

APPENDIX I - N.M. State Demonstration for Class II Wells

AQUIFER DESIGNATION FOR UIC:  
PROTOTYPE STUDY IN SOUTHEASTERN NEW MEXICO

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INTRODUCTION

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD), in conjunction with Lee Wilson and Associates, has performed a prototype study to implement the aquifer designation regulations which are proposed as part of the Federal Underground Injection Control program. Designation criteria require protection of aquifers which are currently used for drinking water or which have a total dissolved solids (TDS) content of less than 10,000 mg/l. However, aquifers may be exempted from designation if they are or will be used for mineral, oil or geothermal energy production, or if they cannot provide drinking water for reason of economics, technology or gross contamination.

In New Mexico, state regulations already require that ground water with a TDS less than 10,000 mg/l be protected against virtually all types of pollutant discharge. UIC goes beyond the State programs by requiring explicit identification and mapping of the areas to be protected. However, aquifers

protected under State regulations could be exempted from protection under UIC in areas of mineral, oil or geothermal energy production. Because the concept of designation or exemption is new, and standardized procedures are not available, the process of aquifer evaluation is potentially difficult, complex, and time-consuming; it may be expensive in terms of the commitment of resources for data gathering and interpretation. A prototype study is needed to develop procedures and evaluate the complexity and expense of the aquifer-designation process. The prototype reported here involved all steps in the process except for those related to a formal public hearing.

The project described here involved the mapping of aquifers in a 144-square-mile area near Artesia, in Eddy County (Figure 1). Characteristics of the area include the following:

1. Both artesian water and oil are produced from the same geologic unit, the San Andres Formation of Permian age. This situation is characteristic of much of southeastern New Mexico and implies that boundary-setting in aquifer designation must be precise.
2. Injection into the San Andres is practiced both for secondary recovery and brine disposal; thus the

potential for contamination is significant and the role of UIC designations as a protective tool becomes important.

3. Considerable information on the area has already been compiled by agencies or private companies (for example, water-level maps). Additional data can be readily obtained (for example, porosity values can be read from modern geophysical logs).

#### METHODS AND DATA

Geologic, hydrologic, and energy-resource data for the study area were gathered from published reports and the files of federal, state and local agencies concerned with water or energy resources. Information on salinity and porosity was developed in part from geophysical logs produced from new, deep gas wells which penetrated the Grayburg-San Andres interval. The Dual Laterlog and Compensated Neutron Log were utilized to determine resistivity of formation fluids and formation porosity. With proper borehole corrections, these logs provide an accurate assessment of fluid salinity. However, data are generally available only for deeper formations, since wells are required to be cased through formations known to contain potable water. The data were compiled into four tables (Tables

1 to 4), which include geohydrologic information, records of water wells, and records of oil, gas and injection wells (including geophysical data wells), and lithologic descriptions. The tables were then interpreted to produce maps basic to the aquifer designation process (see Figures 2 through 9); the maps present structural contours, potentiometric surfaces, the location of shallow oil and gas pools, and the location of information wells.

The maps and tables were used to develop Figure 10, a cross-section of the study area. This cross-section portrays most of the information needed to make aquifer designations. The section shows the location of fresh water, oil and gas pools, geologic boundaries, potentiometric surfaces of shallow and artesian aquifers, and representative wells. Figure 10 is used as the base for the various designation options considered in the Results section.

The geology of the study area (see Figures 2, 3 and 4) reflects its position as a backwater depositional zone in the Permian Reef complex of New Mexico and Texas. Dolomites predominate, with limestone increasing southeastward toward the reef, and redbeds and evaporites increasing north and west onto the shelf. In general, the Permian units dip toward the southeast and thicken in the same direction.

The principal aquifer and hydrocarbon-producing zones both occur within the San Andres Formation, which lies between the Grayburg Formation of the Artesia Group, and the Glorieta Sandstone. This formation is therefore the critical interval for UIC protection. Two separate porosity horizons are situated within the San Andres. The upper horizon is a high-porosity (20 per cent) interval which contains an artesian aquifer and some isolated hydrocarbon development. The artesian quifer underlies most of the area. The Aquifer includes much of the Grayburg as well as and the upper, porous zone of the San Andres. The water contains less than 3000 mg/l dissolved solids, except in the southeastern part of the map area where oil is produced from the lower Grayburg.

The lower horizon corresponds to the Slaughter dolomite zone, where locally developed porosity contains oil and gas, and total dissolved solids exceed 10,000 mg/l. A zone of low porosity apparently acts as a confining horizon, or permeability barrier, which separates the aquifer from the Slaughter zone and the oil pools.

Data on geohydrology and water quality in the area (see Tables 2 and 3, Figures 5, 6, 7) indicate that although fresh water is found to the base of the San Andres in some locations,

there is no water production below the artesian aquifer. (However, fresh water is found beneath the San Andres in the Roswell Basin outside the study area; see Gross et al., 1978).

In most locations, fresh water is not found in wells which penetrate below the artesian aquifer. However, resistivity data indicate that fresh water may extend to the base of the San Andres in some locations (Arrow A, Figure 10). In all such cases, geophysical logs indicate that the fresh water occurs in rocks with low porosity (averaging less than 7 percent), suggesting that the water is interstitial. No fresh-water yield is obtained from any well which penetrates below the artesian aquifer. Water in the Glorieta exceeds 10,000 mg/l in all geophysical data wells.

In units east of the Pecos River, water contains more dissolved solids than in corresponding units west of the river. Most fresh-water production comes from the Yates Formation, with dissolved solids values which can be as low as 1,000 mg/l, but are generally above 4,000 mg/l.

A shallow aquifer extends from the western portion of the prototype area to the Pecos River (Figures 4 and 5). The aquifer includes the valley alluvial fill and upper portion of the Seven Rivers Formation. Little information is available for the lower Seven Rivers and Queen Formation, below the shallow aquifer, since they serve only as a minor source of water within the basin.

Shallow hydrocarbon development occurs primarily in the eastward-dipping Slaughter zone within the San Andres Formation (see Table 3; Figures 8 and 10). Six million barrels of oil have been pumped from over 400 wells in 10 pools which occur in the prototype area. Production has depleted to non-profitable levels in most wells and underground injection is applied for enhanced recovery in the Atoka San Andres, Atoka Grayburg, and Red Lake pools (Figure 8). Salt-water disposal is active in two wells.

Subtle changes of strike and dip and effective porosity development within the Permian units control regional pinchouts of hydrocarbon production, and separate many pools produced within similar horizons. Absence of vertical permeability development within the San Andres protects the artesian aquifer against oil migration from lower depths. Hence, contamination

of the artesian aquifer by the underlying oil pool is unlikely. Local porosity along the Artesia Vacuum Arch within the Grayburg creates some oil production from facies above the Slaughter zone. Here, absence of vertical permeability development also protects the artesian aquifer. This trend continues east across the Pecos River in zones separated by permeability barriers. Most of these shallow pools have been depleted to production rates of less than one barrel per day per well.

Several points developed in the Methods section affect the four aquifer designation alternatives considered below. A considerable amount of fresh water which must be protected against contamination by underground injection is available in the study area. The shallow aquifers do not affect the designation process since they are underlain by the deeper artesian aquifer. Thus designation of the deeper aquifer will also protect the shallow aquifers. While oil production takes place as high as the top of the Grayburg, and fresh water is found to the base of the San Andres, no fresh-water production occurs below the artesian aquifer. There is a geologic basis in a large part of the study area for distinguishing between the upper porous horizon containing water and the lower porous horizon containing oil and gas.

## RESULTS

Four alternatives were considered in the prototype study; three reflect a principle of designation (or exemption) contained in the UIC regulations, and the fourth is a combination containing the best overall approach.

Alternative 1. The entire stratigraphic interval to the base of the San Andres could be designated as an aquifer requiring UIC protection, with exemption for areas in which hydrocarbon production occurs.

Alternative 2. The interval could be designated as an aquifer only where total dissolved solids are less than 10,000 mg/l.

Alternative 3. The interval could be designated as an aquifer only where production of fresh water is likely to be economically or technically feasible.

Alternative 4. A combination of options 2 and 3 could be used. This alternative is the one recommended for the prototype area.

Each alternative must be judged in terms of: a) its effectiveness in protecting drinking water; and b) its administrative efficiency. Figures 11-15 display the various aquifer designations which would result from each alternative.

Alternative 1; Full Designation with Exemptions for Hydrocarbon Production

If the lower limit of the aquifer were designated as the base of the San Andres (see Figure 11), all known fresh water in the study area would be protected since TDS exceeds 10,000 mg/l throughout deeper horizons. Upper and lateral boundaries of active oil pools would then be used to exempt areas of hydrocarbon production. The heavy dashed line in Figure 11 illustrates how such a boundary would appear in cross-section.

This approach promises good protection of drinking water. The available evidence indicates that hydrocarbon production occurs within localized porosity zones (potential injection zones) which are unconnected to the artesian aquifer; further, fresh water has not been found beneath any oil pool. Therefore, wastes injected into areas exempted from designation would not be expected to commingle with fresh water in the protected aquifers. However, the approach would face severe

administrative problems. Boundaries must be redrawn each time an oil pool is extended or a new pool developed, requiring a lengthy and expensive public review and hearing process on each boundary change. Further, determination of the exact location of pools (especially the upper limit) is quite time-consuming.

Alternative 2: Use of TDS Boundary

Use of a line to define the lower limit of water containing less than 10,000 mg/l solids would, by UIC definition, provide protection to all potential drinking water (see Figure 12). The major drawback to using this method throughout the study area is that there are no water-quality analyses available from the lower part of the San Andres, nor from many higher units east of the Pecos River. Instead, the determination that fresh water occurs to the base of the San Andres Formation involves the use of resistivity data from deep geophysical data wells. There are relatively few geophysical data wells; hence the boundary can only be approximate and the depth to which UIC protection should extend is uncertain. East of the river the line is drawn across the top of oil pools because elsewhere in the area TDS values in and beneath beneath pools are always greater than 10,000 mg/l. Administration of a designation

based on approximate boundaries and uncertain depths would be difficult. In addition, evaluations of resistivity data from geophysical data wells is time-consuming and hence expensive. The approach may be the only one feasible in much of New Mexico, but in the prototype area a better procedure is available (see below).

Alternative 3: Boundary Based on Porosity

The fresh water which lies between the base of the artesian aquifer and the base of the San Andres appears to be interstitial, trapped in pore spaces with little or no permeability. It is doubtful that usable quantities of water could be obtained by wells which tap this horizon. Therefore, the base of the artesian aquifer itself could be used as a UIC boundary in the study area since it effectively limits the depth at which fresh water resources are available (see Figure 13). The boundary is readily drawn based on the extensive well records available in the area. In practice it is preferable to place the base of the protected zone 100 feet below the aquifer to provide a margin of safety. This would be consistent with existing state regulations, which require casing of all oil wells from the land surface to a depth 100 feet below the artesian aquifer.

The historic use of this criteria in State regulations indicates that administrative difficulties would be minimal. Moreover, data are adequate to present the boundary in map form (Figure 14). However, the artesian aquifer does not extend east of the Pecos River; a different approach is needed to provide aquifer protection in that part of the study area.

Alternative 4: Combination of Designation Techniques

To provide protection for fresh-water in the artesian basin as well as protection for those scattered sources outside the basin boundaries, a combination of designation techniques is necessary. A boundary placed 100 feet below the base of the artesian aquifer is feasible in the map area west of the Pecos River (Alternative 3). However, east of the river where the artesian aquifer does not occur, designation of boundaries would require careful scrutiny of well records and available geological data to determine zones productive of fresh water (using the procedures described in Alternative 2). The boundary drawn east of the river in Figure 14 is extrapolated from elsewhere in the area, and would need to be fixed in more detail if a UIC application were to occur east of the Pecos. This combination of options provides the best strategy for designating all potential sources of fresh water in the prototype area.

