

Sutter County

The Sutter County Courthouse in Yuba City. (2002)



Sutter County

Sutter County Data

Population: 78,930 (Rank: 38)

Land Area (square miles): 1,151 (Rank: 39)

Sutter County is named after John Sutter and is one of the original counties. Sutter had a farm, the “Hock Farm,” in this area just south of Yuba City. Sutter moved there in 1850. The Hock Farm was burned down by a disgruntled employee.

The county is bordered on the west by the Sacramento River and on the east by the Feather River. The most dominant feature is the Sutter Buttes that can be seen from almost any point in the county. The Buttes are known locally as the world’s smallest mountain range. They rise 2,100 feet from the valley floor and are the remnants of an old volcano.

Along the west side of the county is the Sutter Bypass that drains flood waters from the Sacramento River during high water years. This area is on the Pacific flyway for migratory birds such as ducks and geese. There are several wildlife refuges in this area, which is mostly rice-growing country.

The county is mostly agricultural. Rice, dried plums, walnuts, peaches, and tomatoes are the chief crops.

Cities: Yuba City, Live Oak. Towns: Meridian, Sutter.

Introduction

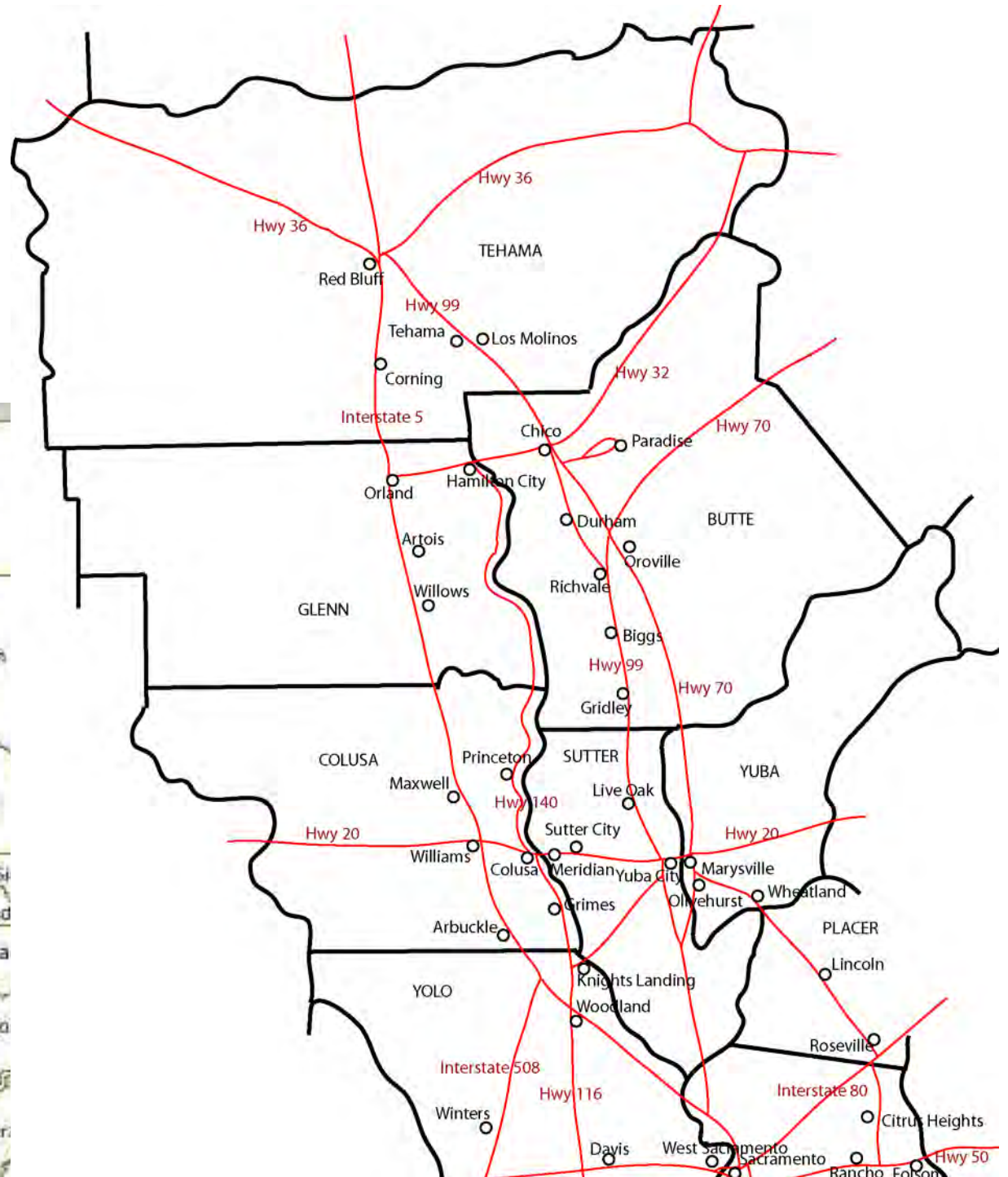
California is comprised of 58 counties. The state, the third largest in the U.S., has the greatest diversity of geography of any of the states. It has huge deserts, high mountain ranges, fertile valleys and a 1000 mile coastline. Beginning in 2001 my wife and I began to travel and photograph the state 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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A map of Northern California showing county boundaries and names. Sutter County is circled in black. Other labeled counties include Del Norte, Siskiyou, Madoc, Shasta, Lassen, Trinity, Humboldt, Tehama, Plumas, Mendocino, Glenn, Butte, Colusa, Yuba, Lake, Sutter, Yolo, Sonoma, Napa, Sacramento, Amador, Marin, Solano, Contra Costa, San Joaquin, and Calaveras.



