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2021 Reduction in Sacramento Valley Surface Water Supplies (in %)

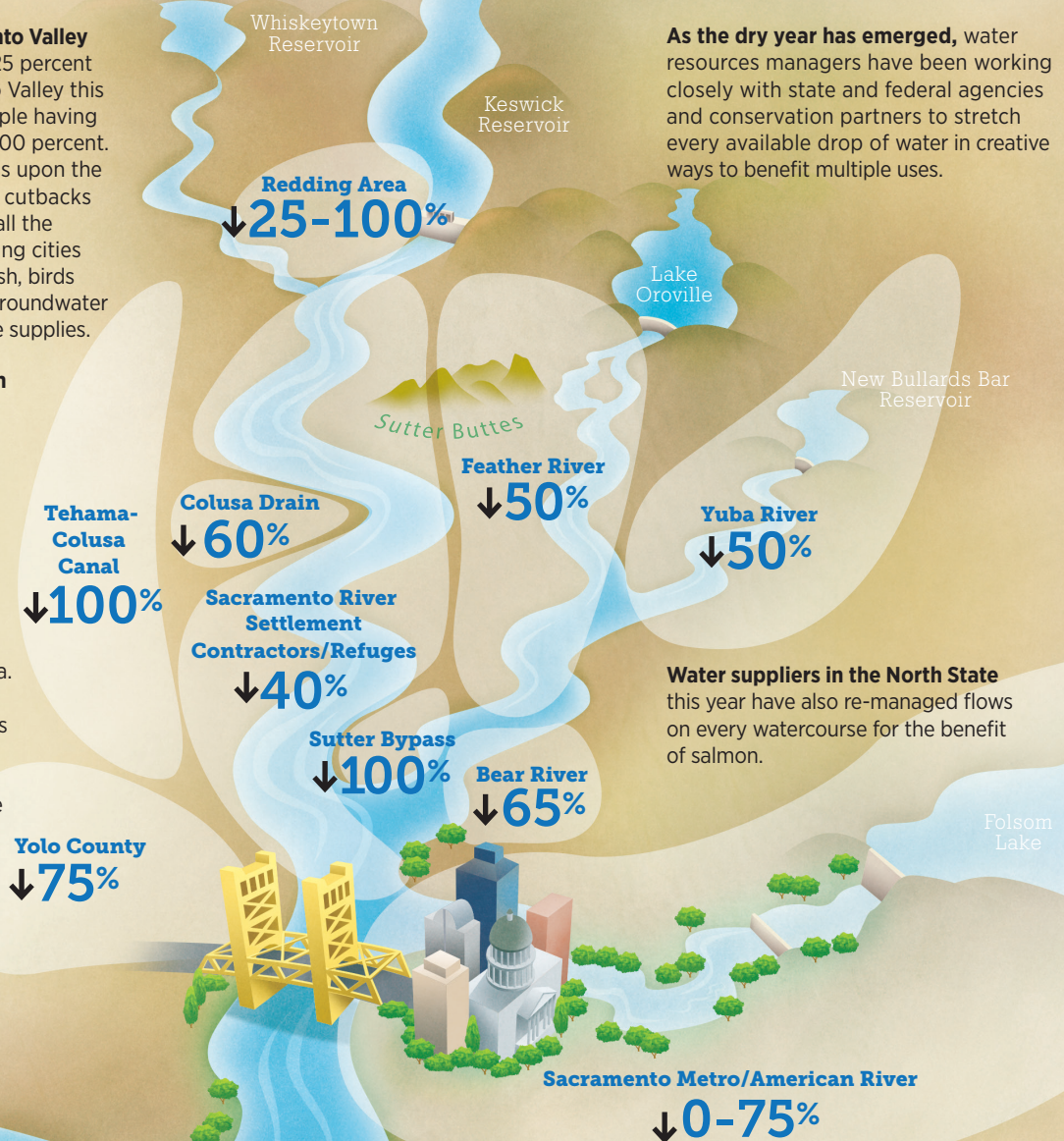
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California's water right system works—in a dry year like 2021, water suppliers have planned for reductions and they are able to develop alternative water management plans in response to the lack of surface water.