Figure 15 is a cross-section which identifies the boundary of the designated aquifer drawn according to Alternative 4. While this approach would require different types of administration in different parts of the prototype area, it also provides the most comprehensive protection. The administrative burden would not be significantly greater than that required for each individual technique above.

#### SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The prototype study has determined that boundaries can be set and aquifers identified under the UIC program. In the study area, existing state regulations can be used in coordination with UIC goals to carry out aquifer designations for the area west of the Pecos River. Designation of aquifers east of the Pecos requires use of geophysical data and available well records to determine appropriate boundaries based on total dissolved solids concentrations. This experiment provides many insights on the procedures to be used for UIC aquifer evaluations.

Geophysical data from oil and gas wells will be an important source of information, since they reveal conditions

in deeper aquifers, which, while not currently use for drinking water, should be protected under UIC. The TDS boundary method (Alternative 2) will be very useful in those areas which lack the geologically defined aquifer limit which occurs in the study area. The TDS method is likely to be used in much of New Mexico; however, the boundaries set will be less reliable than those established on a geologic basis, unless salinity is geologically controlled. A major administrative concern is that the procedures used in designating aquifers not change every time new data become available. This concern makes the exemptions of aquifers for hydrocarbon production an undesirable alternative.

The prototype study cost approximately \$100 per square mile. This provides a basis for budget estimates for other mapping elsewhere in New Mexico. Less cost and time will be involved in mapping the remainder of the Roswell basin as a result of the experience and techniques developed in the prototype area. Costs elsewhere in the state will vary depending upon data availability and the complexity of geologic and hydrologic conditions. Since most of the state will have little or no data available from deep wells, costs will be lower (and results less reliable) than in the prototype area.

The estimated cost of aquifer designation in New Mexico, based on \$100 per square mile, would be \$12,166,000. Even if costs eventually approach \$10/square mile, a considerable expense will be incurred by the UIC program. Where feasible, existing administrative procedures, such as New Mexico's state regulations, would reduce UIC costs considerably.

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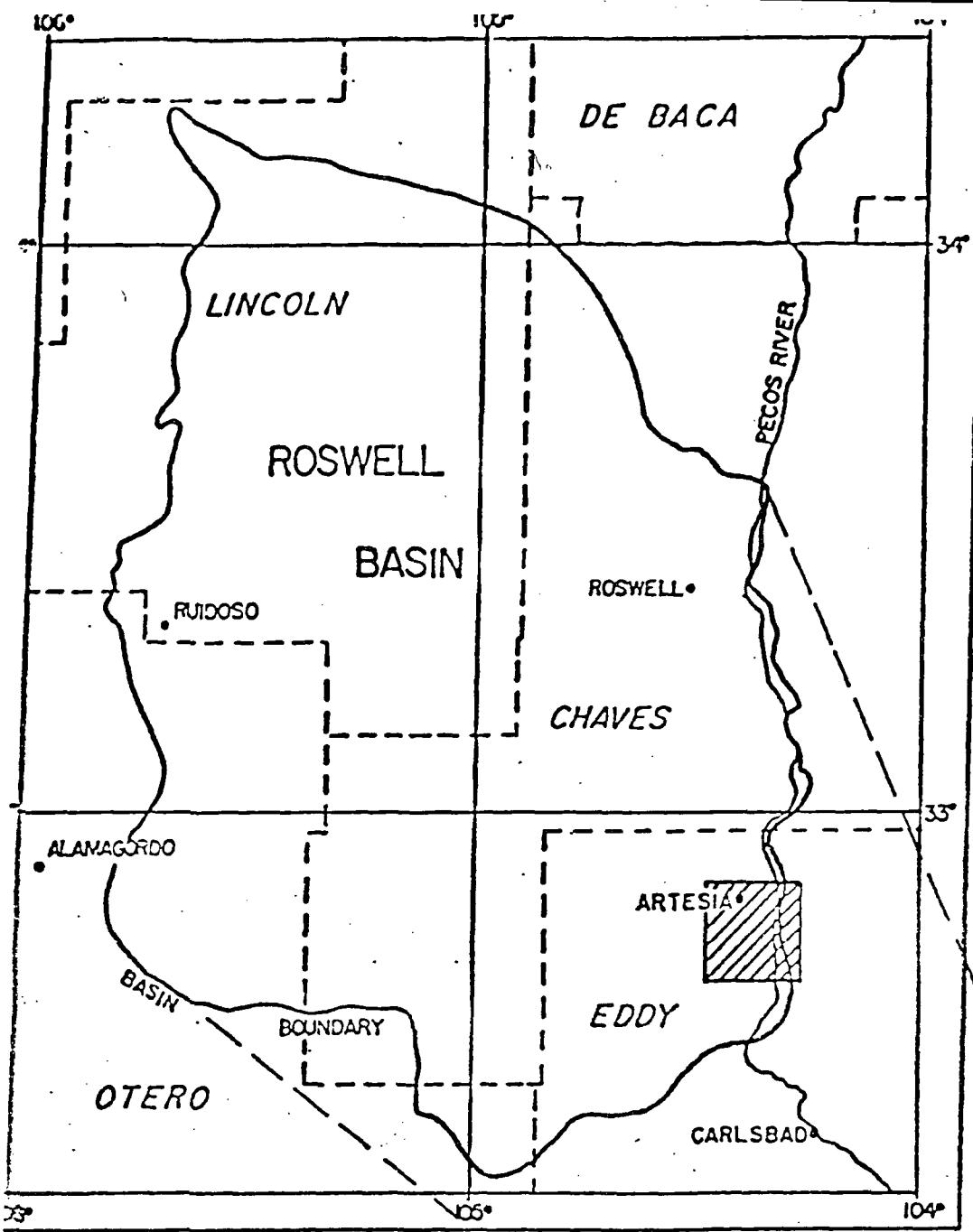
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NEW MEXICO

ROSWELL  
BASIN

Figure 1: Location of Prototype Area.

Source: after Gross, et al.,  
1978.

SECTION IN  
ROSWELL ARTESIAN  
BASIN

SECTION EAST  
OF THE  
PECOS RIVER

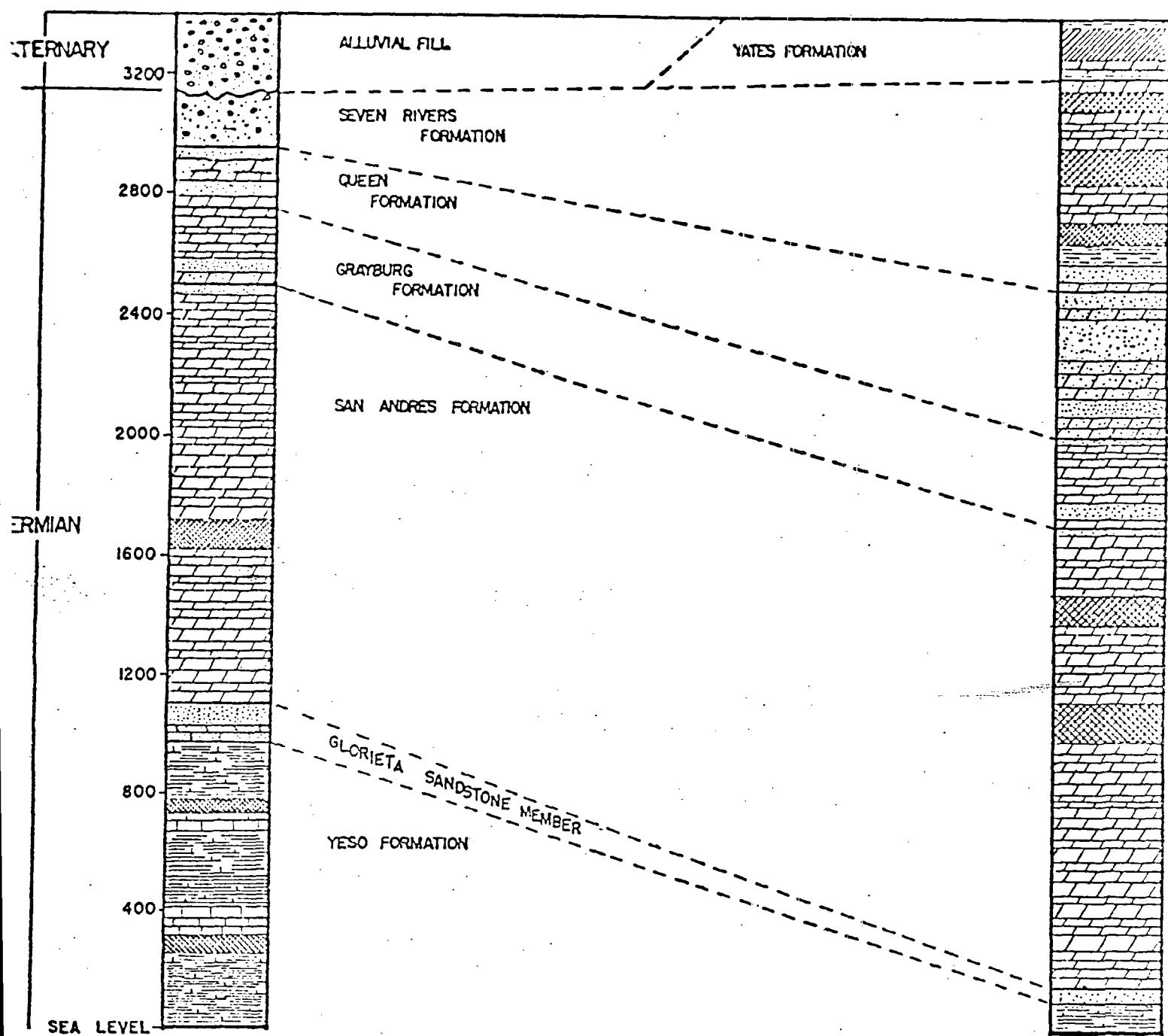


Figure 2: GENERALIZED STRATIGRAPHIC COLUMN  
ARTESIA AREA

Source: M. Holland, 1979.

