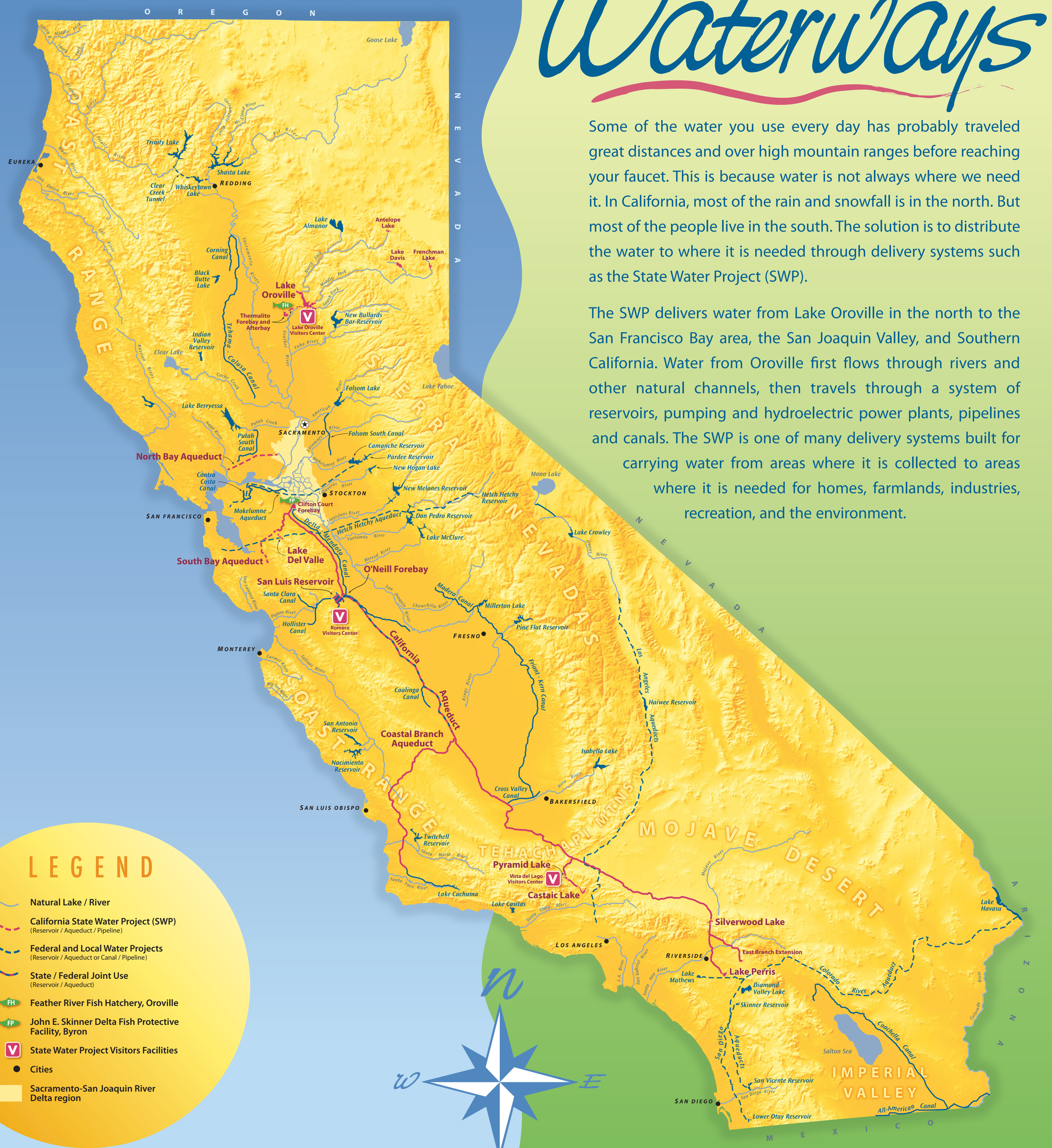
CALIFORNIA Waterways

Some of the water you use every day has probably traveled great distances and over high mountain ranges before reaching your faucet. This is because water is not always where we need it. In California, most of the rain and snowfall is in the north. But most of the people live in the south. The solution is to distribute the water to where it is needed through delivery systems such as the State Water Project (SWP).

The SWP delivers water from Lake Oroville in the north to the San Francisco Bay area, the San Joaquin Valley, and Southern California. Water from Oroville first flows through rivers and other natural channels, then travels through a system of reservoirs, pumping and hydroelectric power plants, pipelines and canals. The SWP is one of many delivery systems built for carrying water from areas where it is collected to areas where it is needed for homes, farmlands, industries, recreation, and the environment.



LEGEND

- Natural Lake / River
- California State Water Project (SWP) (Reservoir / Aqueduct / Pipeline)
- Federal and Local Water Projects (Reservoir / Aqueduct or Canal / Pipeline)
- State / Federal Joint Use (Reservoir / Aqueduct)
- FH Feather River Fish Hatchery, Oroville
- FP John E. Skinner Delta Fish Protective Facility, Byron
- State Water Project Visitors Facilities
- Cities
- Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta region

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