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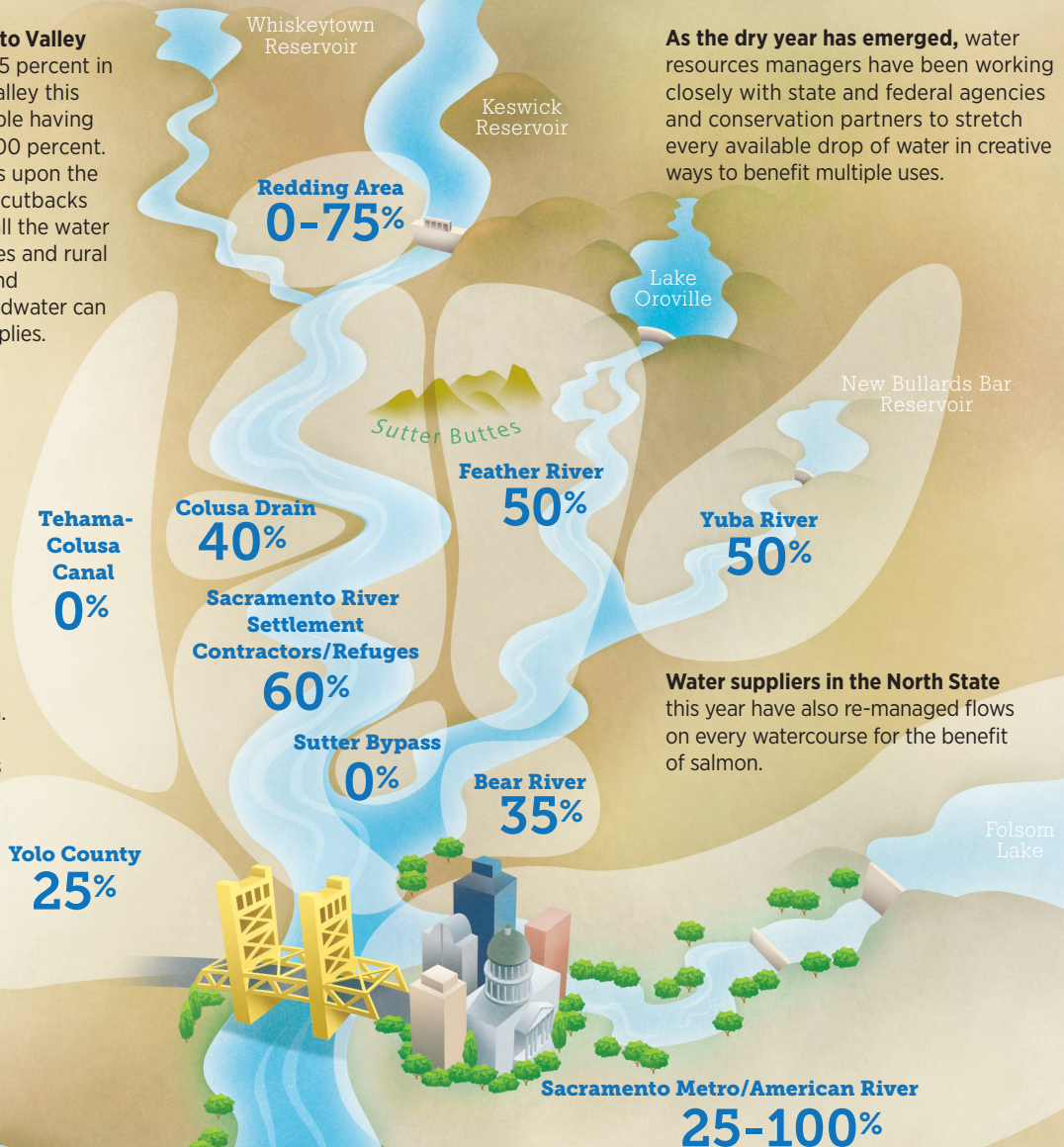
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