

Project Information

BACKGROUND

The Yolo Bypass is a 40-mile-long federal flood-management project that was authorized in 1917. It is situated between the Fremont Weir in the north and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta in the south. The Yolo Bypass plays a critical role in protecting the region from flooding and is also central to a significant agricultural economy and an ecosystem of national significance. Its multipurpose uses include flood, habitat, agriculture, recreation, and water supply.

PROJECT STATUS

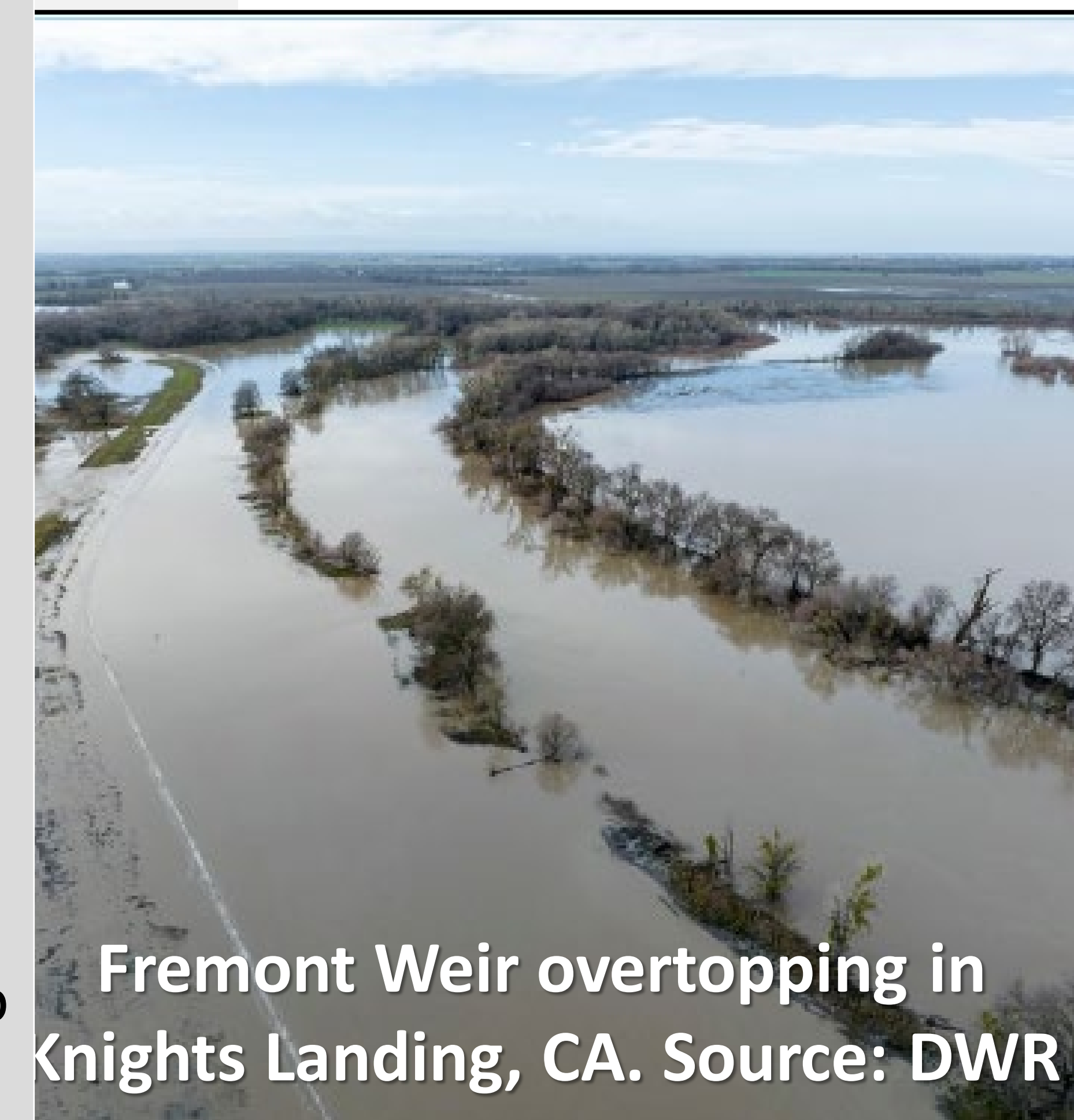
US USACE, Sacramento District, initiated the Comprehensive Study in OCT2023 and is working towards the first major decision milestone, the Alternatives Milestone. The Study team is investigating flood risk management (FRM), ecosystem restoration, water supply, and recreation with the following objectives:

