

DELTA WATERWAYS

The 2008 "Delta Overview" published by DWR said on page 11 that "Delta waterways are the single most important geographical feature of the state's water resources system". Given the importance of the waterways, one would think the "Scientists" writing reports about the historical Delta would need to know the names of the waterways and islands and cities, as the names changed over time. This name review has a North Delta focus.

Using the map provided in the Overview, the names of some of the waterways, islands and cities or towns of the North Delta were added, with reference to the map or document which verifies the name associated with the location. On occasion, if needed, current gps coordinates are also provided to assist the viewer in locating the area in an independent map.

Correct names are shown in **BOLD**

- Islands with changed names
- Waterways with changed names
- Cities, towns or Delta communities with changed names

The purpose of this map is to show how various government agencies involved in the BDCP confused the location of Delta waterways and islands in their planning studies. If they can not even get the basic locations correct, why would anyone believe any other base data of the computer model upon which the report is based is right?

SNUG HARBOR
 Portion of Hogback Shoals?
 Blake Land Grant-1876
 Peninsula-Soil survey-1935
 Martin's Island-1945
 (a peninsula owned by the Martin Family)
 Snug Harbor-1950's
 Hidden Harbor-US census 2000

RYER ISLAND
 Priest Island & Sutter Island-1850
 Combined into Ryer Island by 1865
 Pierson District-2005-DWR
 Tyler Island-2008 Google
 Delta Lake-2010-CalTrans
 Sherman Lake-2012 DWR-IRWM
 Confused with Sutter Island-SFEI-2012
 Unnamed Island in 2013 by DWR,

WEST SACRAMENTO
 Washington-1850's

SACRAMENTO
 Boston-1840's
 Sacramento City-1850's

SACRAMENTO
 Sutterville-1840's to early 1850's

STEAMBOAT SLOUGH
 Middle Fork (of the Sacramento River)-1848-1850's (Ringgold)
 Steamboat Slough-captan's maps, charts, books 1855-2013
 West Branch of Sacramento River-1869
 Sacramento River-Bancrofts History of CA 1886
 Sacramento River-Sacramento County surveys
 Sacramento River-DWR 2005, NOAA 2011,
 Seven Mile Slough-NOAA, Google- 2010
 Sacramento River-Sacramento County 2003

GRAND ISLAND
 Taylor Island-1850's
 Sutter Island-2005

SUTTER ISLAND
 Schoolcraft Island-1850
 Sutter Island 1870's
 Merritt Island-2005-DWR
 Ryer Island-SFEI-2012

PIERSON DISTRICT
 New Hope Tract-2005

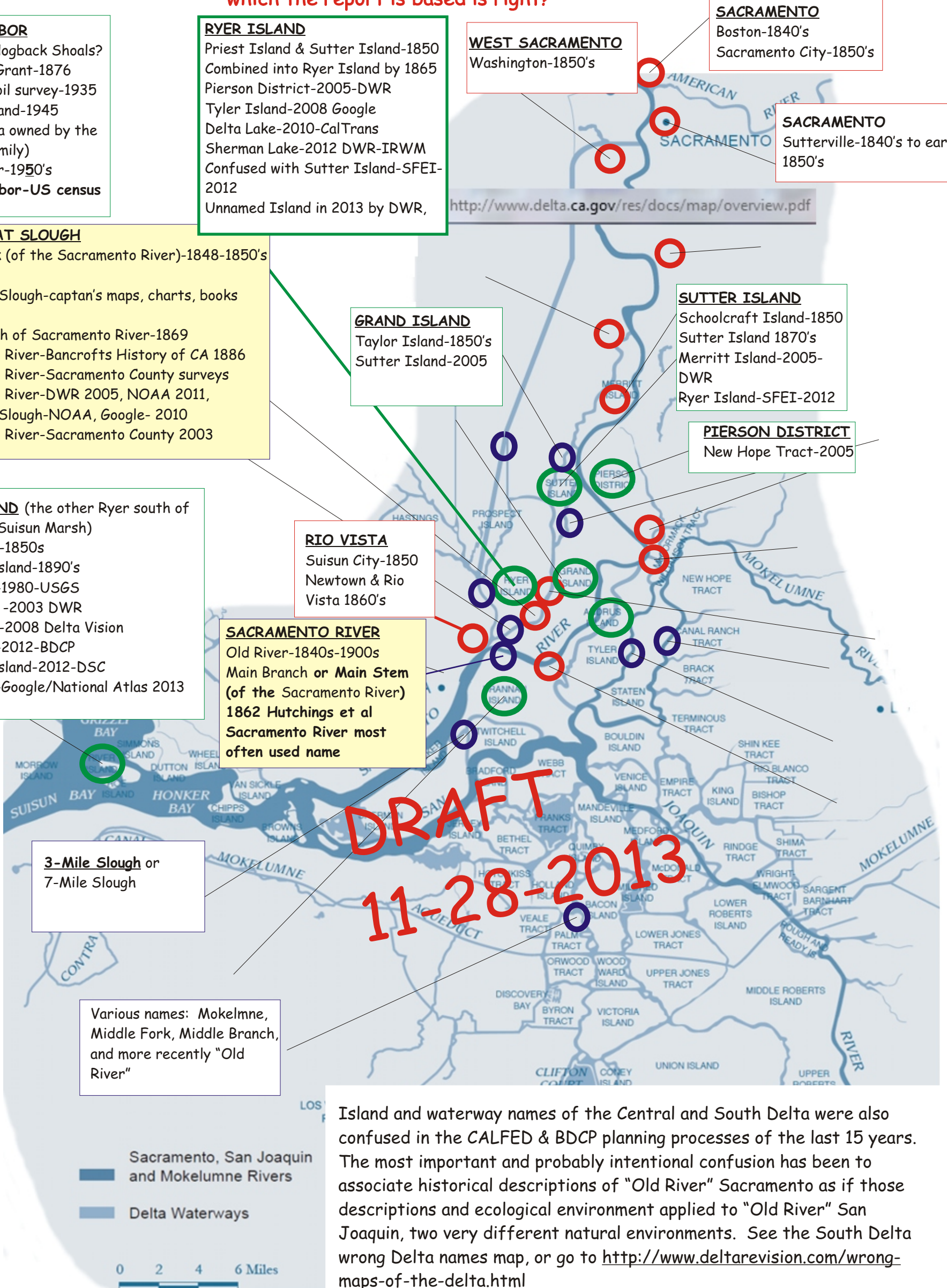
RIO VISTA
 Suisun City-1850
 Newtown & Rio Vista 1860's

SACRAMENTO RIVER
 Old River-1840s-1900s
 Main Branch or Main Stem (of the Sacramento River)
 1862 Hutchings et al
 Sacramento River most often used name

RYER ISLAND (the other Ryer south of Rio Vista in Suisun Marsh)
 Kings Island-1850s
 Long Point Island-1890's
 Ryer Island-1980-USGS
 River Island -2003 DWR
 River Island-2008 Delta Vision
 Ryer Island-2012-BDCP
 Long Point Island-2012-DSC
 Ryer Island-Google/National Atlas 2013

3-Mile Slough or 7-Mile Slough

Various names: Mokelmne, Middle Fork, Middle Branch, and more recently "Old River"



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Island and waterway names of the Central and South Delta were also confused in the CALFED & BDCP planning processes of the last 15 years. The most important and probably intentional confusion has been to associate historical descriptions of "Old River" Sacramento as if those descriptions and ecological environment applied to "Old River" San Joaquin, two very different natural environments. See the South Delta wrong Delta names map, or go to <http://www.deltarevision.com/wrong-maps-of-the-delta.html>