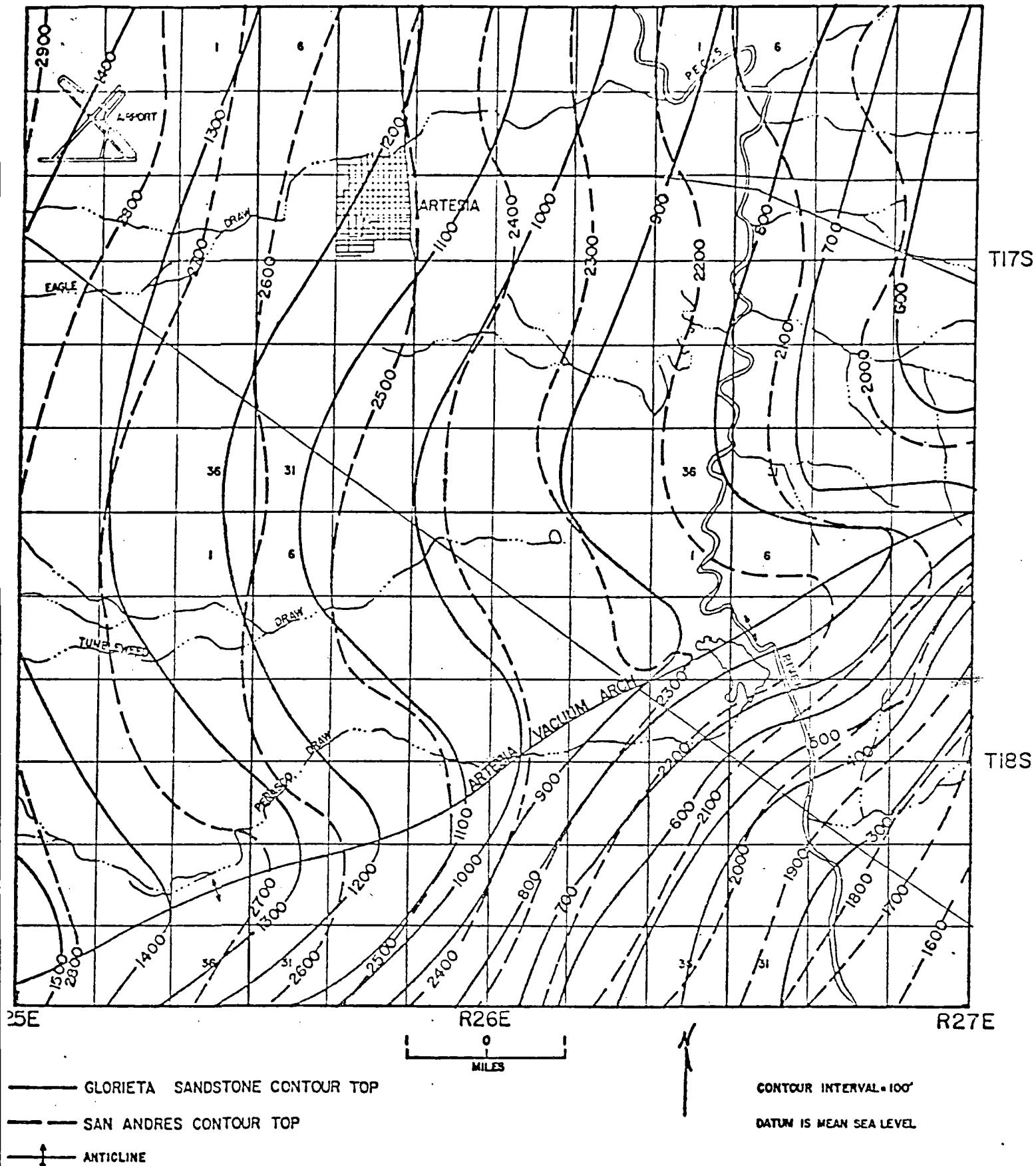


Figure 3: Structure Contour on San Andres Formation and Underlying Glorieta Sandstone Member.

Source: Modified after Maddox, 1969 by M. Stahl and M. Holland, 1979.

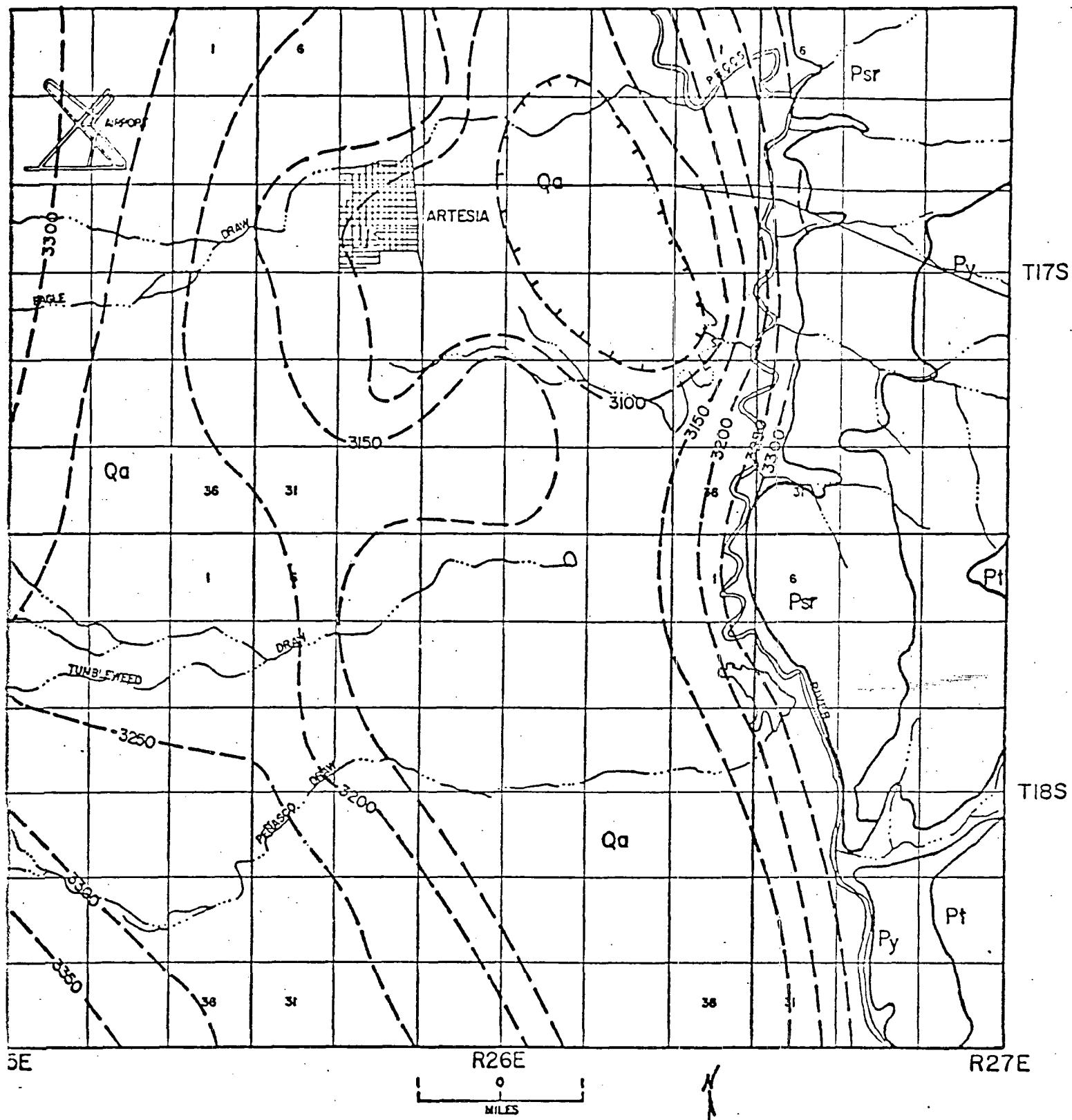


Figure 4: Surface Geology.

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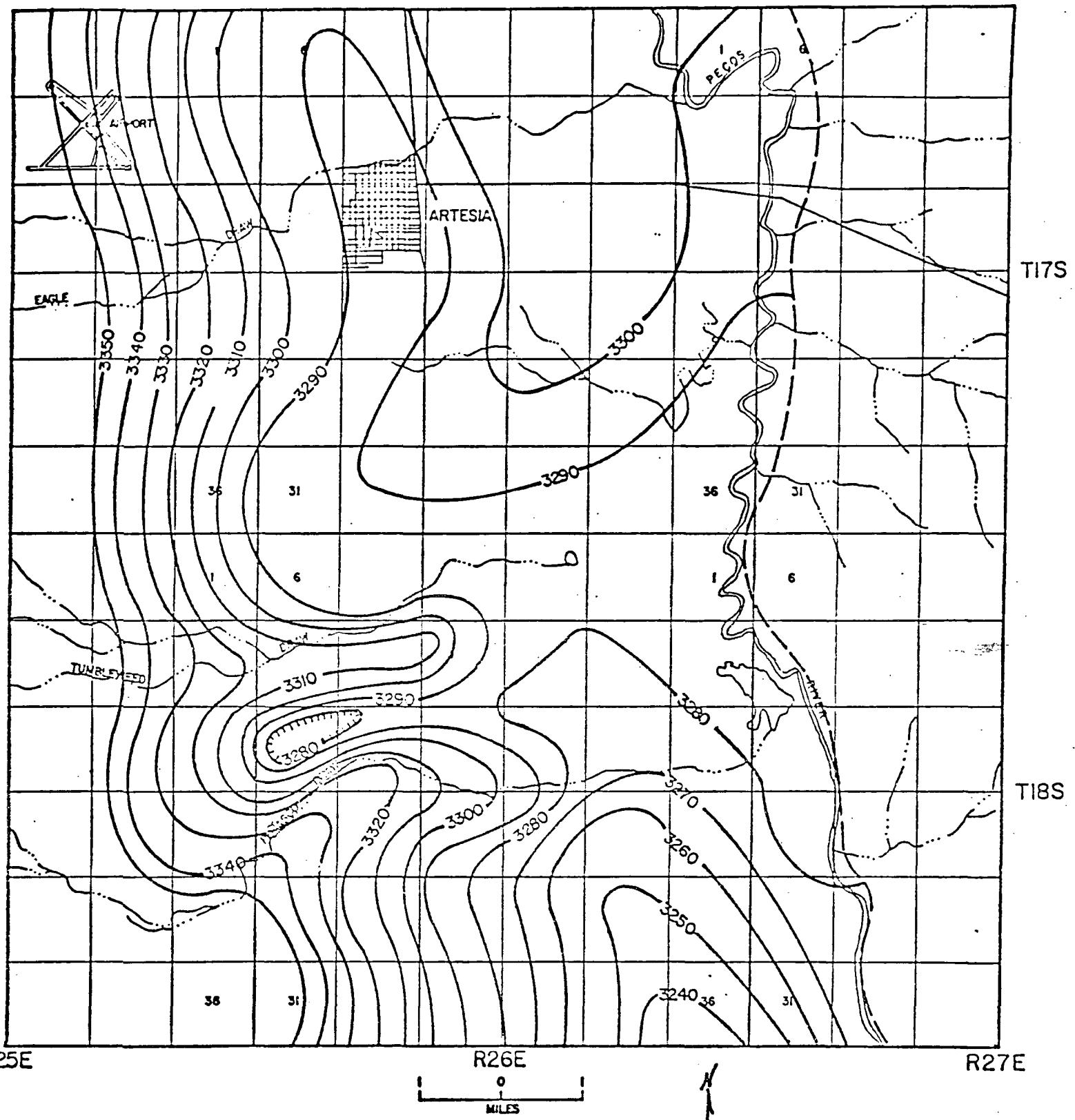


Figure 5: Potentiometric Surface of Shallow Aquifer.

Source: after E. Welder, 1977.

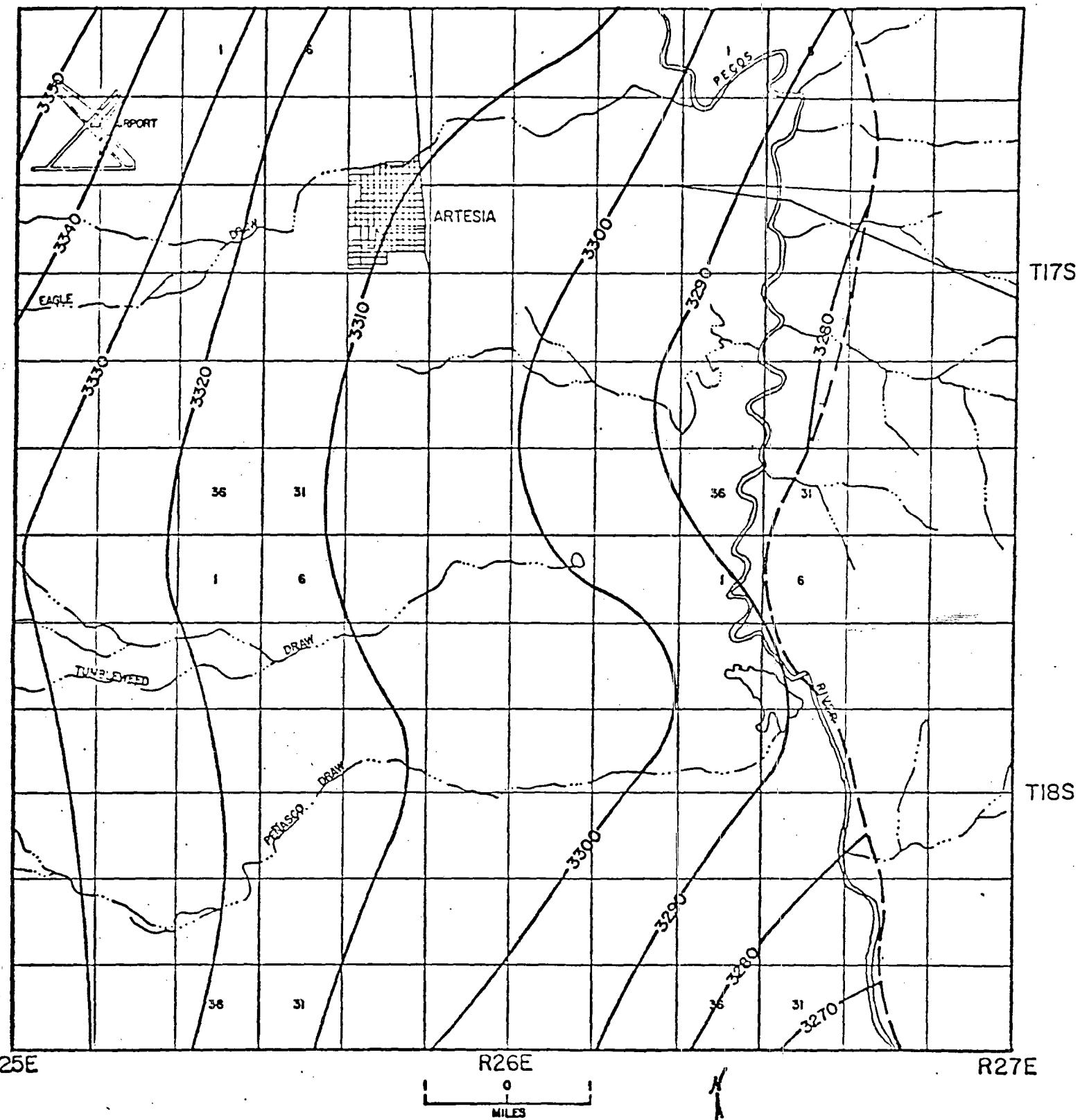


Figure 6: Potentiometric Surface of Artesian Aquifer.

