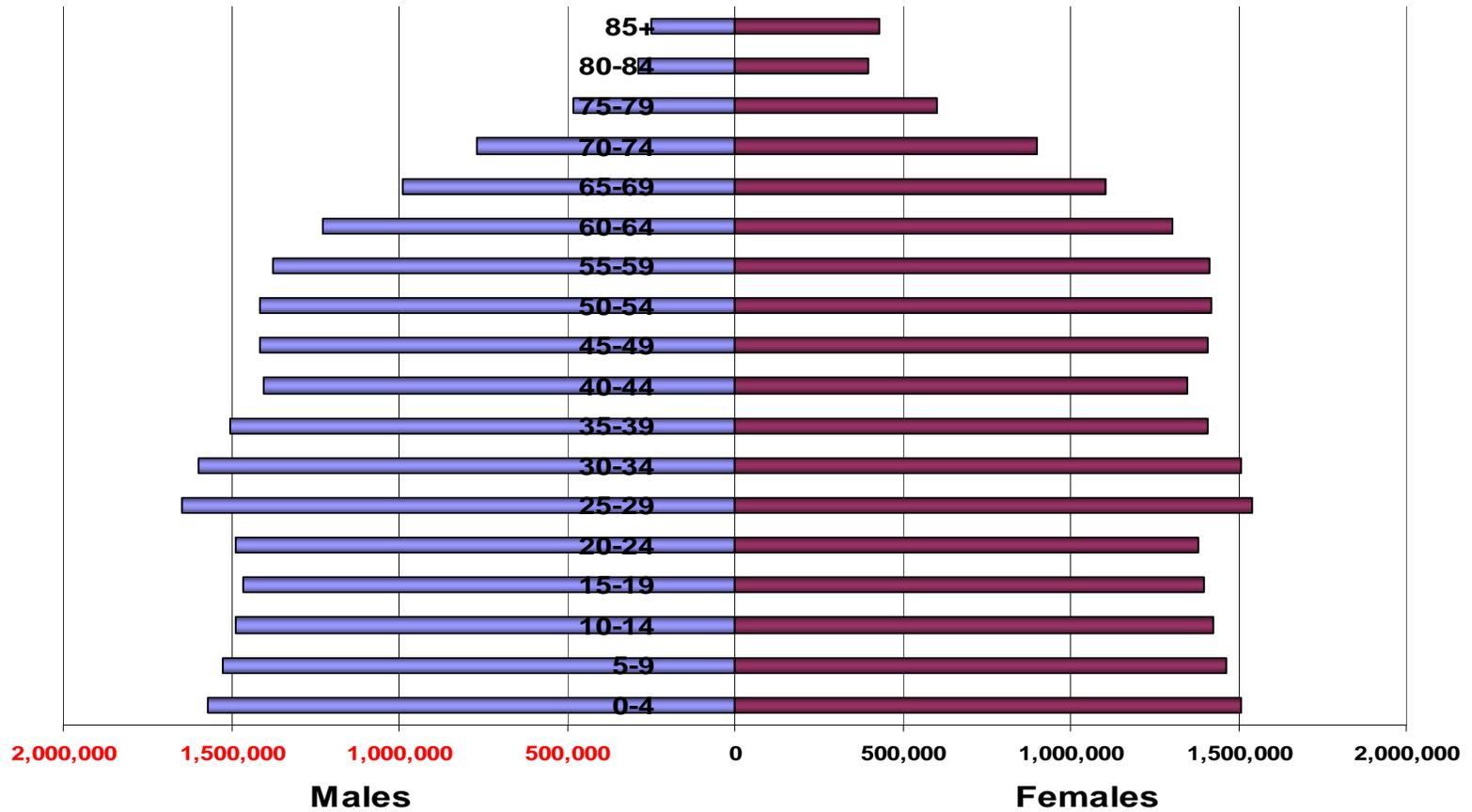
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California Population 2000 (Source: CA Dept. of Finance)



