# Solano County

The Solano County Courthouse in Fairfield. Part 1 of 2: Rio Vista, Montezuma Hills, Suisun City, Fairfield, Dixon.



#### **Solano County**

#### Solano Population: 413,344 Area: 907 Sq. Mi.

Solano County was one of the original California counties. The county is named for an Indian chief, Chief Solano of the Suisunes. The Chief was given the Spanish name Francisco Solano during baptism at the Catholic Mission, and is named after the Spanish Franciscan missionary, Father Francisco Solano. "Solano" is a common surname in the north of Spain, specially in Navarra, Zaragoza and La Rioja.

A major air force base, Travis AFB, is located next to Fairfield which is the county seat.

Cities: Benicia, Dixon, Fairfield, Rio Vista, Suisun City, Vacaville, Vallejo. Towns: Birds Landing, Collinsville, Cordelia, Elmira, Green Valley.

#### Introduction

California is comprised of 58 counties. The state, the third largest in the U.S., has the greatest diversity of geography of any of the states. It has huge deserts, high mountain ranges, fertile valleys and a 1000 mile coastline. Beginning in 2001 my wife and I began to travel and photograph the state as a retirement hobby.

In 2009 we published a CD containing about 4,000 photos of the regions of the state. Since that time we have added about 10,000 more photos to our collection. It was also at this time (December 2008) I began to send a photographic diary of our trips to friends and people with an interest in California geography.

Now we are organizing our collection by county using all of our photos dating back to 2001.

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The town was founded in 1858. A post office was established in 1862. It was incorporated in 1892. It is famous for its Bass Derby held in October. (April 2007)











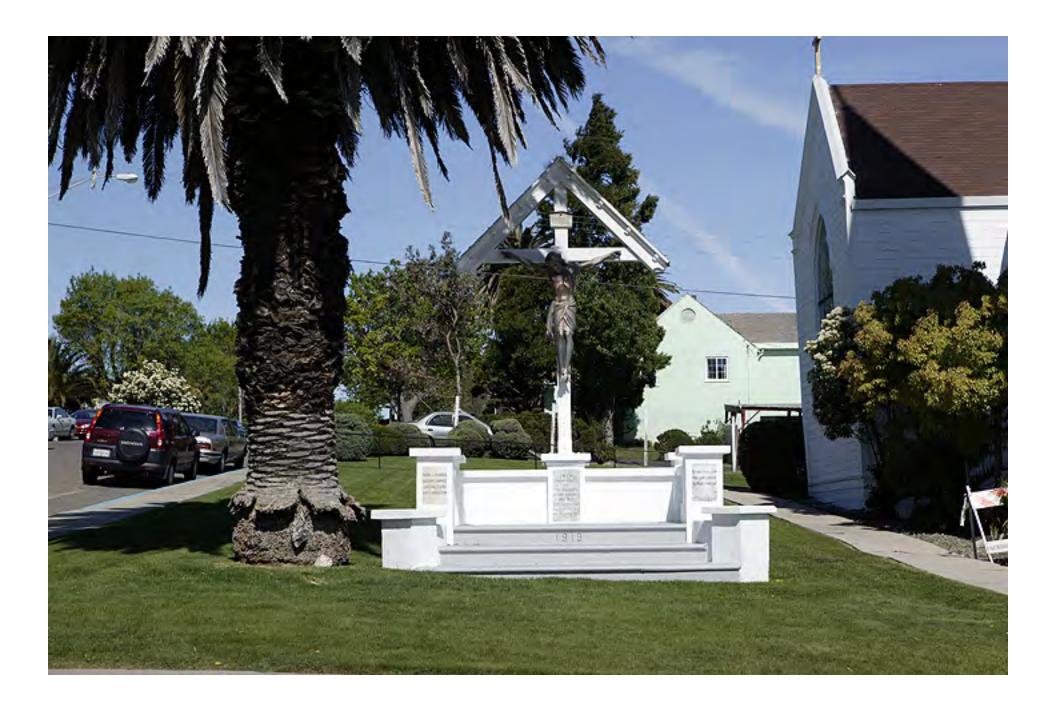


Foster's Big Horn is famous for its stuffed animal collection. (April 2007)