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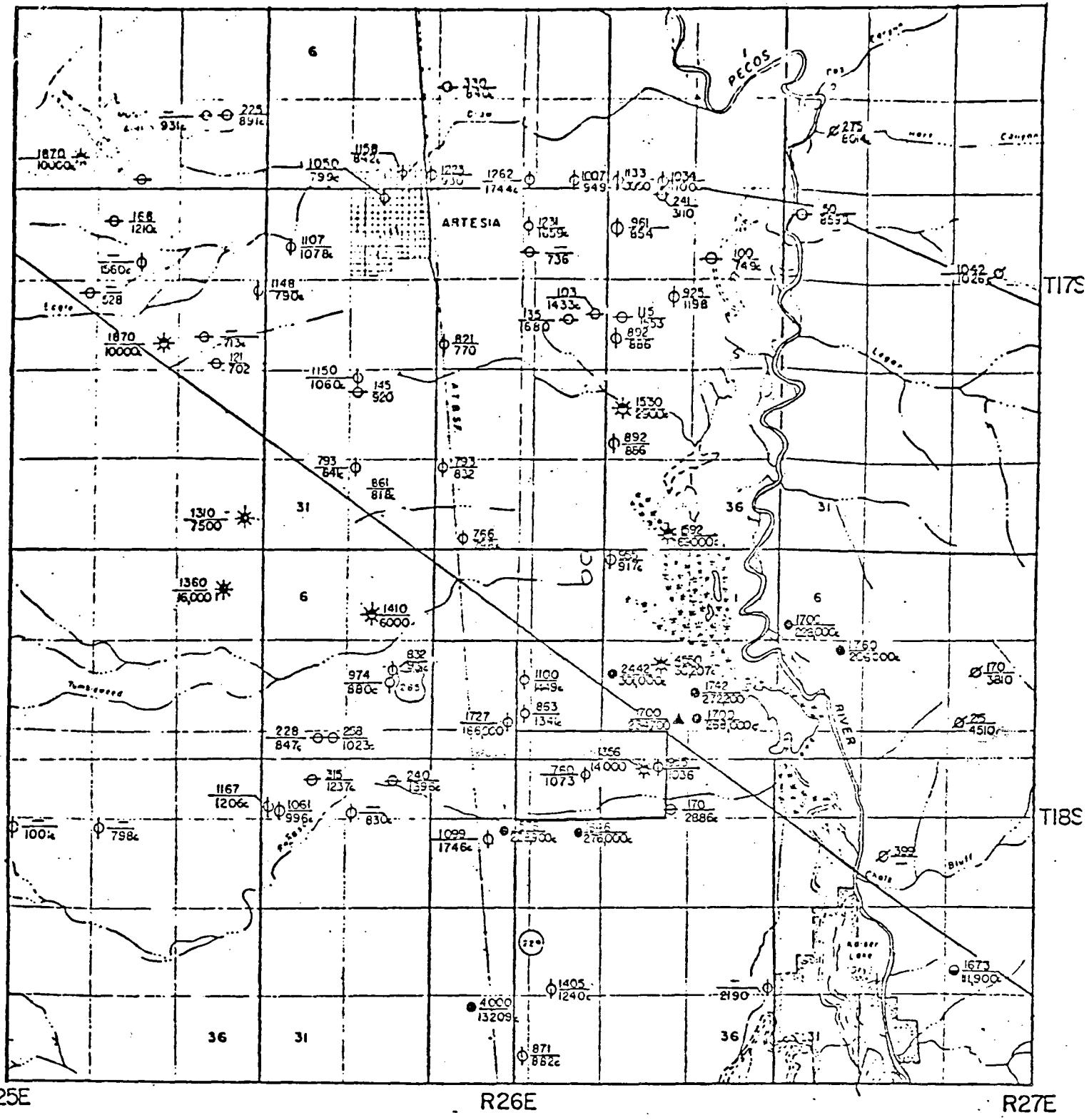


Figure 7: WATER QUALITY WELL PLOT

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○ DEPTH OF ANALYSIS( FEET BELOW SURFACE)  
TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS IN PPM (c INDICATES CALCULATED FROM CHLORIDES)

- WATER WELL - SHALLOW AQUIFER
- ◇ WATER WELL - ARTESIAN AQUIFER
- WATER WELL - ARTESIA GROUP
- OIL WELL - SHOW OF WATER
- ✖ OIL WELL
- \* GEOPHYSICAL DATA WELL - DEEP GAS
- \* PENNSYLVANIAN GAS WELL

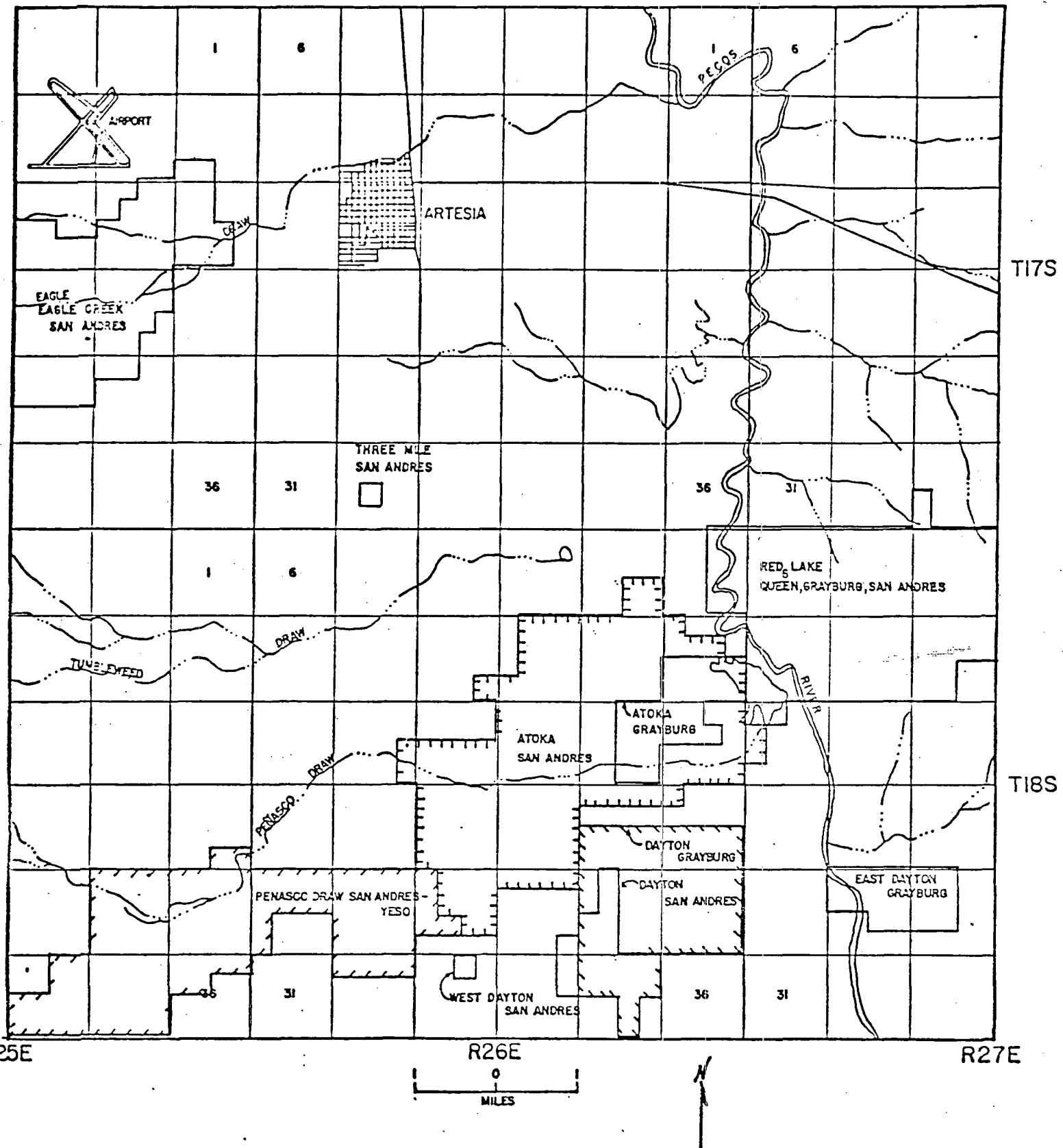


Figure 8: Location of Shallow Oil and Gas Pools.