Yuba City

Yuba City was founded as a Gold Rush City in 1849. It grew food for the gold miners in the hills to the east. Plumas Street below is the main street. Most retail activity now can be found to the west along Highway 20. (January 2007)



Yuba City

Plumas Street looking north. The most significant event in the history of the city was the flood of 1955 which killed 38 people.



Yuba City



Yuba City

At Plumas and B Street there was a Del Monte cannery. It has now been replaced by this office complex. There are no canneries left in many Valley towns. Yuba City does have a large dried fruit processing plant. If you eat Sunsweet dried plums, chances are they come from here.



Yuba City

The City Hall is a modern structure on the edge of town.
(January 2007)



Yuba City

When I lived here as a kid (1950) this was called Smith's Theatre. Then the town had a population of about 3,500. Today it is 65,000. (April 2002)



Yuba City

The cross street is called Bridge Street, It leads to the old bridge to Marysville. This is where you caught the trolley to Marysville. (April 2002)



Yuba City

The government buildings are on Second Street next to the river about a mile east of Plumas. This is an area of fine old homes from the 1880's. (April 2002)



Yuba City



(April 2002)

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Yuba City

Yuba City has a great collection of Victorian era homes along the river. (April 2009)



Yuba City

(April 2009)



Yuba City

(April 2009)





Yuba City

(April 2002)



Yuba City

Yuba City has a very large Sikh population from India. They began to settle in the area over 100 years ago. (April 2009)



Live Oak

(April 2009)



Live Oak

Live Oak is a farm community to the north of Yuba City. (April 2009)



Live Oak

(April 2003)



Live Oak

Live Oaks most famous resident was Juan Corona. Corona was convicted of killing 25 farm workers in 1971. At the time it was the largest serial killing in the country. (April 2003)



Live Oak



(April 2003)

Live Oak

(April 2003)







Live Oak

(May 2009)



Live Oak

(May 2009)



Sutter Buttes

The Buttes stick up about 2,100 feet in the middle of the Valley. They cover about 100 square miles. They are an old volcanic formation. (March 2010)



Sutter Buttes

(March 2010)



Sutter Buttes

(March 2010)



I-5, Wildlife Refuge, rice fields

On the left are wildlife refuges and on the right rice fields. Interstate 5 runs down the middle.
(March 2010)



Rice fields

(April 2009)