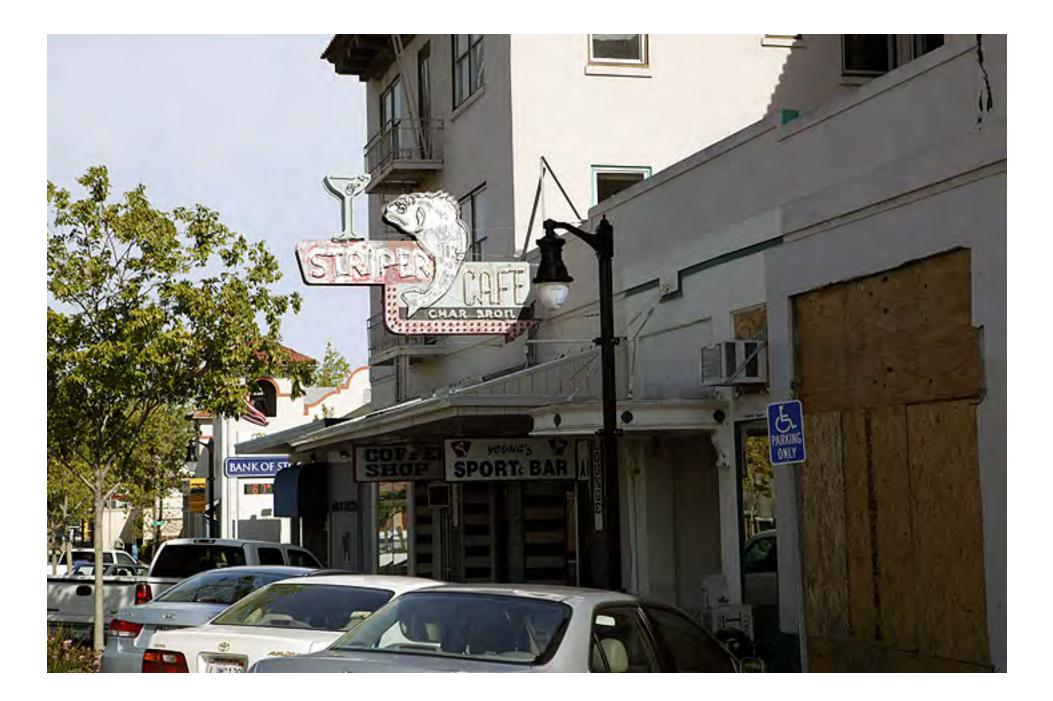








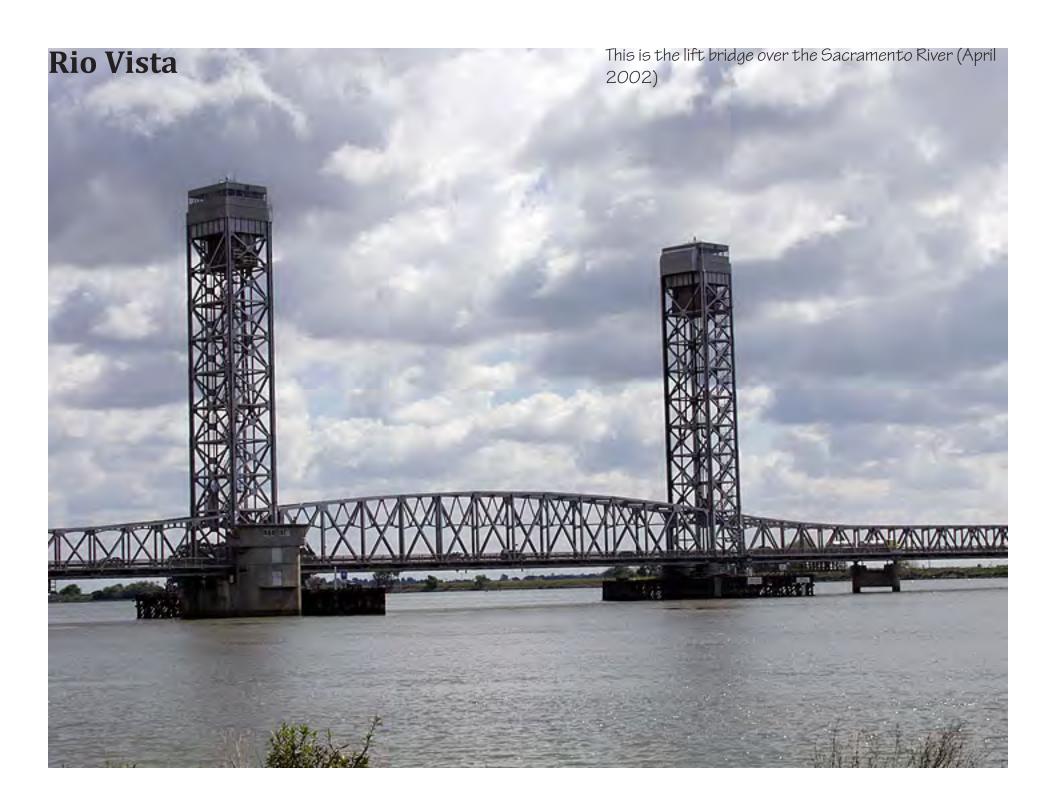


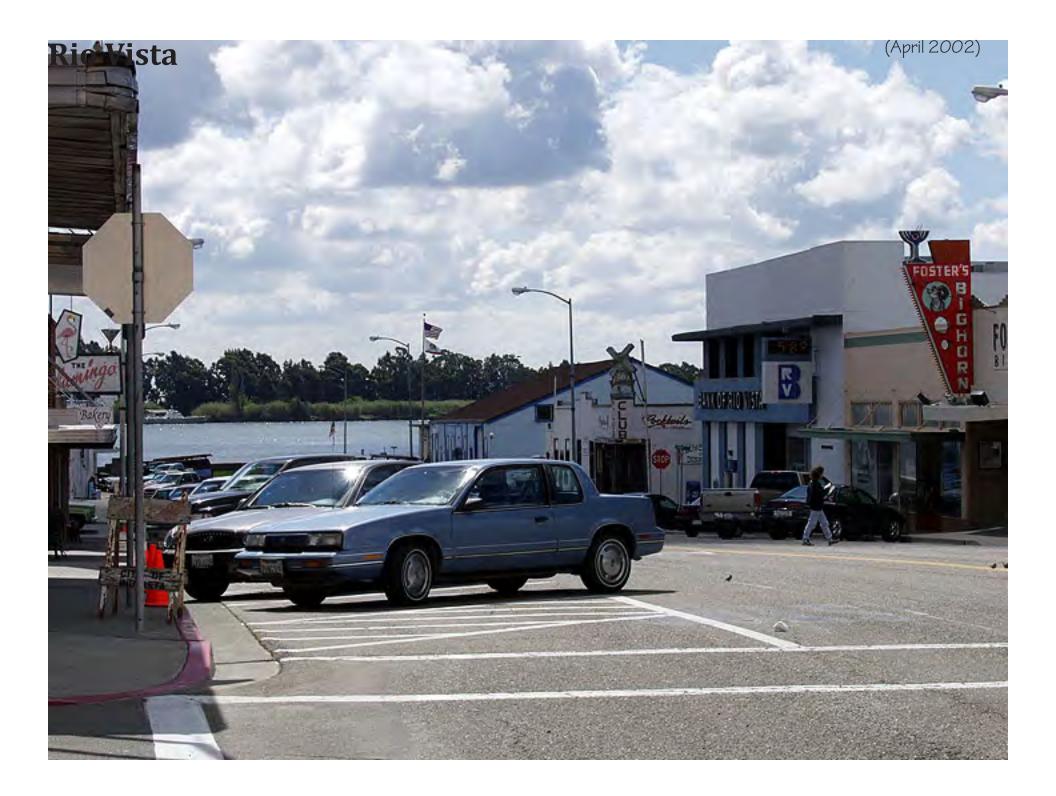




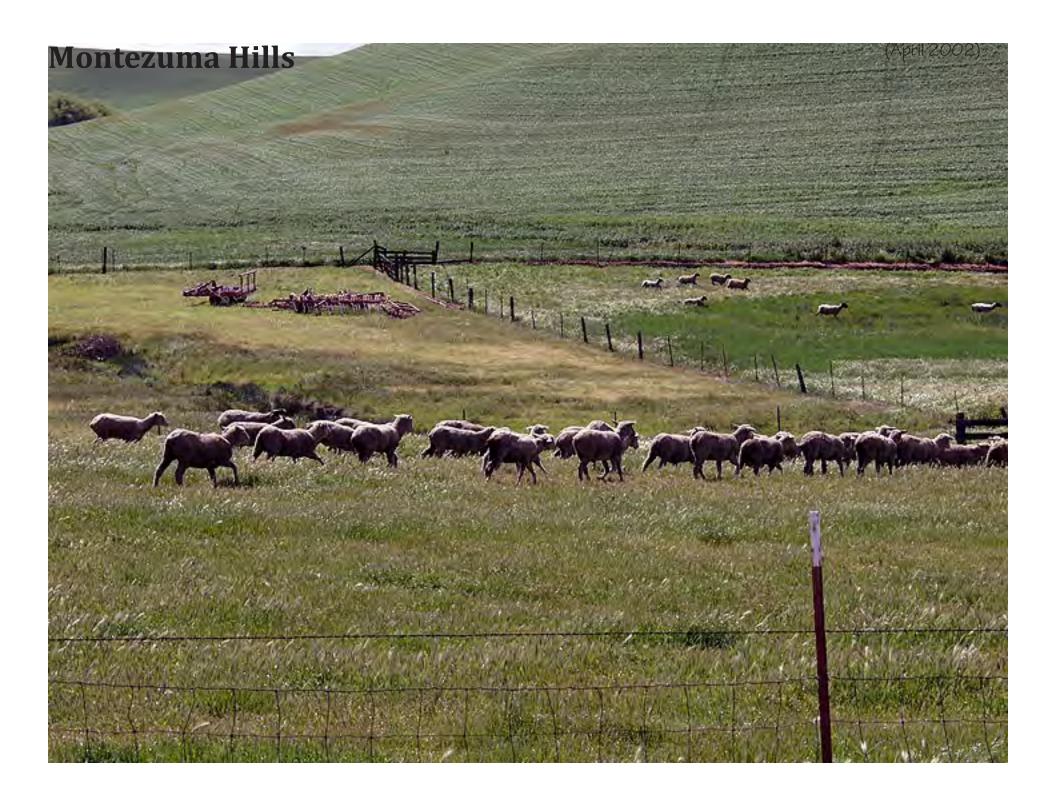