Source: M. Holland, 1979

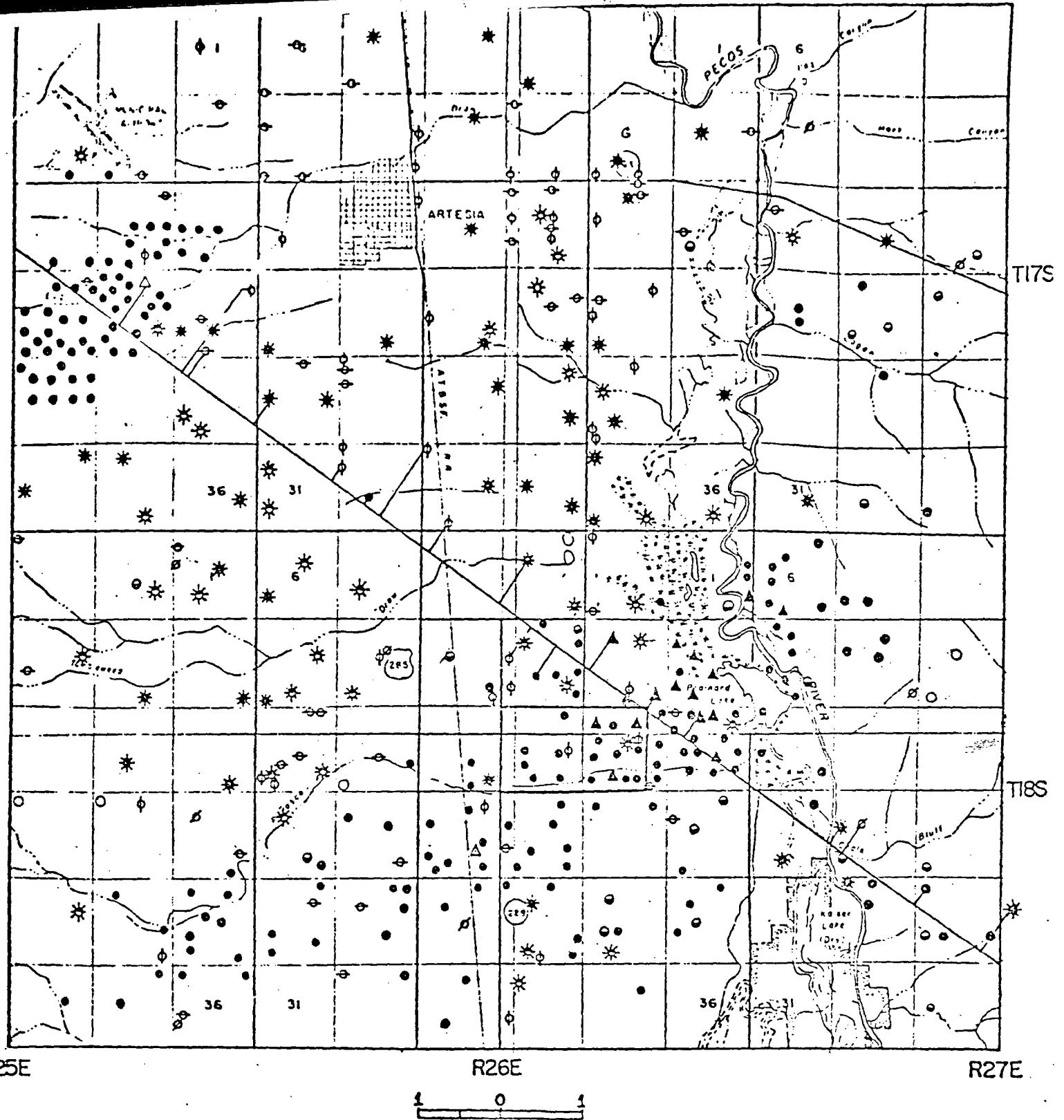


Figure 9: REPRESENTATIVE INFORMATION WELLS  
(OIL, GAS, WATER, INJECTION)

NOTE: ALL WELLS IN AREA NOT DEPICTED  
SOME WELLS WERE DRY HOLES BUT ARE DATA SOURCE  
SOME WELLS NOW PLUGGED AND ABANDONED

- ◊ WATER WELL-SHALLOW AQUIFER
- ◊ WATER WELL-ARTESIAN AQUIFER
- ◊ WATER WELL-UPPER ARTESIA GROUP
- OIL WELL
- OIL WELL-SHOW OF WATER
- ★ PENNSYLVANIAN GAS WELL
- ★ GAS WELL-GEOPHYSICAL DATA
- ★ GAS WELL-SHOW OF WATER
- ▲ INJECTION WELL
- △ SALT WATER DISPOSAL

Source: M. Holland, 1979.

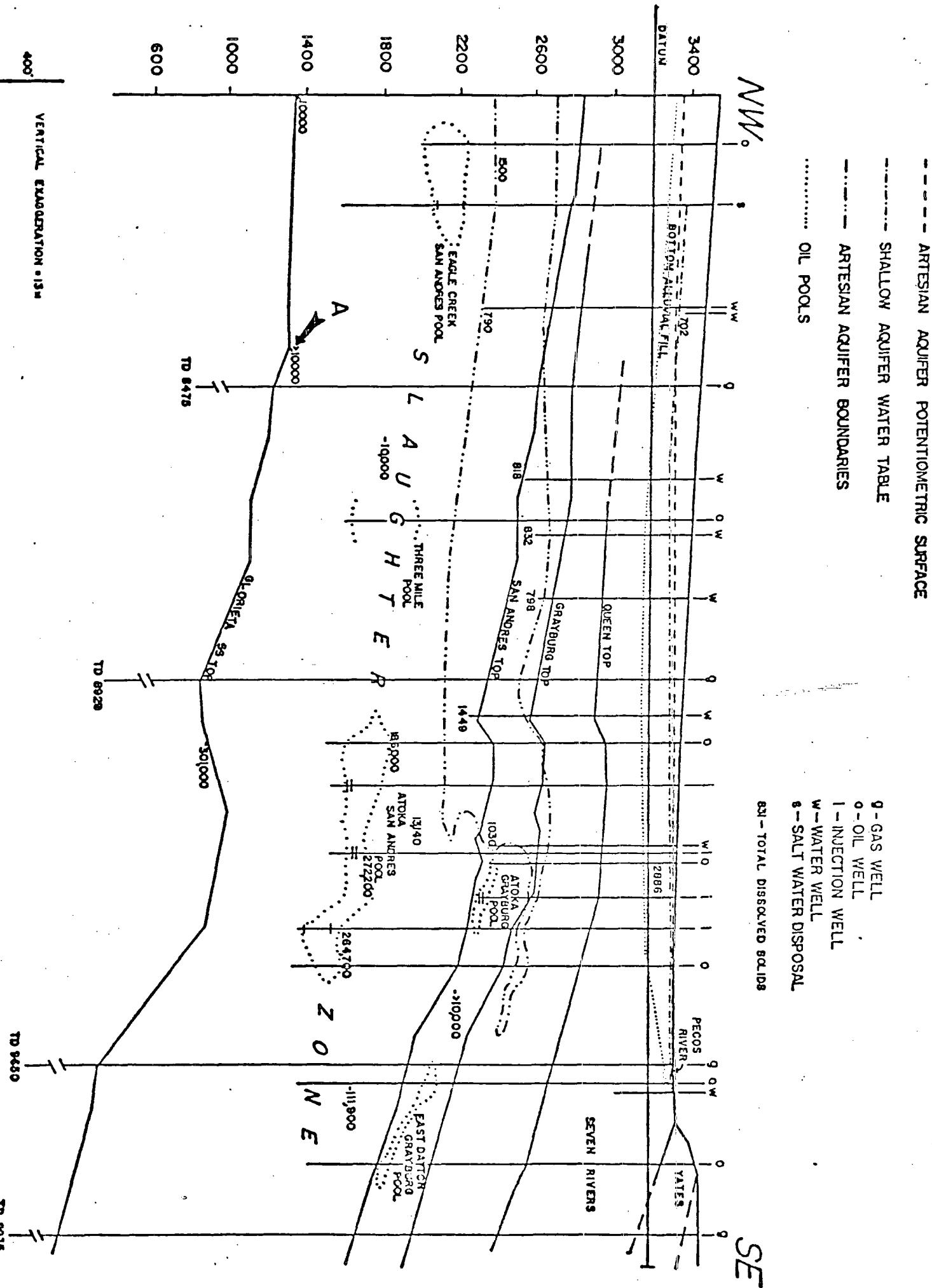


Figure 10: Prototype Area Cross Section.

- - - - SHALLOW AQUIFER POTENSIOMETRIC SURFACE  
 - - - - ARTESIAN AQUIFER WATER TABLE  
 - - - - DATUM  
 - - - - OIL POOLS  
 - - - - AQUIFER DESIGNATION BOUNDARY  
 g - GAS WELL  
 o - OIL WELL  
 i - INJECTION WELL  
 w - WATER WELL  
 s - SALT WATER DISPOSAL  
 831 - TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS

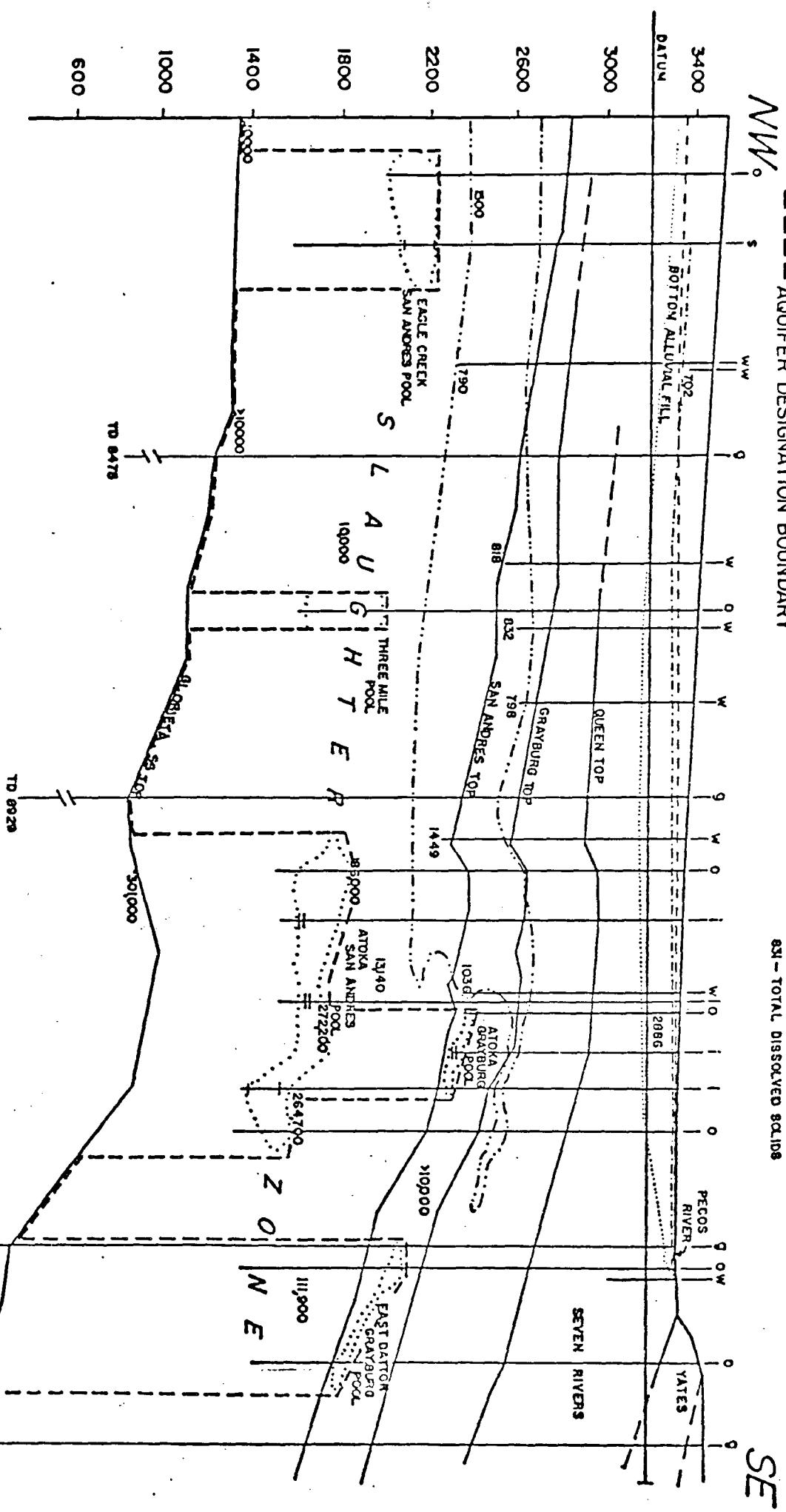


Figure 11: Aquifer Designation with Exemption of Oil and Gas Pools.