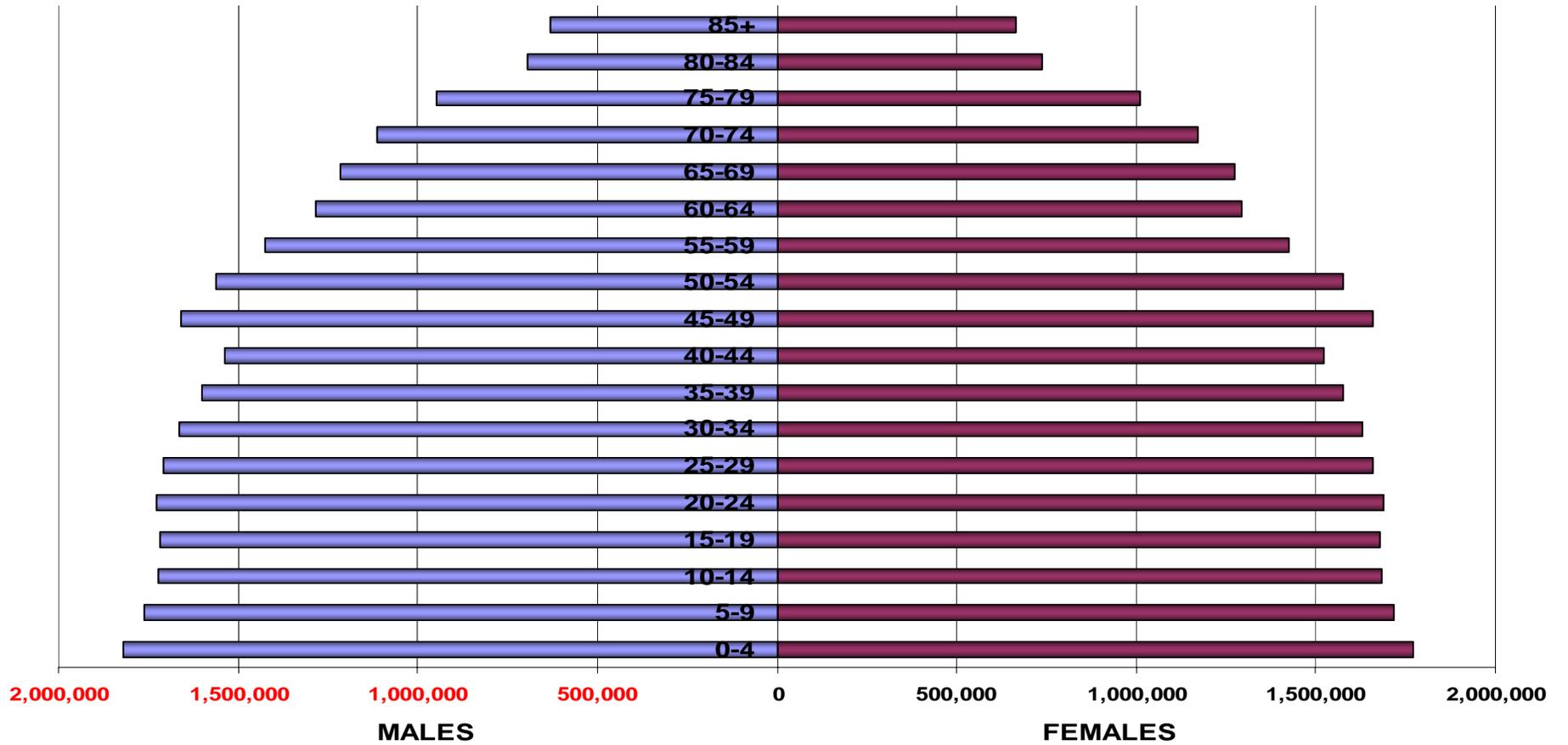
2020

California Population 2020 (Source: CA Dept. of Finance)



2040

California Population 2040 (Source: CA Dept. of Finance)



Population within 100 miles of this Outreach meeting

County	2000	2020	2040
Yolo	169,882	271,040	363,663
Sutter	79,464	111,856	139,805
Sacramento	1,230,465	1,946,679	2,579,720
Colusa	18,923	26,337	32,449
Glenn	26,718	31,950	37,182
Butte	204,672	260,730	282,492
Solano	396,784	555,264	751,782
Total:	2,126,908	3,203,856	4,187,093

Source of Data: State of California, Department of Finance, Population Projections by Race/Ethnicity for California and Its Counties, 2000-2050

Population Projections for 18 counties* of the Central Valley

	2000	2020	2040
White	3,011,951	2,934,506	2,952,686
Hispanic	1,728,914	3,631,865	5,736,157
Asian/Pacific	456,638	863,418	1,205,261
Islander			
Black	347,535	681,819	981,296
Multirace	183,309	454,675	699,028
All Populations	<u>5,728,347</u>	<u>8,566,283</u>	<u>11,574,528</u>

*18 Counties: Butte, Colusa, Fresno, Glenn, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Shasta, Solano, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Tulare, Yolo, Yuba

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Objectives of the Central Valley Vision

“California’s Great Central Valley is changing in dramatic ways – in its unprecedented growth, in its evolving economies, and in the diversity, needs and interests of its residents.” Ruth Coleman, Director, California State Parks

- ✓ Identify current and near term actions
- ✓ Meet the public’s needs through stronger partnerships, appropriate expansions, and facility rehabilitation and development
- ✓ Provide a 20-year blueprint for State Park actions designed to increase service and relevancy to Valley residents and State Park visitors

