

Contra Costa

The Contra Costa County Courthouse in Martinez.
Part 2 of 4: Pinole, Hercules, Port Costa, Crockett, Martinez,
Pittsburg.



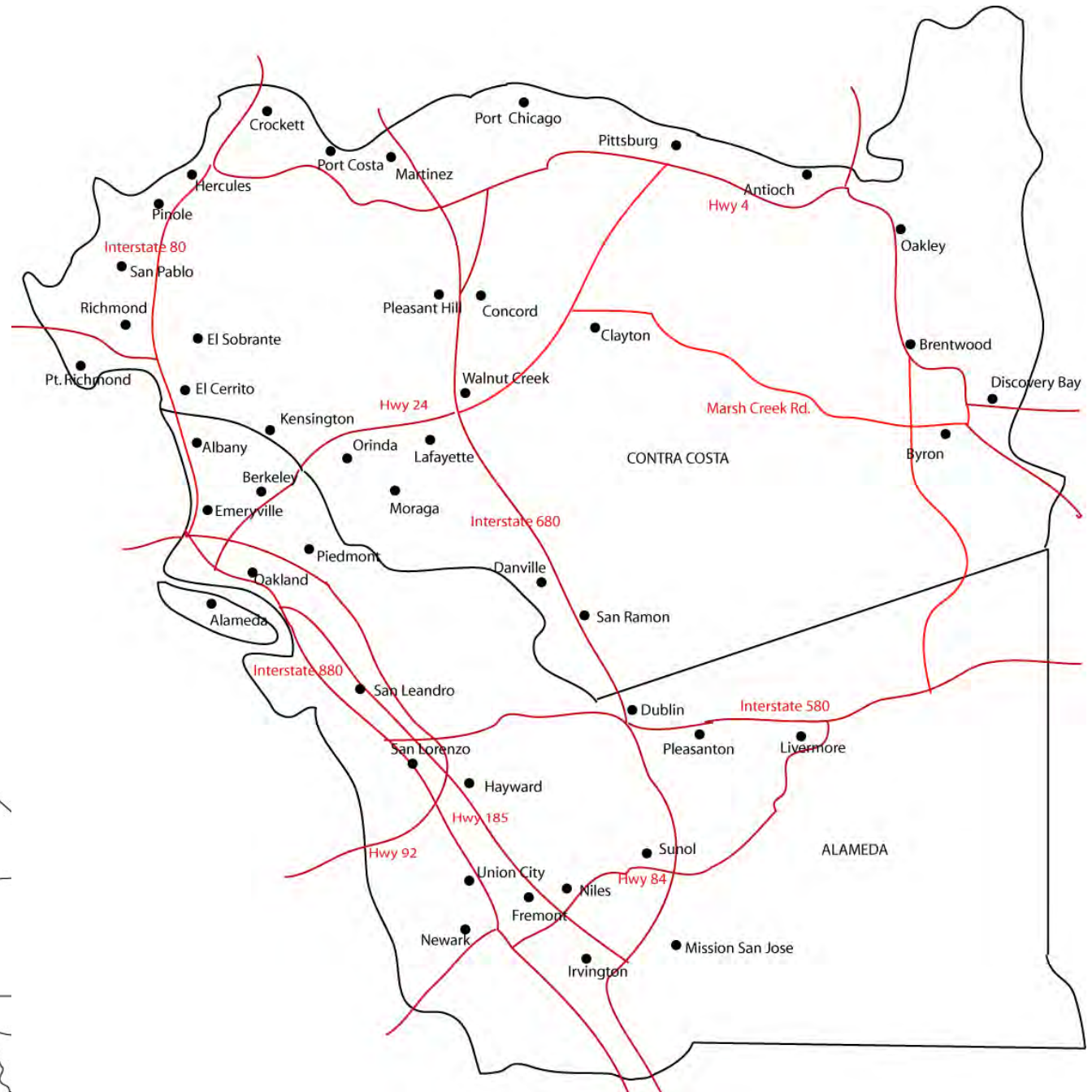
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The oil refineries still line the shores of San Pablo Bay though now they are mixed together with new subdivisions.

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Old Chevron Oil Refinery at Richmond

The Chevron refinery in Richmond. It dates back to 1902. (2011)



Oil Refinery at Rodeo

There are four or five oil refineries located along this part of the Bay.
(2011)



The C&H Sugar Plant at Crockett

C & H Sugar was founded in 1906. Bakers claim that cane sugar is best for baking. (2011)



Pinole

San Pablo Bay as seen from Pinole. Pinole was founded by Bernardo Fernandez in the 1850's. It became a city in 1903.
(May 2003)



Pinole

(May 2003)



Pinole

(May 2003)



Pinole

Amtrak from Stockton
skirts the Bay. (May 2003)



Pinole

• The Fernandez mansion. (May 2003)



Pinole

(June 2009)



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Hercules

Hercules became a city in 1976. It has a population of 24,000. (May 2003)





Hercules

(May 2003)



Hercules was originally established as a factory that produced dynamite for mining and later fertilizer. (May 2003)

Hercules



Port Costa

When this was a port shipping wheat it was a wild place. (February 2002)





Port Costa

Port Costa was a port for the railroad ferries from Benicia until 1930 when a bridge was built. In the 1870's it was a major which shipping port. (February 2002)



Port Costa



February 2002)

Port Costa

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Crockett

The first Carquinez Strait Bridge were built in 1927. A second identical bridge was completed in 1958. A third suspension bridge was finished in 2003 and the oldest was torn down. (February 2002)



Crockett

(February 2002)



Crockett

The ship docked under the bridge is the training vessel for the California Maritime Academy. It is part of the California University System. It trains ship officers. (February 2002)



Crockett

(February 2002)



Crockett

Crockett was established as a mill town in 1883. It has a population of 3,000. This is the power plant for the sugar mill. It burns the residue from the sugar cane. (February 2002)



Crockett



Crockett



(February 2002)

Crockett

The Carquinez Strait connects the Central Valley river systems with San Francisco Bay. Vallejo is seen in the center. (February 2002)



Martinez

(April 2002)



Martinez



John Muir, the conservationist, lived in this house from 1880 to 1914. It is now a state park. (January 2002)

Martinez

(April 2002)



Martinez

(April 2002)



Martinez

The old Shell refinery next to Martinez (April 2002)



Martinez

Martinez is the county seat and was founded in 1849. In 1915 the first oil refinery was built here by Shell. (April 2002)



Martinez

(April 2002)



Martinez

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Martinez

(April 2002)



Martinez

(March 2009)



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Martinez

Downtown Martinez. The population is 36,000. (March 2009)





Martinez

(March 2009)



Pittsburg

The new City Hall in Pittsburg. Pittsburg dates back to 1839. It was called Black Diamond after the coal mines in the area until 1914 when the name was changed. (March 2009)



Pittsburg

(March 2009)



Pittsburg

(March 2009)



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Pittsburg

(March 2009)



Pittsburg

The downtown has been almost entirely renovated. (March 2009)



Pittsburg

(March 2009)



Pittsburg

(March 2009)



Pittsburg

A steel mill was once located here. (March 2009)



Pittsburg

(January 2002)





Pittsburg

(January 2002)

Pittsburg

Pittsburg has a port and an industrial area along the waterfront. (March 2009)



Pittsburg

(March 2009)



Pittsburg

(March 2009)

