

An aerial photograph of a vast wetland landscape. In the foreground, a large, dense, circular flock of white birds, likely egrets or herons, is gathered on a green field. The middle ground shows a winding path or stream cutting through a mix of green grass and brown, dry vegetation. The background is filled with more birds scattered across the landscape, which is dotted with small trees and shrubs. The overall scene is captured in a high-contrast, slightly grainy style, emphasizing the textures of the land and the sheer number of birds.

IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY, WATER IN WILDLIFE REFUGES