32 State Park Units in the Central Valley

(listed from North to South)

William B. Ide Adobe SHP
Woodson Bridge SRA
Bidwell-Sacramento River SP
Bidwell Mansion SHP
Lake Oroville SRA
Clay Pit SVRA
Colusa-Sacramento River SRA
Sutter Buttes
Woodland Opera House SHP
Folsom Lake SRA
Folsom Powerhouse SHP
State Capitol Museum
Sutter's Fort SHP/State Indian
Museum
Governor's Mansion SHP
Old Sacramento SHP/Railroad
Museum
Leland Stanford Mansion SHP

Prairie City SVRA
Stone Lake
Delta Meadows River Park
Brannan Island SRA
Franks Tract SRA
Bethany Reservoir SRA
Caswell Memorial SRA
San Luis Reservoir SRA
Pacheco SP
George J. Hatfield SRA
Great Valley Grasslands SP
McConnell SRA
Turlock Lake SRA
Millerton Lake SRA
Colonel Allensworth SHP
Tule Elk SR



Bidwell-Sacramento River State Park



William B. Ide Adobe State Historic Park



**Woodson Bridge State
Recreation Area**



Bethany Reservoir SRA State Recreation Area



Great Valley Grasslands State Park



Prairie City SVRA State Vehicular Recreation Area



**Sutter's Fort SHP/State
Indian Museum**



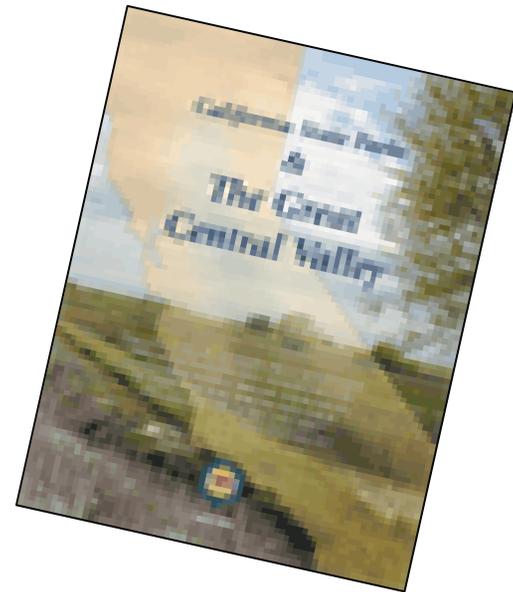
Pacheco State Park



Old Sacramento State Historic Park

What has been done so far?

- Project began July 2003
- Staff team established
- Oversight Committee developed
- Field sites reviewed
- Report and brochure released April 2004



