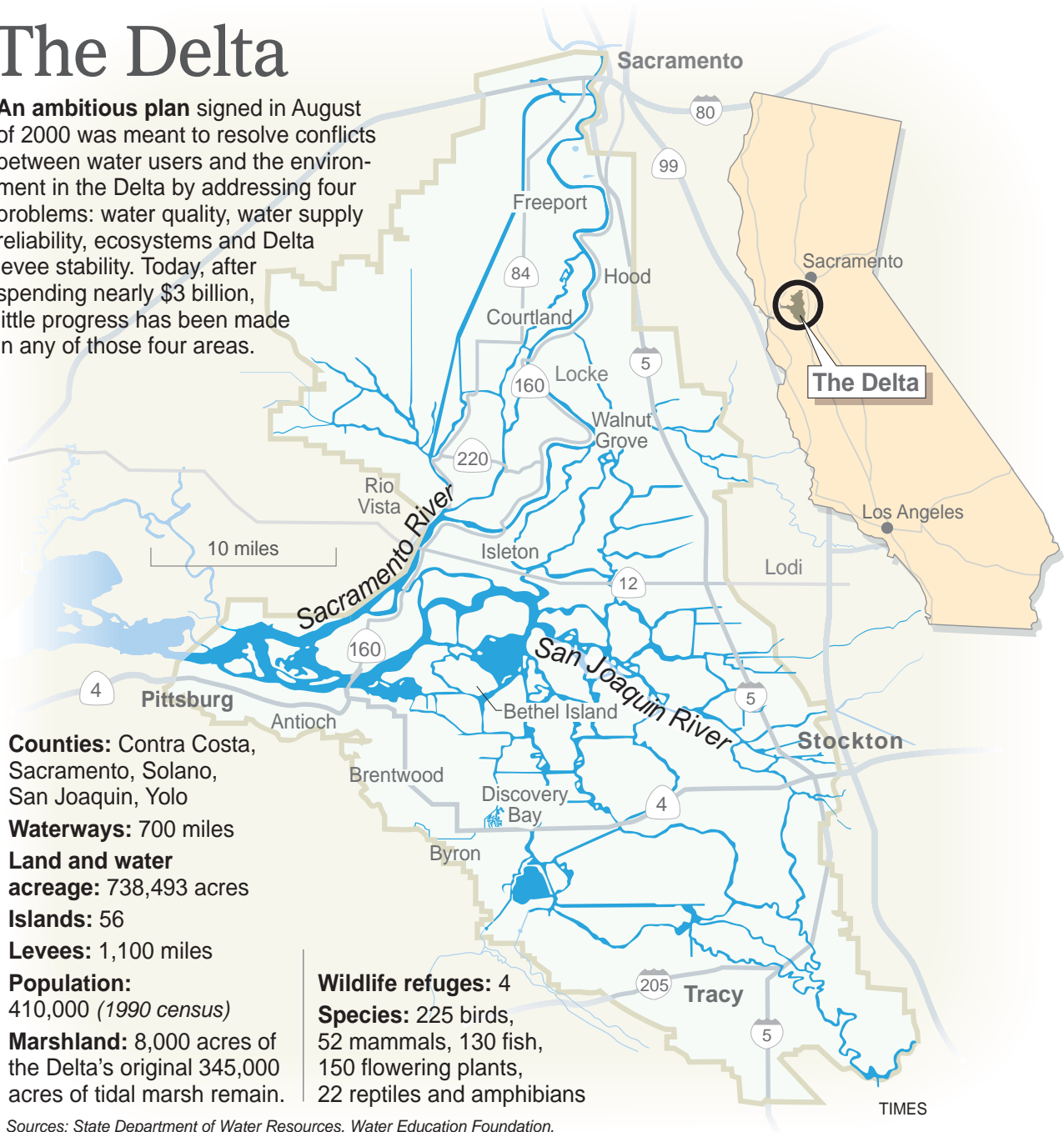


# The Delta

An ambitious plan signed in August of 2000 was meant to resolve conflicts between water users and the environment in the Delta by addressing four problems: water quality, water supply reliability, ecosystems and Delta levee stability. Today, after spending nearly \$3 billion, little progress has been made in any of those four areas.



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

**Waterways:** 700 miles

**Land and water acreage:** 738,493 acres

**Islands:** 56

**Levees:** 1,100 miles

**Population:** 410,000 (1990 census)

**Marshland:** 8,000 acres of the Delta's original 345,000 acres of tidal marsh remain.

**Wildlife refuges:** 4

**Species:** 225 birds, 52 mammals, 130 fish, 150 flowering plants, 22 reptiles and amphibians

Sources: State Department of Water Resources, Water Education Foundation, The California Water Atlas

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