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The Central Valley Region is the State's largest, encompassing 60,000 square miles, or about 40 percent of the State's total area. Thirty-eight of California's 58 counties are either completely or partially within the region's boundaries, formed by the crests of the Sierra Nevada on the east, the Coast Ranges and Klamath Mountains on the west, the Oregon border on the north, and the Tehachapi Mountains on the south. The Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers, and their tributaries, drain the major part of this large area through an inland Delta into San Francisco Bay. The Delta is the focal point of the State's two largest water conveyance projects, the State Water Project and the federal Central Valley Project. Together, the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers and the Delta furnish over half of the State's water supply.

Upcoming Priorities for 2012

- Develop a comprehensive Salt and Nitrate Management Plan.
- Strengthen agricultural waste regulatory programs.
- Strengthen and implement regulatory programs for the preservation and protection of Delta waters.
- Development of a statewide Aquifer Storage and Recovery General Order.
- Strengthen ground water regulatory and control programs consistent with the Ground Water Quality Protection Strategy.

Accomplishments

- V. Environmental Impact Report Approved for Program to Regulate Irrigated Agriculture
- Dairy Digesters Permits Promote Green Energy and Create Renewable Energy Source
- Diazinon Reduced in the Sacramento and Feather Rivers Removed from Impaired Waters List
- Whiskeytown Lake No Longer Impaired For Bacteria Removed from Impaired Waters List