The Vision Recommends State Parks

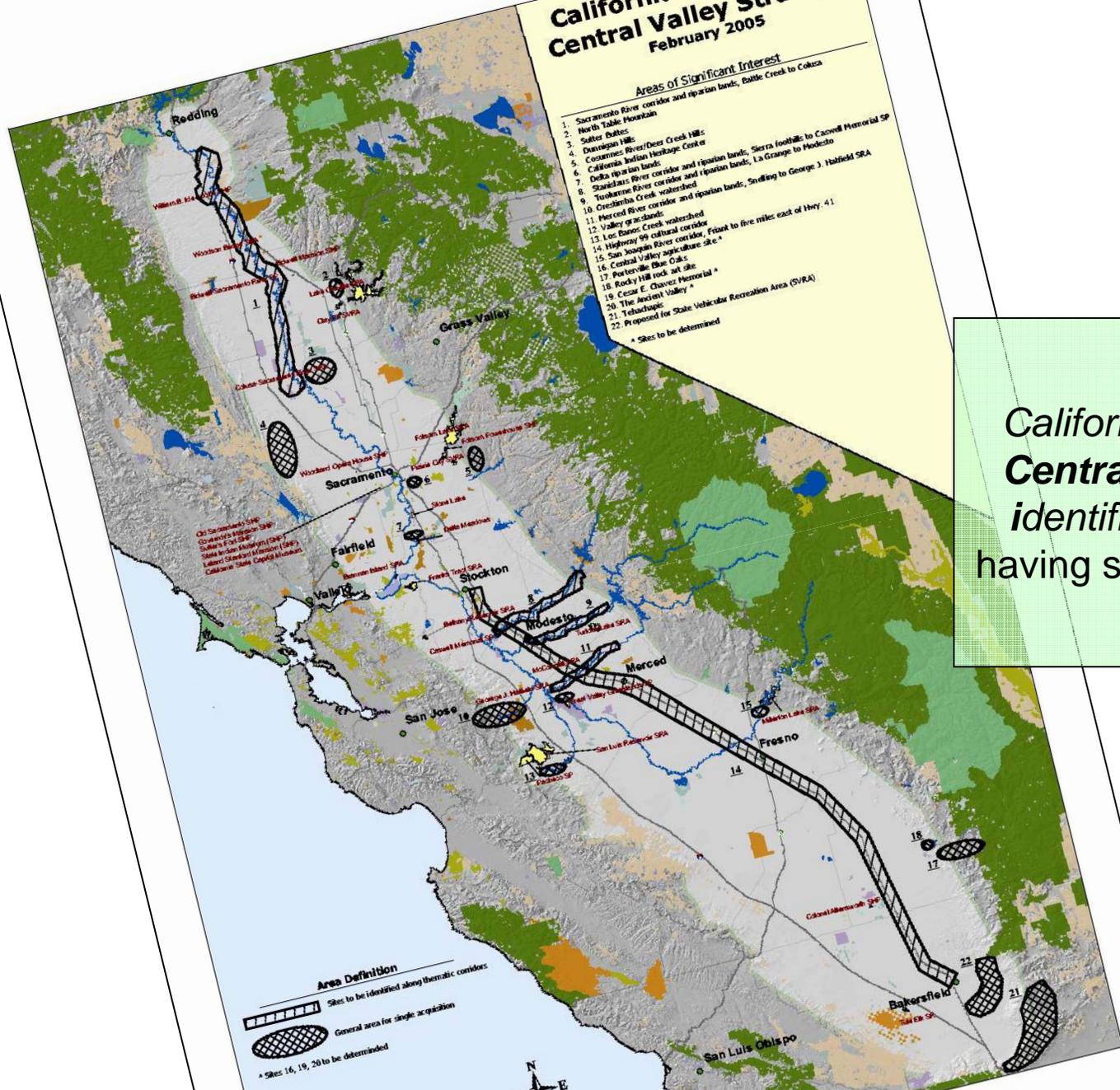
- Expand facilities at existing parks
- Round-out boundary lines at existing parks
- Acquire key natural, cultural and recreation lands and corridors
- Preserve and interpret the rich history of the Valley

California State Parks Central Valley Strategy February 2005

Areas of Significant Interest

1. Sacramento River corridor and riparian lands, Battle Creek to Colusa
 2. North Table Mountain
 3. Sutter Buttes
 4. Dassen Hills
 5. Cosumnes River/Deer Creek Hills
 6. California Indian Heritage Center
 7. Delta riparian lands
 8. Stanislaus River corridor and riparian lands, Sierra foothills to Caswell Memorial SP
 9. Tuolumne River corridor and riparian lands, La Grange to Modesto
 10. Creston Creek watershed
 11. Merced River corridor and riparian lands, Snelling to George J. Hatfield SRA
 12. Valley grasslands
 13. Los Banos Creek watershed
 14. Highway 99 cultural corridor
 15. San Joaquin River corridor, Folsom to five miles east of Hwy 41
 16. Central Valley agriculture site*
 17. Porterville blue oaks
 18. Rodly Hill rock art site
 19. Cesar E. Chavez Memorial *
 20. The Ancient Valley *
 21. Tehachas
 22. Proposed for State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA)
- * Sites to be determined

California State Parks' Central Valley Vision identified 22 areas as having significant interest



Area Definition

-  Sites to be identified along thematic corridors
-  General area for single acquisition

* Sites 16, 19, 20 to be determined

Next Steps

- Actions include:
 - Public relations; i.e., getting the *Vision* out
 - Developing and strengthening partnerships
 - Building advocacy for the strategy
 - Gaining support from the Agency, Governor & Legislature
 - Special events
 - Laying groundwork for future fundi
 - Meet with key policy leaders



Public Outreach Meetings

What special areas or facilities would you like considered? Where should we seek to acquire new lands because of their natural, cultural, historical or recreational potential? Additional public outreach meetings will be scheduled during the fall.

April 27, 2005: 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Woodland Opera House
340 2nd Street, Woodland, CA

June 1, 2005: 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Resources Building Auditorium
1416 9th Street, 1st Floor
Sacramento, CA

May 31 2005: 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

C.S.U., Fresno, Student Union
5421 N. Maple Avenue
Fresno, CA

June 8, 2005: 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Bidwell Mansion
525 The Esplanade
Chico, CA



Sycamore Alluvial Plain, Northern Tehachapis



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- What is important in the Central Valley that should be protected and interpreted as a unit of the State Park System, before it is lost?
- Which natural and cultural resources and features should be protected before they vanish?
- What special stories need to be told and where are the places that need to be protected in order to tell them?
- What recreational facilities of the kind found in State Parks should be developed and where?