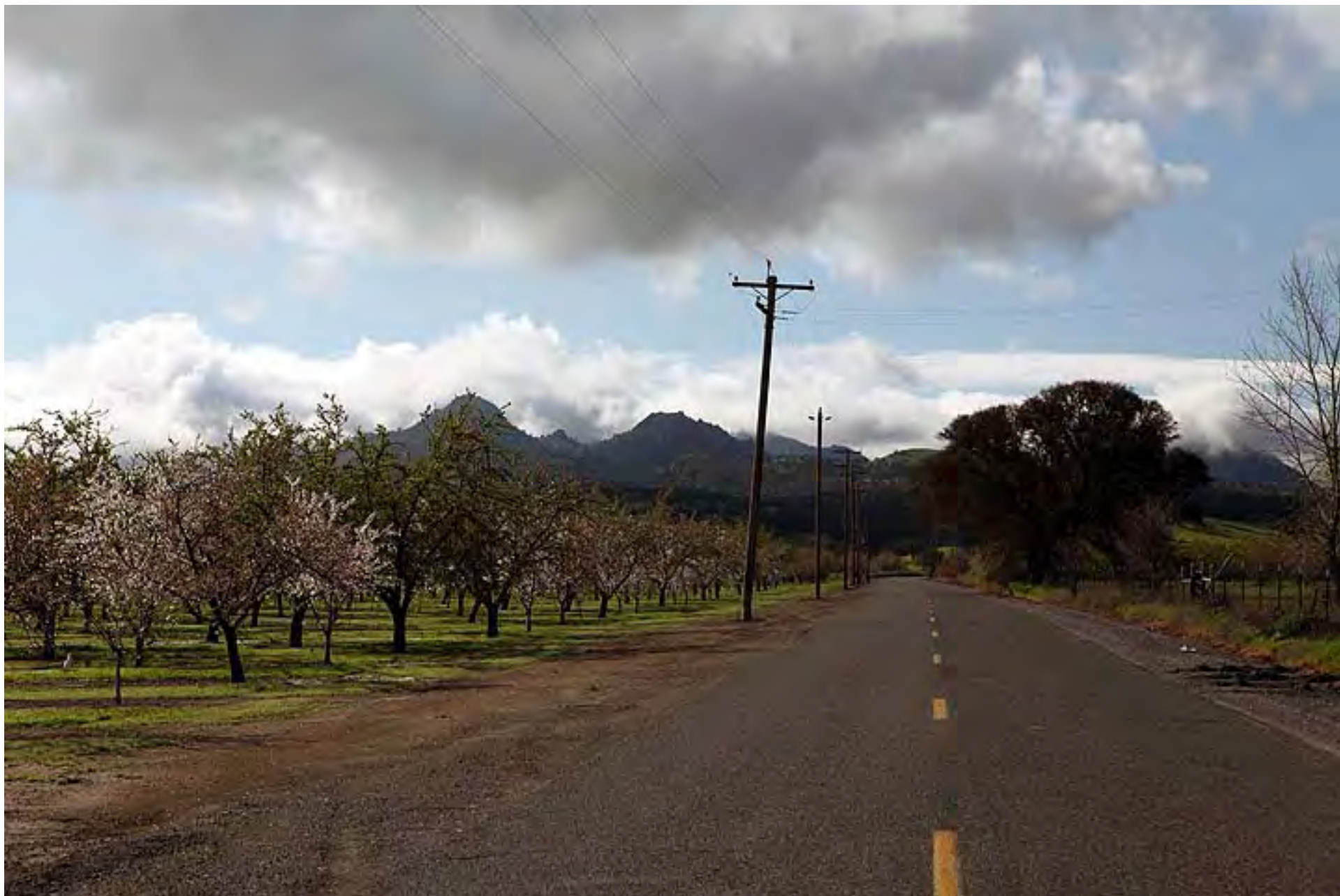
Sutter Buttes

(April 2009)



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Sutter Buttes

(April 2009)



Butte Sink

(April 2009)



Rice fields – Sutter Buttes

(April 2009)



Rice fields – Sutter Buttes

(October 2005)



Sutter Buttes from the air

(March 2010)



Meridian

(April 2003)



Meridian

(April 2003)



Meridian



(April 2003)

Meridian



(April 2003)

Meridian



When the Sacramento Northern Railroad linked communities together they had these distinctive depots. This is the last one. It is now a house. (October 2005)

Abandoned Bridge–Meridian



This bridge once crossed the Butte Sink which would fill with water in the winter. (April 2003)

Meridian

(October 2005)



Rice Harvest

(October 2005)



Sacramento River

(October 2005)



Tisdale Weir



When the Sacramento River overflows it flows through a weir into the Sutter Bypass. This is the bridge over the weir. It flows for about 30 miles into the Feather River and then into the Yolo Bypass where it flows another 30 miles. In effect it creates an emergency river to handle excess water. (October 2005)

Sutter City

(March 2003)



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(March 2003)



East Nicolaus



Nicolaus and East Nicolaus are farming communities in the south part of the county. (March 2003)

Nicolaus

(March 2003)



Nicolaus

(March 2003)



Nicolaus

(March 2005)



Nicolaus

(March 2003)



East Nicolaus

(March 2003)



Nicolaus

(March 2003)



Nicolaus



Nicolaus

(March 2003)



Robbins

Robbins is a small town in the center of a huge rice growing region. (October 2005)



Robbins

(October 2005)



Robbins

This nondescript building is the headquarters of a major farming operation. (October 2005)



Robbins

(October 2005)



Robbins

(October 2005)



Verona

Verona is a small fishing village on the Feather River.
(October 2005)



Verona

(October 2005)



Cranmore

Cranmore is the headquarters of an irrigation district. Lots of pipes and pumps. (October 2005)