— Artesian Aquifer Boundaries

... Oil Pools

NW — Aquifer Designation Boundary

832 - TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS

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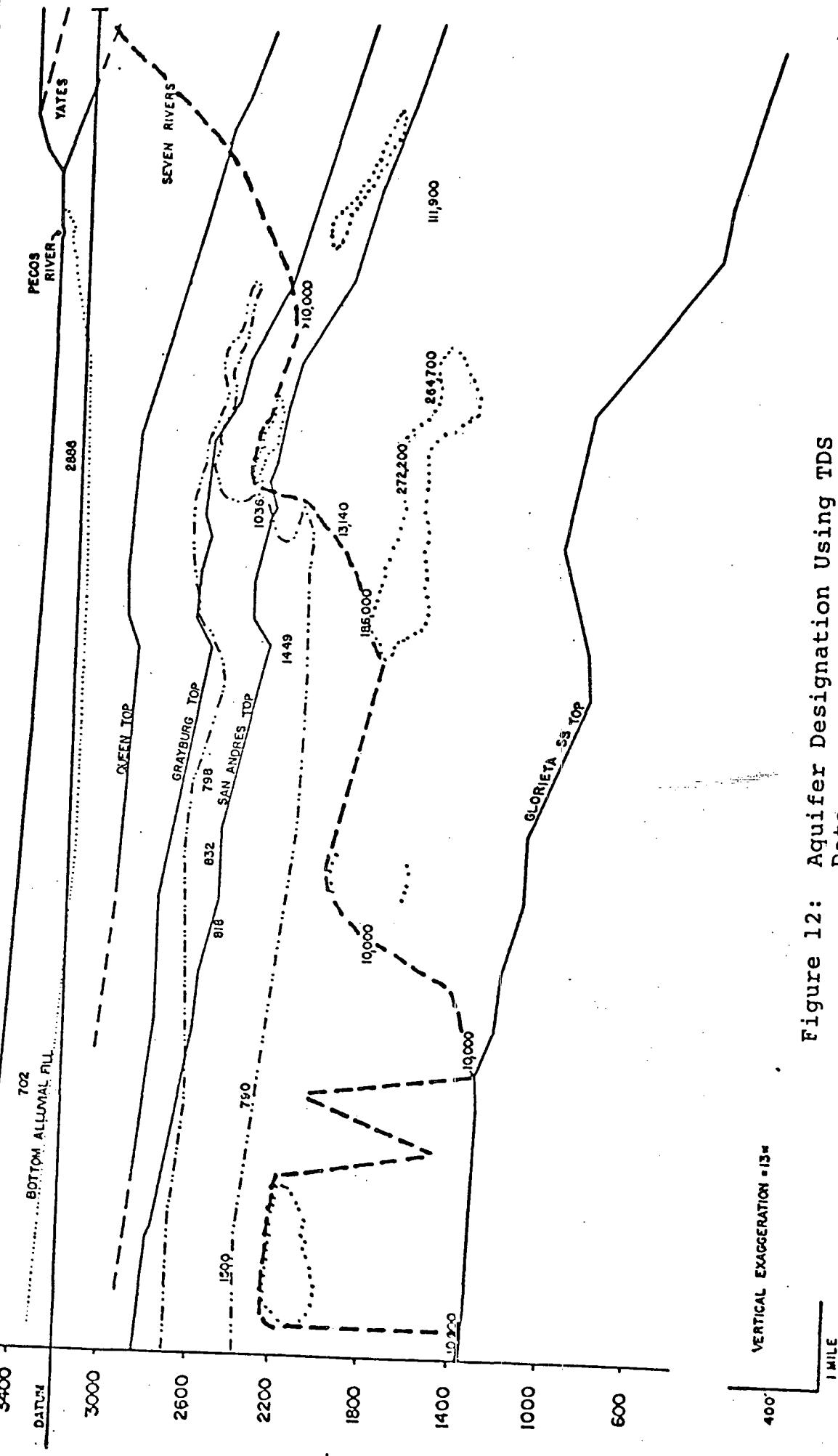


Figure 12: Aquifer Designation Using TDS Data.

Source. M. Holland, 15

— ARTESIAN AQUIFER BOUNDARIES  
..... OIL POOLS

NW — — — AQUIFER DESIGNATION BOUNDARY

832 - TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS

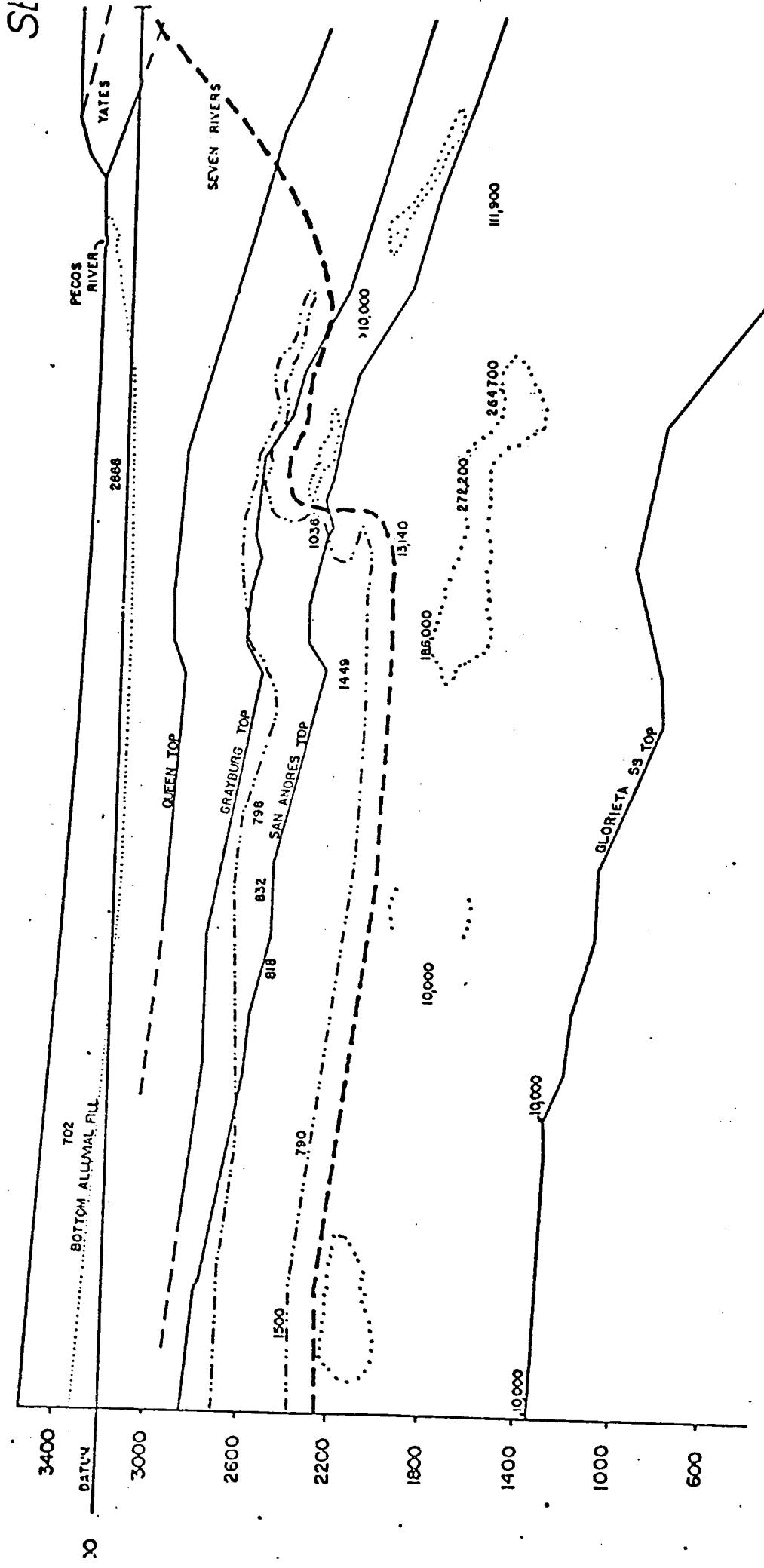


Figure 13: Aquifer Designation Using TDS and Porosity Data

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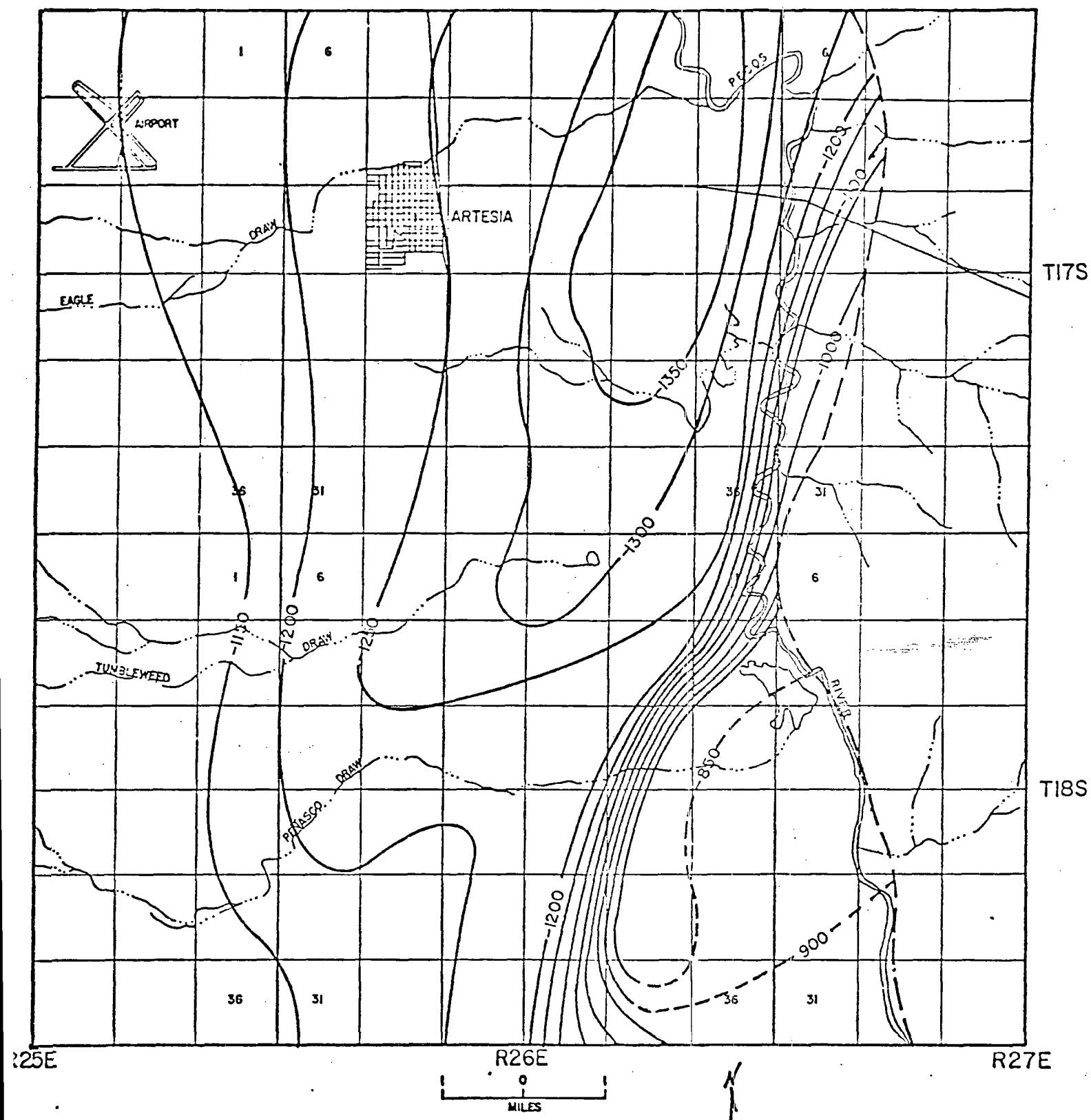


Figure 14: Base of Artesian Aquifer.

Source: M. Holland, 1979.

Table 1. Geohydrologic Data.

<u>Formation</u>	<u>Average Permeability (millidarcies)</u>	<u>Average Porosity %</u>	<u>Transmissibility qpd/ft</u>	<u>Storage Coefficient</u>	<u>Coefficient of Leakage (feet)</u>
Alluvium			100,000	0.10	20,000
Yates	11.27c	10.21c			
Seven Rivers	2.47c	10.65c			
Queen	1.98c	9.21c	60,000k		
Grayburg	1.73	9.86			
Artesian Aquifer			150,000	.00005	25,000
Upper San Andres	up to 2.0	6.0	100,000k		
Slaughter	up to 12.0	4.83			
Glorietta	0.28	21.0			
Yeso	2.02	1.29			

The values for porosity and permeability were calculated from data in USGS files, except for those marked with a "c" which are county-wide averages taken from Hiss (1975). The other values are taken from Hantush (1955); the value marked with a "k" was taken from Kinney et.al. (1968).

Table 2. Water Wells Data.

