

Accounting for every drop. Water management in the Sacramento Valley.

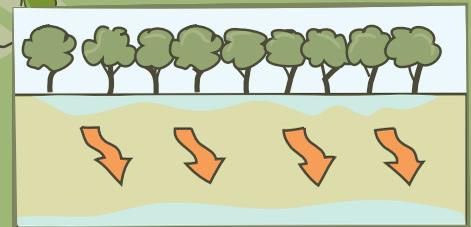
In the Sacramento Valley, a highly efficient “flow-through” system allows water to move from mountains to ocean. Water resources managers work with the Valley’s unique topography, geology and hydrology to gather, use and reuse this precious resource.

This system is the heart of the Valley’s healthy ecosystem, diverse economy and rich recreational opportunities.

Rice is grown on dense clay soil which prevents seepage and ensures water is available for re-use downstream.



The water not used in one district is a source of water for others downstream.



All water not used by crops and wetlands returns to the river or percolates down to groundwater, recharging Valley aquifers.

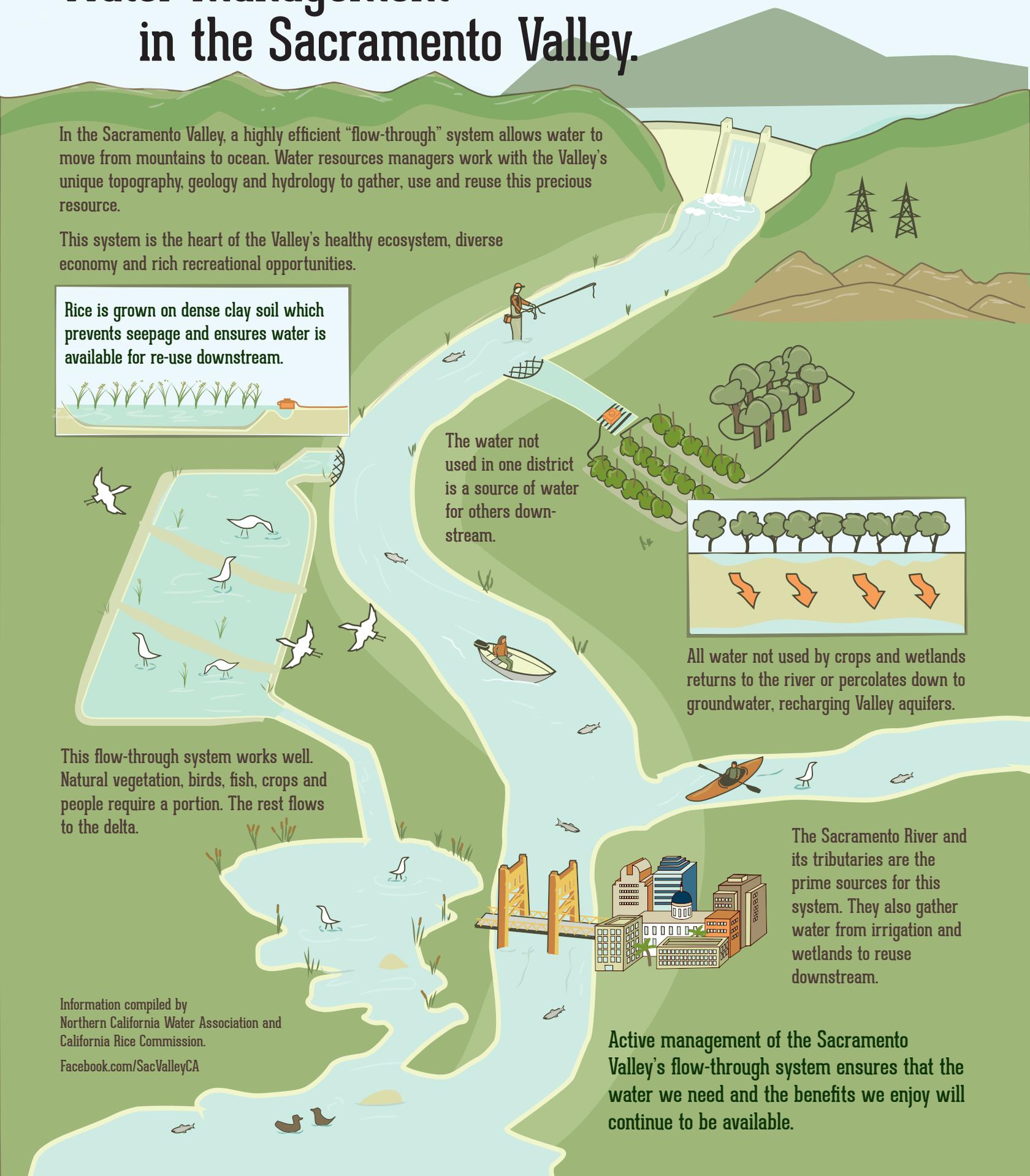
This flow-through system works well. Natural vegetation, birds, fish, crops and people require a portion. The rest flows to the delta.

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The Sacramento River and its tributaries are the prime sources for this system. They also gather water from irrigation and wetlands to reuse downstream.

Active management of the Sacramento Valley’s flow-through system ensures that the water we need and the benefits we enjoy will continue to be available.



The Sacramento Valley

Like a human fingerprint, California's Sacramento Valley is truly unique. On the leading edge of ecological and economical sustainability, it's also an

exceptional place to live, work and raise a family. The Sacramento Valley joins together a world renowned mosaic of natural abundance: productive farmlands, wildlife refuges and managed wetlands, cities and rural communities, and meandering rivers that support and feed fisheries and natural habitats. Through **efficient** management of the region's water resources, the Sacramento Valley will continue to provide what's **essential** to California's future success and prosperity. Nourishment and sustenance from the fields, habitats for fish and wildlife, recreation and a special quality of life—the Sacramento Valley is home to all of this, and more...