#### **Montezuma Hills**

A great many gigantic windmills have been added to this area. It is one of four major wind corridors in the state. (April 2002)



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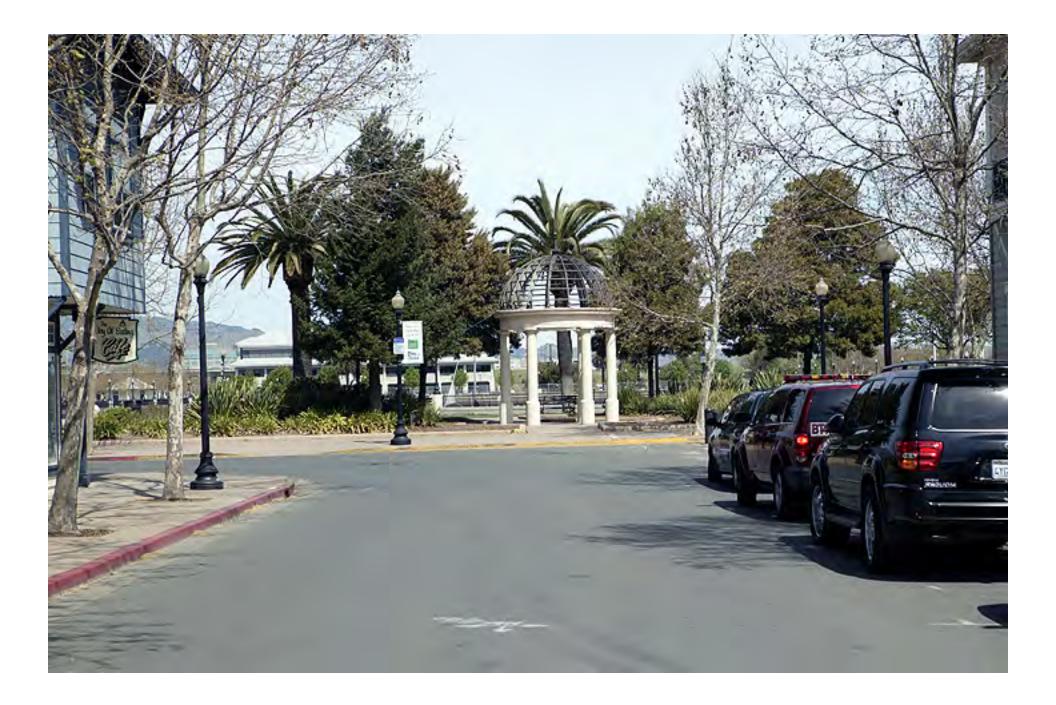






The town developed in the 1850's. It began redevelopment of its downtown in 1989. The population today is about 29,000. (April 2007)

