**Definitions:** Irrigation, Dom-Domestic, PS-Public Supply, Ind-Industrial, S-Shock, Ql-valley fill, Pwates Fm, Par-Seven Rivers Fm, TDS-Total Dissolved Solids; C in TDS column indicates calculated value, Cl-Chlorides, SpC-Specific Gravity, PS-San Andres Fm, RA-Reservoir Area, CS-Currents column indicates well used in cross section. All water rights numbers have the prefix RA.

Table 2 (continued).

Location Number	Owner	Surface Elevation (feet)	Well Depth	Aquifer	Water Production (feet)	Diam. Casing (inches)	Bottom Depth of Casing (feet)	Driller	Date Drilled	Water Level (feet)	Sample Meas.	Yield (gpm)	Sp.C (mmho)	Cl (mmho)	TDS (mg/l)	Use	Water Rights Number	Comments
17-26-15-211	Charles Allison	3,340	240	Qal	194-240	10,8	240	Gray Bros.	1-36	-	5-75	600	-	145	1,230C	-	1,227	
17-26-15-213	Jackson-Warren	3,350	260	Qal	180-240	14	220	Black	10-44	-	7-73	500	-	215	1,250C	-	1,525F	
17-26-15-213a	Jackson-Rowley	3,350	1,231	Pso-Pgb	586-1231	13,375	1,025	Schrock	4-55	42	4-55	800	-	400	1,650C	-	2,550	
17-26-15-211	J.W. Vogel	3,340	225	Qal	155-225	10	220	Gray Bros.	8-34	29.7	3-75	972	-	800	1,300C	Irr	1,163	
17-26-15-213	G.E. Sharp	3,352	1,233	Qal	-	-	-	Gray Bros.	-	-	7-43	-	-	5,800	5,800	-	-	
17-26-15-213	G.M. Jackson	3,344	200	Qal	-	16	-	-	-	-	2-39	-	969	13	736	-	-	
17-26-15-211	H.M. Jackson	3,342	650	Pgb	653-850	14	-	-	-	-	40,1	-	2,040	80	1,640	-	Irr	
17-26-17-1211	City of Artesia	3,388	1,050	Psa	852-919	15,5	849	M. Bruning	1-43	-	60,2	-	-	1,142	14	790C	PS	1,178
17-26-18-32131	City of Artesia	3,428	1,107	Psa	943-1050	12,5	-	E. Shrock	2-63	-	11-54	-	-	1,523	60	1,078C	PS	621
17-26-21-311	Dean and Taylor	3,377	821	Pgb	112-135	9,6	704	S. Butler	1-06	-	7-40	1,694	981	14	770	-	2,552	
17-26-22-213	R.L. Patis	3,345	135	Qal	-	8,7	135	D.N. Gray	12-49	-	6-39	-	1,940	47	1,650	-	1,199-517	
17-26-22-210	H.L. Great	3,328	103	Qal	-	-	-	-	-	-	11-54	-	2,510	70	1,430C	-	-	
17-26-22-123	E.P. Bach	3,318	925	Pgb	786-925	13,375	8	M. Bruning	4-46	-	6-54	-	-	1,710	124	1,190C	Irr	386
7-26-23-1130	G. Duncan	3,325	115	Qal	-	-	-	-	-	-	11-54	-	2,820	84	1,550C	-	-	
7-26-23-1111	Jim W. Berry	3,326	893	Pgb	755-762	10,8	886	Pearson Bros.	6-35	-	3-66	-	-	1,190	18	833C	-	1,252
7-26-25-221	L.R. Sperry	3,312	821	Pgb	-	14	-	-	-	-	29,5	1-66	-	1,100	24	850	Irr	1,199
7-26-25-331	R. L. Patis	3,321	892	Pgb	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-120	-	1,120	24	856	-	1,199-517	
7-25-25-331	G. Farmer	3,322	938	Pgb	820-880	12,5	8	Pearson Bros.	5-52	-	1-332	-	-	1,332	17	975C	-	-
7-25-25-331	Don Herleef	3,400	1,150	Pgb-Psa	700-1150	12,5	8	Pearson Bros.	-	-	1,000	-	-	50	1,050C	Irr	1,925-S	
7-26-12-113	C.E. Martin	3,406	145	Qal	-	-	-	Black Bros.	1-37	49,0	1-50	-	-	1,140	30	920	-	Irr
7-26-23-131	C.E. Martin	3,407	201	Qal	8-23	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,630	CS	
7-26-30-211	Don Herleef	3,423	200	Qal	132-198	16	200	Young and Montgomery	4-64	40	4-64	250	-	-	-	-	1,526	
7-26-32-1111	Zelery	3,405	793	Pgb	-	-	-	-	-	-	69	-	1,202	17	841C	-	-	
7-26-32-1111	Floyd Serrill	3,405	661	Pgb	-	11,625	8	758	Dayton Deep	1-10	-	74	1,667.2	1,169	18	818C	Irr	1,167
7-26-33-1111	Edwin Leiley	3,381	793	Pgb	716-730	9	707	Dayton Deep	1-10	-	74	623	1,241	23	832C	-	775	
7-26-33-113	J.G. Snider	3,169	766	Pgb	730-745	8	729	Sperry & Lukas	2-11	-	3-59	1,539	1,140	31	798C	-	-	
7-26-33-113	Brajeshwar	3,369	800	Pgb	-	-	-	-	-	-	74	-	1,287	21	964C	-	-	
7-27-7-15	Moore & Stout	3,110	275	Psf	370-380	5,5	934	W. Beatty	1-60	260	11-54	-	-	13,300	3,430	8,040C	-	-
7-27-15-114	Moore & Stout	3,435	1,042	Psr-Pq	630-640	1034-1042	-	-	-	-	74	-	1,424	38	1,026C	Dom	4,114	
7-27-15-115	Pedro Lopez	3,299	50	Qal	155-165	7	200	W. Beatty	2-54	-	10-39	-	-	12,000	2,910	8,590	-	5,310
7-25-1-1113	Pedro Lopez	3,466	200	Qal	175-195	7	280	Tidwell	2-54	-	9-54	160	9-54	-	-	-	-	
7-25-3-1111	E.R. McCall	3,463	325	Pq	187-280	7	223	D.N. Gray	5-57	-	5-57	180	9-54	12	-	-	6,077	
7-25-3-1110	E.R. McCall	3,535	223	Qal	186-223	6,625	5	D.N. Gray	8-59	300	8-59	168	8-59	-	-	-	3,772	
7-25-27-1111	Four Circles Ranch	3,526	300	Pgb	275-295	7,5	5,5	-	-	-	3-66	-	1,430	12	1,000C	-	4,068	
7-25-27-1111	Four Circles Ranch	3,537	-	Psa	-	-	-	-	-	-	3-64	-	1,140	10	798C	-	-	
7-25-27-1111	G.W. P. Hines	3,503	-	Qal	-	-	-	-	-	-	117,8	-	960	-	-	-	-	
7-25-27-1111	Paul Haines	3,478	700	Pgb	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
7-25-24-1120	G.W. Chisholm	3,463	588	Pgb	155-203	8,25	522	G.W. Chisholm	3-06	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,620	
7-25-24-1120	David Fosten	3,364	204	Qal	180-240	7	4,5	Waters Drilg.	6-57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
7-25-26-110	Resler and Sheldon	3,180	1,400	Psa	860-940	7,4,5	1,400	Waters Drilg.	6-57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
7-25-36-210	Mark B. Kirkald	3,504	182	Qal	58-81	6,625	81	A.F. Smith	12-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,722	
7-25-36-210	Lee Drilg. Co.	3,509	430	Pgb	380-430	7	390	A.F. Smith	12-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,975	
7-26-21-111	J.W. and M. C.	3,315	935	Pgb	70-792	3,375	698	M. Bruning	1-50	29,8	1-65	-	-	1,310	17	917C	Irr	772-S
7-26-21-111	Bradshaw	3,220	202	Qal	837-887	10,75	165	Gray Bros.	11-35	34,0	1-75	-	-	1,320	18	931C	Irr	1,208
7-26-8-213	W.S. Miller	3,406	822	Pgb	666-224	8	704	S.A. Butler	7-07	-	2-59	-	-	1,320	18	931C	Irr	-

Table 2 (continued).

Location Number	Owner	Surface Elevation (feet)	Well Depth	Aquitifer	Water Production (feet)	Diam. Casing (inches)	Bottom Depth of Casting (feet)	Driller	Date Drilled	Water Sample Meas.		Water Level (feet)	Date Sampled	Water Rights Number	Corr.		
										SpC (mmto)	C1 (mg/l)						
26-9-223	L.F. Chardley Frank Waters & William Hudson	3,397	974	Pgb-Psa	903-974	13.375	766	Shrock Waters	8-59	86.9	1-70	-	1,259	9	CS		
25-9-224		3,351	1,727	Psa	-	8.625, 5.5	1,727		-	-	-59	-	108,000	186,000	011	CS	
26-10-133		3,350	1,100	Psa	-	-	-		-09	-	-	-	1,500	27	1,690	CS	
26-10-134		3,349	716	Pgb	653-722	13.375	649	R. Johnson	-	-	9-58	-	1,640	23	1,150	CS	
26-10-135		3,348	863	Pgb	797-804	10	520	D. Sjukken	8-44	-	-73	-	2,172	102	1,340C	CS	
26-11-131	Forcen Aaron & L.H. Johnson Brainard Eros.	3,314	700	Pgb	27-38	10	-		-	-	-	-	1,050	-	137	CS	
26-11-132		3,314	700	Pgb	545-563	10	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	277	CS	
26-13-111	Donald Fanning	3,299	150	Qal	40-60	16, 14	150	A.F. Smith	1-59	16	1-59	-	-	-	1,587-4	CS	
26-14-232	Jones and MacArthur Donald Fanning	3,207	955	Pgb-Psa	45-94	8.625	785	Mahres	7-56	2.7	1-75	-	1,487	24	1,016C	CS	
26-14-233		3,310	170	Qal	16, 14	10	170	D.N. Gray	9-54	-	-	-	5,160	700	2,985C	CS	
26-14-234	J.H. Everett	3,331	270	Pgb	624-635	10	640	M. Brunig	2-38	16.4	1-63	-	1,590	24	1,073C	CS	
26-14-235	T. Vanover	3,400	240	Qal	90-210	16	230	A.F. Smith	7-60	-	-	-	56	1,390C	1,950	CS	
26-14-236	Ten Vancor	3,419	-	Psa	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	1,183	18	820C	CS	
26-14-237	Ten Vancor	2,416	228	Qal	50-60	16	257	A.F. Smith	3-59	115	3-59	-	1,210	60	890C	CS	
26-14-238	T. Vancor	3,404	258	Qal	240-233	14	235	W.C. Gray	-	-	-	-	1,000	19	1,020C	CS	
26-14-239	William McCrary	3,429	235	Qal	60-85	14	-		-37	56.8	1-50	-	-	-	1,381-55	CS	
26-14-240	T. Vancor	3,429	1,167	Psa	600-1055	13.375	575	Shrock	3-62	-	-	-	1,200	14	1,205C	CS	
26-14-241	F.F. Thorne	3,429	1,061	Psa-Pgb	600-1055	13.375	575	A.F. Smith	4-57	115	4-57	-	1,100	10	925C	CS	
26-14-242	T. Vancor	3,414	315	Qal	125-158	12	240	Abbott	8-60	125	8-60	-	4,04	46	1,237C	CS	
26-14-243	Great Western Drilling	3,425	158	Qal	805-1049	13.375	522	Shrock	5-55	61.7	1-66	-	-	2,967	248	4,283	CS
26-14-244	Joe Lee	3,355	1,039	Pgb-Psa	10,625	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	823	CS	
26-14-245	Vista Lee Round	3,352	106	Qal	75-103	6	106	W. Beatty	8-57	40	8-57	-	-	-	3,771	CS	
26-14-246	Angeline Mackey	3,305	80	Qal	-	12.5	-		-	-	46.2	1-66	-	-	-	CS	
26-14-247		3,285	-	Pgb-Psa	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	4,250	290	2,190	CS	
26-14-248	Noite Drilling Co.	3,350	1,405	Psa	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	2,087	12	1,240C	CS	
26-14-249	Garrison Bros.	3,465	160	Qal	130-155	7	160	W. Beatty A.F. Smith	2-60	100	2-60	-	-	-	4,160	CS	
26-14-250		205	Qal	150-160	7	205		3-63	190	-	-	-	-	-	4,784	CS	
26-14-251	W.B. Kircald	3,419	152	Qal	120-145	6.625	152	W. Beatty	12-59	90	12-59	-	-	-	4,136	CS	
26-14-252	E.G. Witten	3,356	871	Pgb	673-810	13, 10	642	Pearson Bros.	8-51	59.7	1-75	-	-	1,260	15	1,703	CS
26-14-253	Hurle Oil & Refining	3,492	381	Psr	525-550	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	CS	
26-14-254		3,545	-	P.a	160-170	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	CS	
26-14-255		3,512	-	Pya	210-215	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	CS	
26-14-256		3,375	399	Psr	28-40	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	CS	
26-14-257		-	-		-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	CS	
26-14-258		-	-		-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	CS	
26-14-259		-	-		-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	CS	
26-14-260		-	-		-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	CS	
26-14-261		-	-		-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	CS	
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26-14-263		-	-		-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	CS	
26-14-264		-	-		-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	CS	
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26-14-329		-	-		-	-	-		-								