- Identifying Federal interest in feasibility-level alternatives that may include new features or modification of existing features for authorization and implementation of an initial phase plan recommendation within the Yolo Bypass.
- Developing a Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) that includes system-wide, programmatic strategies for long-term and near-term plans to address items such as Operation and Maintenance, monitoring, and Research and Development.
- Comprehensive level recommendations for future phase plans for implementation by USACE and/or others within the Yolo Bypass System vicinity.
- Incorporating comprehensive benefit opportunities for shared resources across multiple project purposes in both feasibility-level and comprehensive-level plans.

The non-federal sponsors are the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB), Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA), and California Department of Water Resources (DWR).



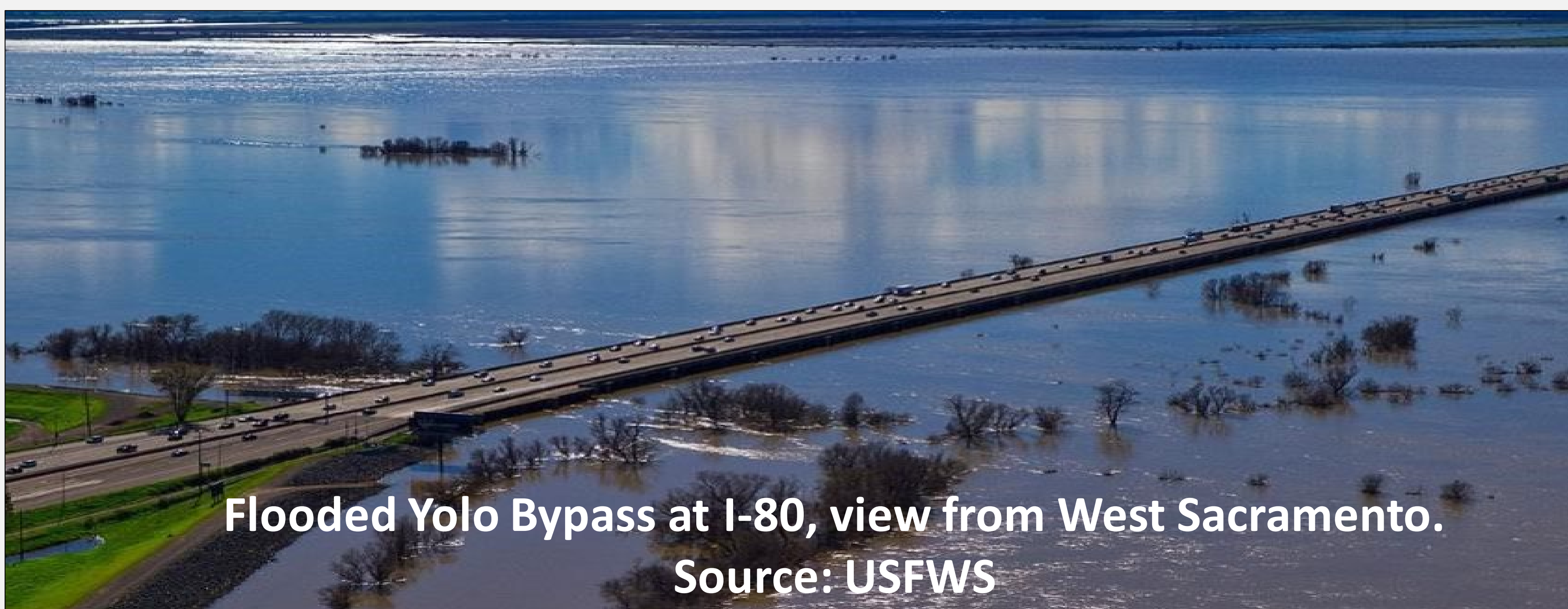
Sacramento Weir 2017



Fremont Weir overtopping in Knights Landing, CA. Source: DWR

NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE

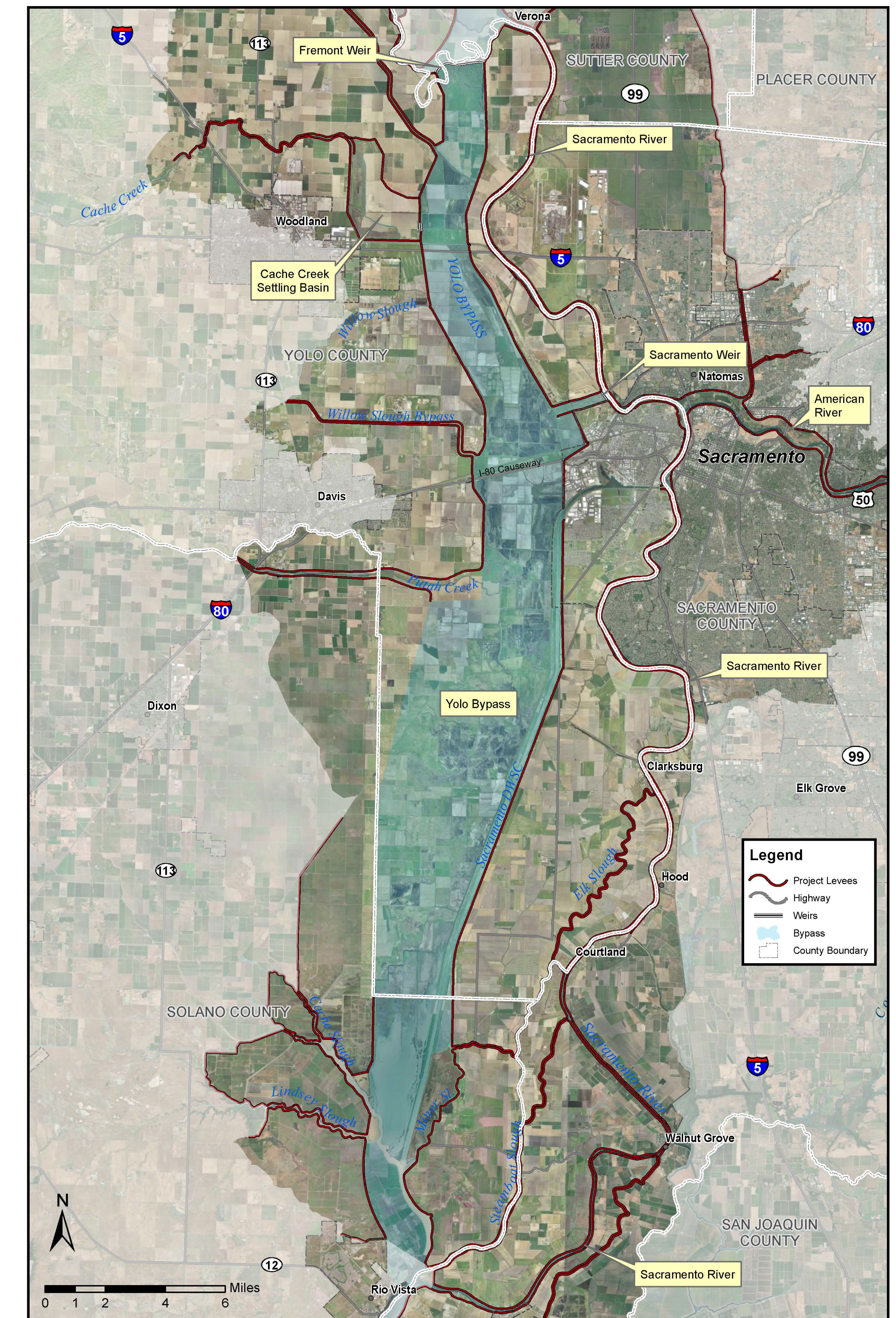
The importance of the Yolo Bypass Comprehensive Study was highlighted in the June 2022, Biden Administration “Drought Resilience Interagency Working Group 1-year Summary Report”.



Flooded Yolo Bypass at I-80, view from West Sacramento.

Source: USFWS

Yolo Bypass Features



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