## **Suisun City**

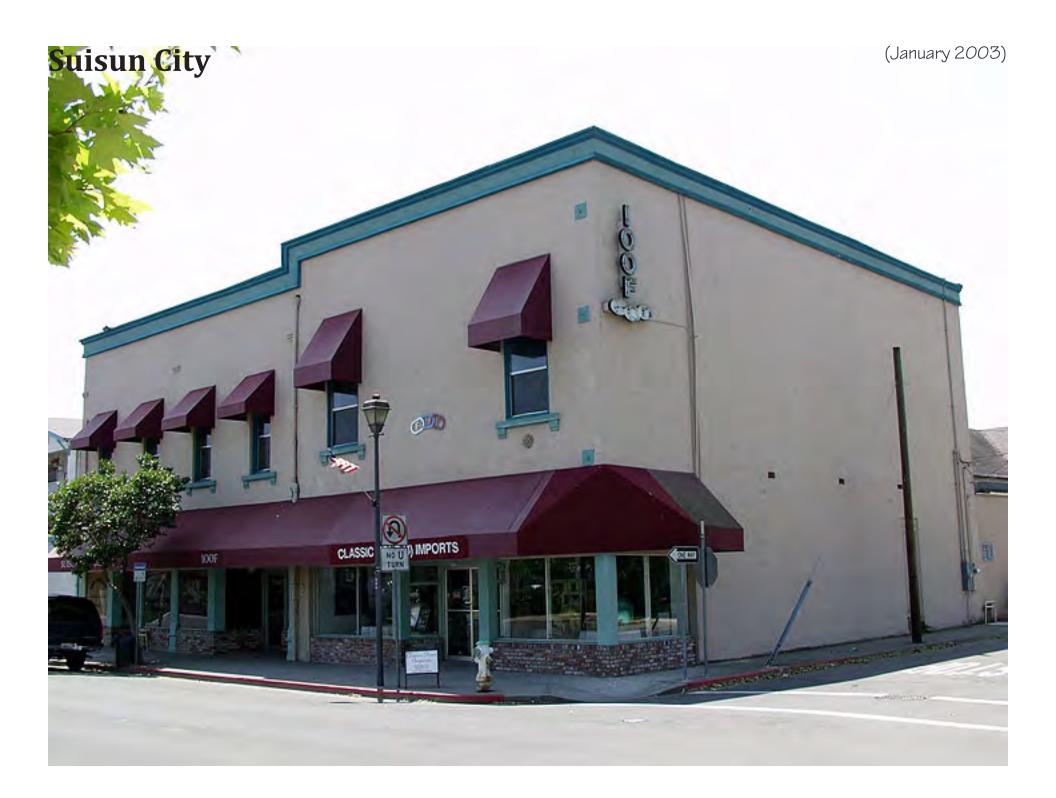




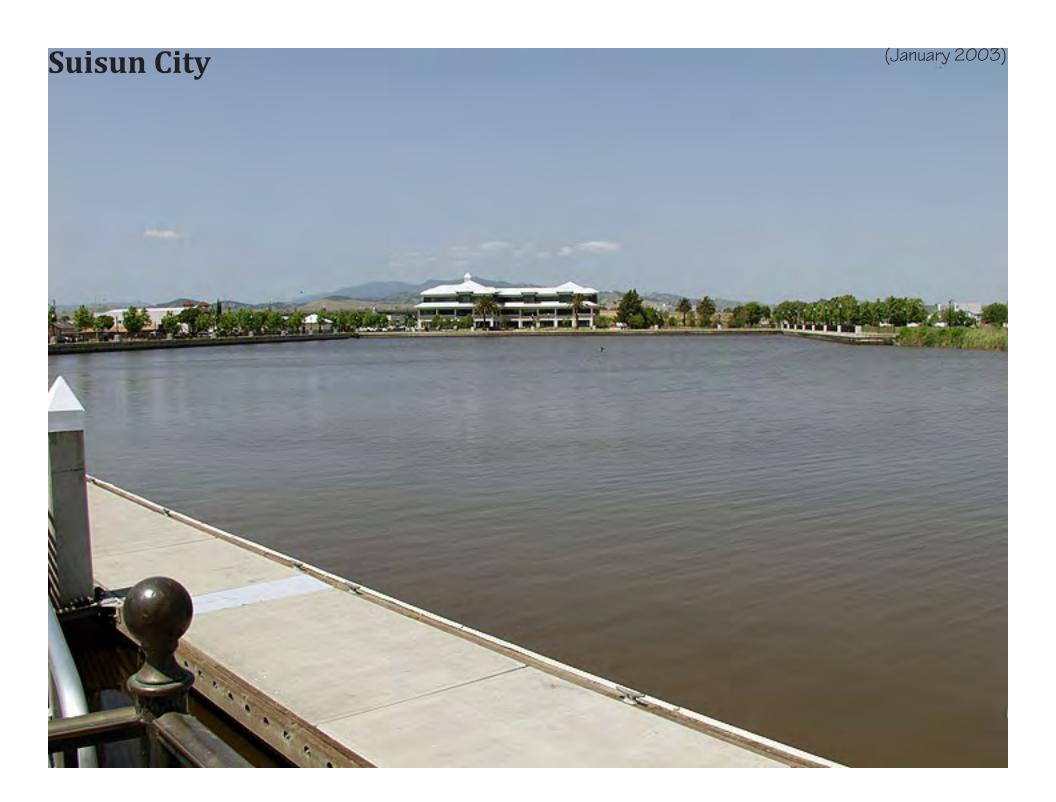