**Interpretations:** Se-Salt water disposal, Inj-Injection, QH-Water quality, TDS-Total dissolved solids, Cl-Chlorides, SpC-Specific Conductance, column indicates calculation from chlorides, CS-cross section, Pyg-Yates Fm., Pg-Queen Fm., Pdg-Grayhaven Fm., Ps-San Andres fm., Most depths of formations interpreted by owners are based on bottom depths of nuclear control sections, depths of nuclear control sections are based on fresh water.

**NOTE:** Casting depth or casting string protecting mesh width must equal or exceed the width of the mesh.

Location	Owner	Well Name	Well Elevation			Casing Depth			Top of San Andres			Production Interval		
			Total Depth	Type	Depth	Total Depth	Type	Depth	Upper Porosity Zone	Top of Glorieta	Bottom of Glorieta	Porosity Zone	Depth to base of fresh water	Comments
25-11-123	Yates Pet. Co.	Artesia Airport #2	3,526	Dry	8,080	1,136	455	690	1,975	1,150	-	1,302-1,439	-	1,870
	Yates Pet. Co.	Federal CG #1	3,528	Dry	1,482	1,410	-	701	-	-	1,289-1,518	-	-	
	J Lazy J #2	3,526	Dry	1,670	1,133	3437	719	-	-	1,340-56007	-	-	CS Water Intervals 203-2	
	Federal PG #4	3,526	Dry	1,537	1,134	-	728	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	J Lazy J #2	3,527	Dry	1,522	1,155	618	722	-	-	-	-	-	-	
25-11-123	Yates Pet. Co.	Glossier AV #2	3,432	SMD	1,980	1,260	-	707	-	-	1,260-1,410	-	-	
	Yates Pet. Co.	Glossier AV #10	3,510	Dry	1,501	1,158	-	732	-	1,440	-	-	-	
	Yates Pet. Co.	Witter-JJ IN #2	3,440	Gas	9,510	1,262	-	-	-	1,170	-	-	1,870	
	Yates Pet. Co.	Flint #1	3,438	Gas	8,518	1,182	-	803	-	-	-	-	1,360	
	Yates Pet. Co.	Flint #2	3,432	Gas	10,243	1,261	-	-	2,180	-	-	-	2,150	
	Yates Pet. Co.	Pecell CG #1	3,491	Gas	8,760	1,258	-	778	2,160	-	-	-	-	
	Arco E.C. State #2	3,446	Gas	8,594	1,263	615	820	-	1,180	-	-	-	1,320	
25-11-123	Yates Pet. Co.	Hunter FL #1	3,345	Gas	8,589	1,374	-	264	2,225	1,310	-	Psa	1,800	
	Yates Pet. Co.	Cafarri FD #1	3,336	Gas	8,662	1,404	750	948	2,357	1,420	-	Psa	1,870	
	Yates Pet. Co.	Steinbrenner 1C #1	3,364	Gas	8,627	1,420	730	910	2,323	1,370	-	Psa	1,280	
	Yates Pet. Co.	TC 32-Brown Com.	3,337	Gas	8,725	1,402	770	970	2,320	1,365	-	Psa	-	
	Yates Pet. Co.	KC #1	3,315	Gas	8,518	1,500	800	1,230	-	1,025	2,426	Psa	1,540	
	Yates Pet. Co.	Houlik SJ #1 Com.	3,315	Gas	8,841	1,420	-	1,012	2,510	1,338	-	Psa	1,2000	
	Yates Pet. Co.	Houlik SJ #1	3,320	Gas	8,806	1,500	-	-	1,350	2,110	-	Psa	1,530	
	Yates Pet. Co.	W. A. Paisley #1	3,432	Gas	8,675	1,300	650	-	-	-	-	-	1,539	
	Yates Pet. Co.	Nalle C.C. Com.	3,428	Gas	8,570	1,282	-	848	2,339	8,015-8,166	-	-	1,570	
	Yates Pet. Co.	Casey EV C.C. #1	3,434	Gas	8,595	1,280	-	840	2,223	1,193	6,387-8,112	Psa	1,640	
	Yates Pet. Co.	Paterson EN Com. #1	3,434	Gas	8,640	1,269	622	826	2,220	-	8,002-80307	Psa	-	
	Yates Pet. Co.	Paterson El. #1	3,462	Gas	8,720	1,203	549	790	1,095	-	1,416-1,754	Psa	-	
	Yates Pet. Co.	Floyd Scirell #1	3,389	Dry	1,790	1,285	-	-	-	-	-	-	CS	
	Yates Pet. Co.	Variecia Taylor #1	3,283	Dry	9,095	1,402	-	1,075	2,450	1,330	-	Psa	1,592	
	Yates Pet. Co.	Murphy Fwy. #1	3,297	Dry	9,078	1,409	930	1,138	-	-	-	Psa	1,592	
	Yates Pet. Co.	Suttor Federal #1	3,442	Gas	8,625	1,306	-	803	2,128	1,148	-	Psa	1,360	
	Yates Pet. Co.	Suttor Johnson Com. #1	3,487	Gas	8,650	1,200	-	-	2,100	-	-	Psa	9,000	
	Yates Pet. Co.	Scout Federal EH #2	3,462	Gas	9,070	1,205	549	790	-	-	-	Psa	1,630	
	Yates Pet. Co.	Higgins Carlson #1	3,288	Gas	9,074	1,908	-	1,025	2,385	1,302	-	Psa	1,592	
	Yates Pet. Co.	Harry Brainard Com. #1	3,322	Gas	8,929	1,297	-	993	-	-	-	Psa	1,300	
	Yates Pet. Co.	Rogers Com. #1	3,322	Gas	9,065	1,937	-	-	-	-	-	Psa	1,630	
	CC-1A C.J. Co.	Arresting S #1	3,393	Gas	8,653	1,318	-	900	-	-	-	Psa	1,410	
	CC-1A C.J. Co.	6 Federal #2	3,498	Gas	8,720	1,200	549	790	-	-	-	Psa	1,415	
	CC-1A C.J. Co.	Ferguson Dy #1	3,408	Gas	9,070	1,205	-	742	2,082	-	-	Psa	1,700	
	Yates Pet. Co.	Vandice #1	3,423	Gas	8,706	1,305	578	807	-	-	-	Psa	1,335	
	Reed-R. & Bates	Torrington #1	3,306	Dry	8,970	1,300	-	-	-	-	-	Psa	1,343	
	David Fassien	3,315	Gas	9,065	1,219	-	998	2,490	-	-	-	Psa	1,343	
	David Fassien	(Stroup & #102	3,326	Inj	1,742	1,239	-	976	1,005	-	1,672-82	-	1,809	
	William Ross	Collier & Collier	3,331	Gas	1,654	1,032	760	-	-	-	1,546-88	-	Water production to 87	
	Yates Pet. Co.	Kissinger #1	3,331	Gas	8,653	1,318	-	-	-	-	-	-	CS, top Queen 415	
	Yates Pet. Co.	Eva Hollord #1B	3,249	Dry	1,850	1,844	703	961	-	-	1,513-1,748	-	CS, water: 1107-1130	
	Yates Pet. Co.	(Falcon Fingers) #116	3,337	Dry	1,724	1,719	-	964	-	-	1,651-1,668	-	-	
	Yates Pet. Co.	Rogers 10 #1	3,218	Gas	9,207	1,802	663	962	-	1,218	1,696-1,706	Psa	1,893	
	Yates Pet. Co.	Braford Gas Com. #2	3,305	Inj	1,783	1,218	-	996	2,333	1,292	21,000C	Psa	13,000C	
	Yates Pet. Co.	(Standard Johnson) #114	3,307	Gas	9,000	1,497	713	1,008	-	-	8,853-8,888	-	CS	
	Yates Pet. Co.	(Standard Arden) #102	3,326	Dry	1,714	1,186	-	968	-	-	1,606-1,678	-	-	
	Yates Pet. Co.	(Magnolia-Fanning) #113	3,316	Dry	1,696	1,178	-	956	-	-	1,636-1,689	-	top Slaughter 1638	
	Yates Pet. Co.	Reed-Brainard #1	3,315	Dry	1,736	802	700	1,010	-	1,220	1,654-1,672	Psa	1,700	
	Yates Pet. Co.	Reed-Brainard #2	3,308	Dry	1,749	840	743	990	-	-	-	Psa	1,700	
	Yates Pet. Co.	Brainard Gas Com. #1	3,320	Gas	9,181	1,256	-	-	-	-	-	Psa	1,742	
	Yates Pet. Co.	Fred Brainard #1	3,203	Dry	1,742	1,210	745	-	-	-	-	Psa	1,6100	
	Yates Pet. Co.	O.E. Farming #3	3,201	Dry	1,800	-	-	-	-	-	-	Psa	1,700	
	Yates Pet. Co.	Gates Matley Fed. #1	3,286	Dry	1,748	908	-	-	-	-	-	Psa	1,680,000	
	MacOil Oil Co.	Higgins Trust #1	3,287	Gas	9,142	950	-	-	-	-	-	Psa	39,220	
	MacOil Oil Co.	MacOil Oil Co.	3,287	Gas	9,142	950	-	-	-	-	-	Psa	1,680	
	MacOil Oil Co.	MacOil Oil Co.	3,287	Gas	9,142	950	-	-	-	-	-	Psa	5,313, a.g. pei	
	MacOil Oil Co.	MacOil Oil Co.	3,287	Gas	9,142	950	-	-	-	-	-	Psa	967-566, Ppo av	
	MacOil Oil Co.	MacOil Oil Co.	3,287	Gas	9,142	950	-	-	-	-	-	Psa	1,680,000	
	MacOil Oil Co.	MacOil Oil Co.	3,287	Gas	9,142	950	-	-	-	-	-	Psa	225-430, top Queen	



Table 4. Lithologic descriptions of units identified in Figure 2.

1. Alluvial Fill - unconsolidated sands, silts, and gravels.
2. Yates Formation - gypsum with minor dolomite and siltstone.
3. Seven Rivers Formation - anhydrite with shale, dolomite, and sandstone.
4. Queen Formation - sandstones with some sandy dolomite
5. Grayburg Formation - porous sandstone and sandy dolomite.
6. San Andres Formation - limestone and dolomite, with a more sandy and porous upper portion. The lower portion, or Slaughter Zone, has several anhydrite horizons and irregular high porosity development; the area between the upper zone and Slaughter lacks good porosity development.
7. Glorieta Sandstone Member - sandstone and siltstone with calcareous cement.
8. Yeso Formation - dark gray shales with carbonate-cemented siltstones, limestones, and anhydrite.