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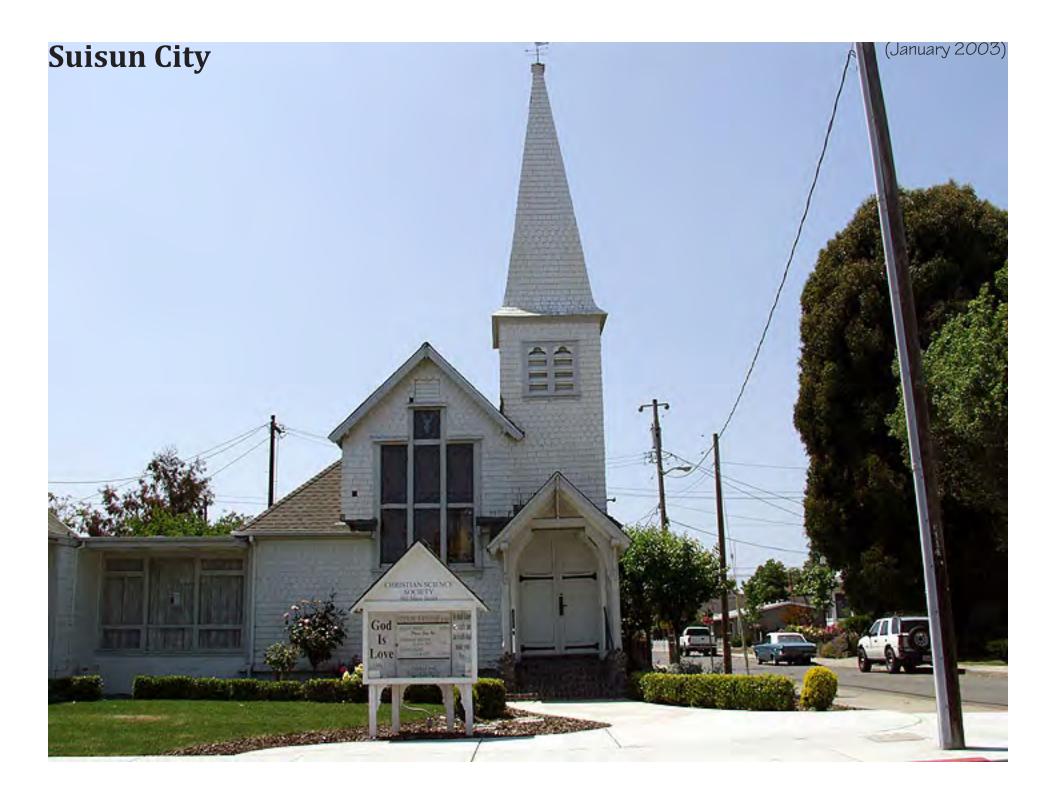




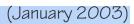




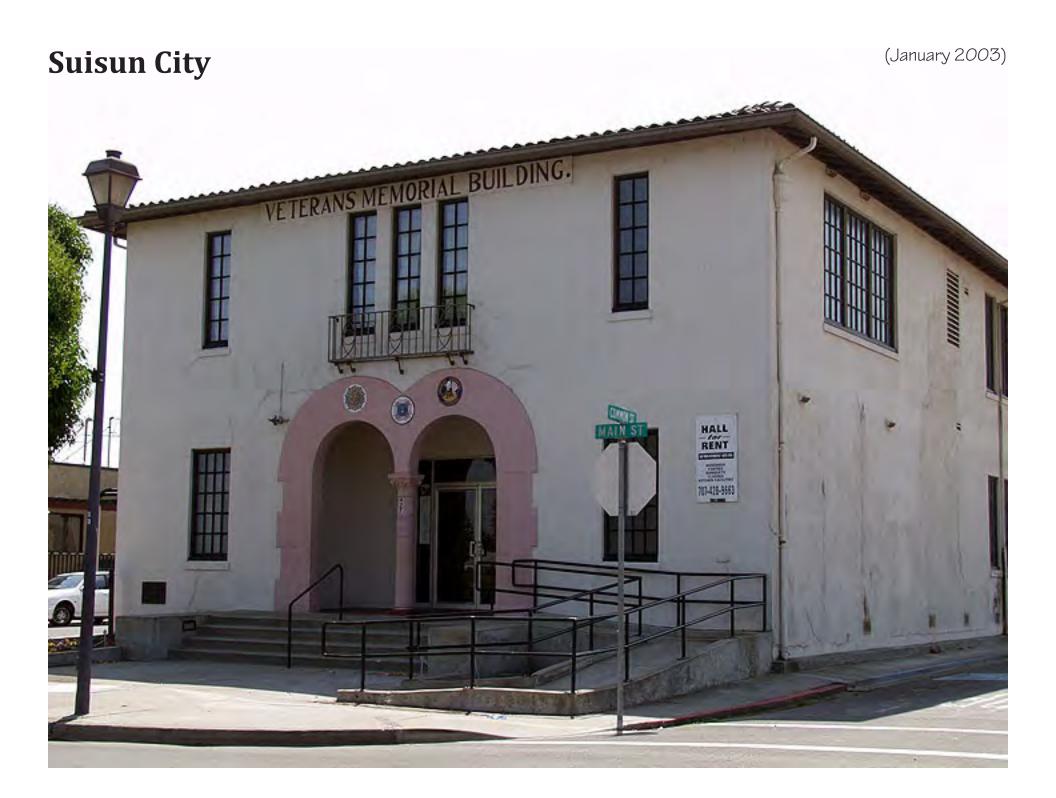


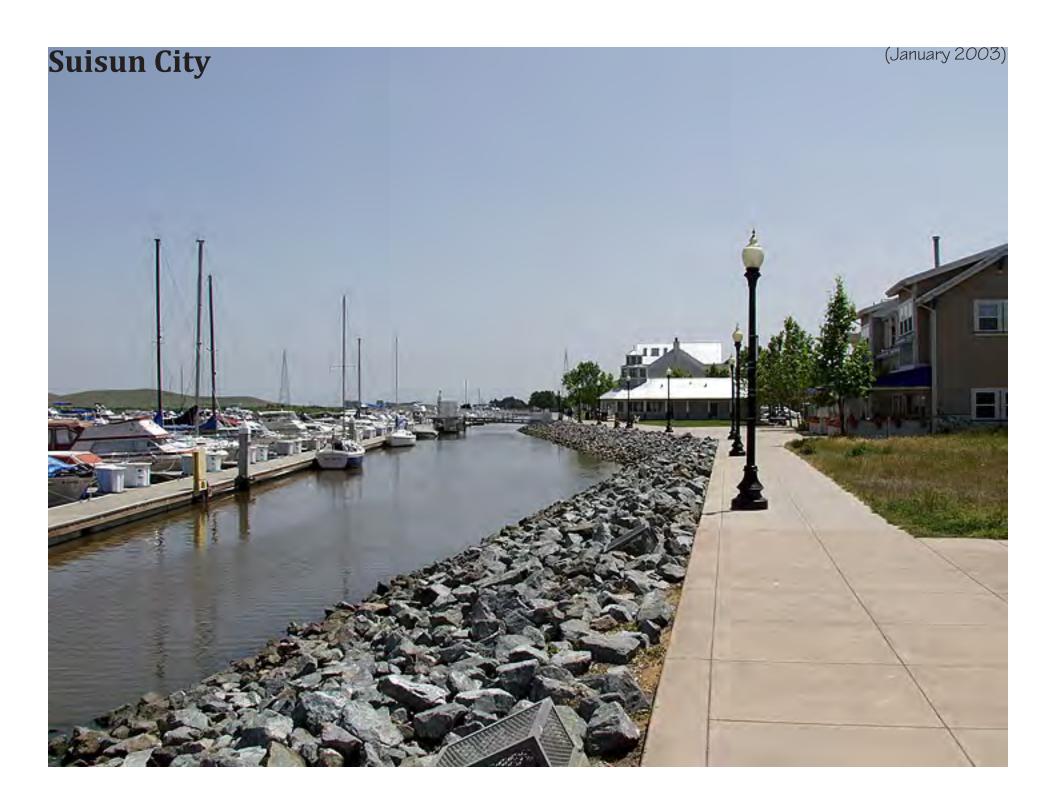


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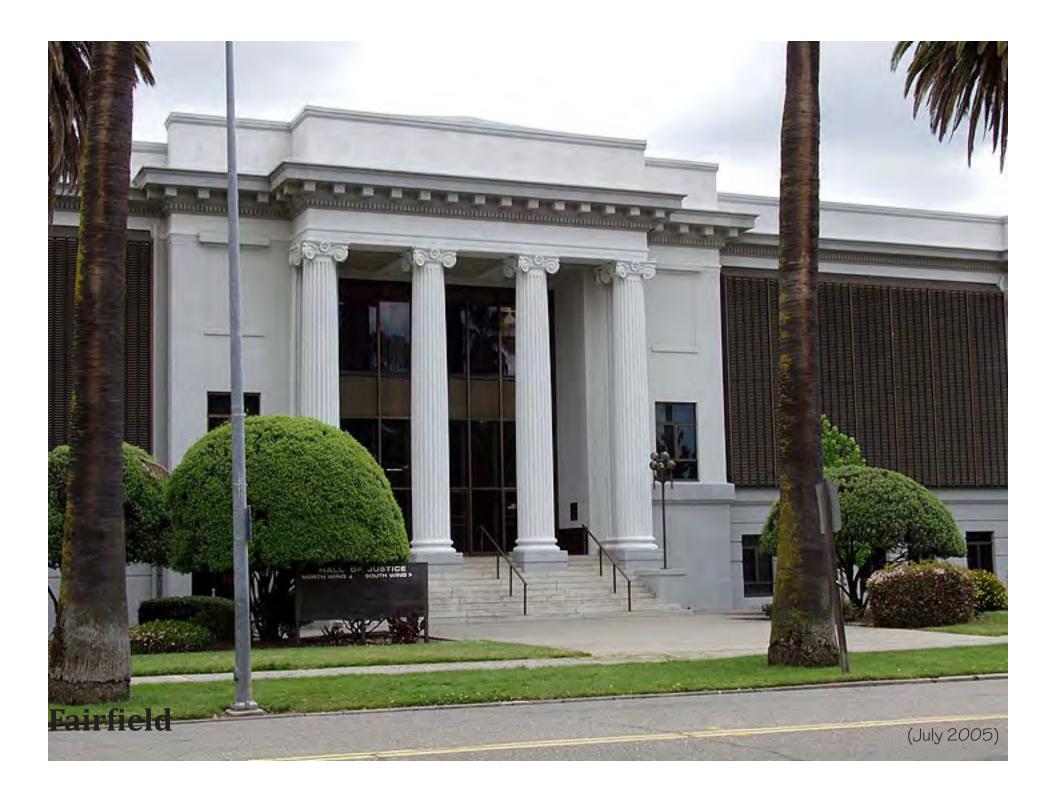


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(January 2003)









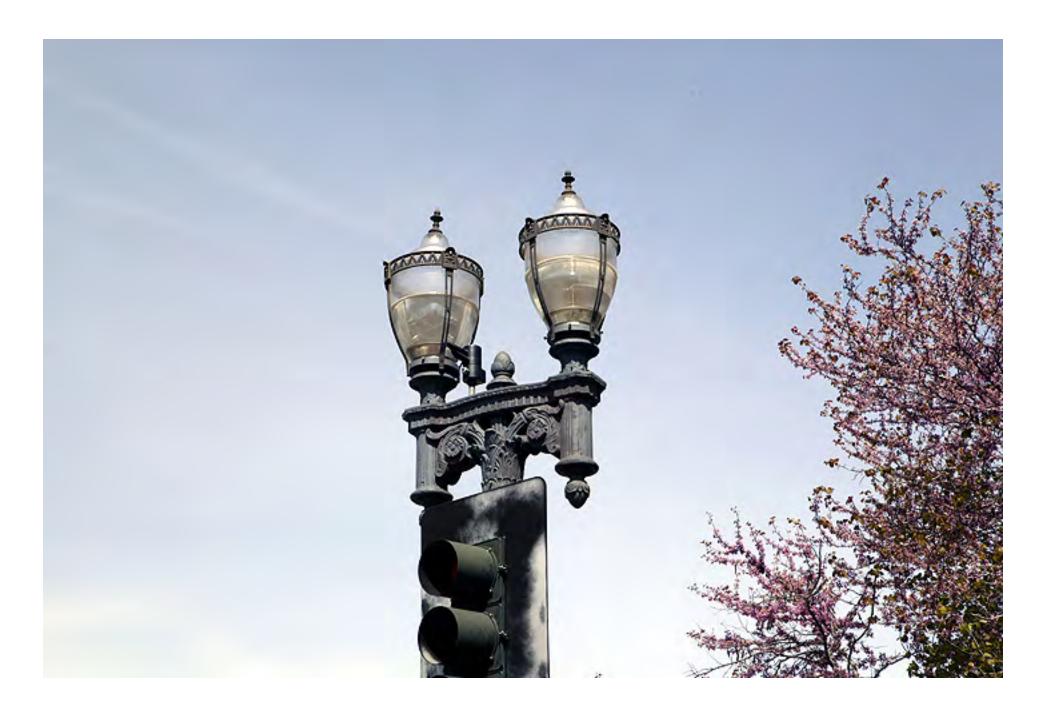


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