

STORM WATER CALCULATIONS



CALCULATIONS COVER SHEET

PROJECT NAME: PANOCHÉ ENERGY CENTER

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DISCIPLINE: CIVIL

TITLE: DETENTION/INFILTRATION BASIN

DRAWING: N/A

SCOPE: Design of the Detention/Infiltration basin for the Panoche Energy Center in Fresno County, California in accordance with TC-11, California Stormwater BMP Handbook

ASSUMPTIONS: SEE ATTACHED

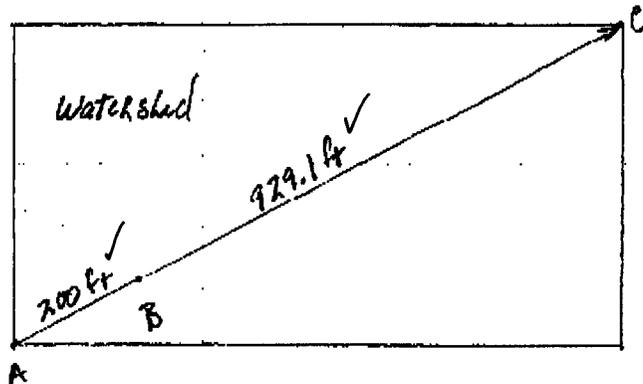
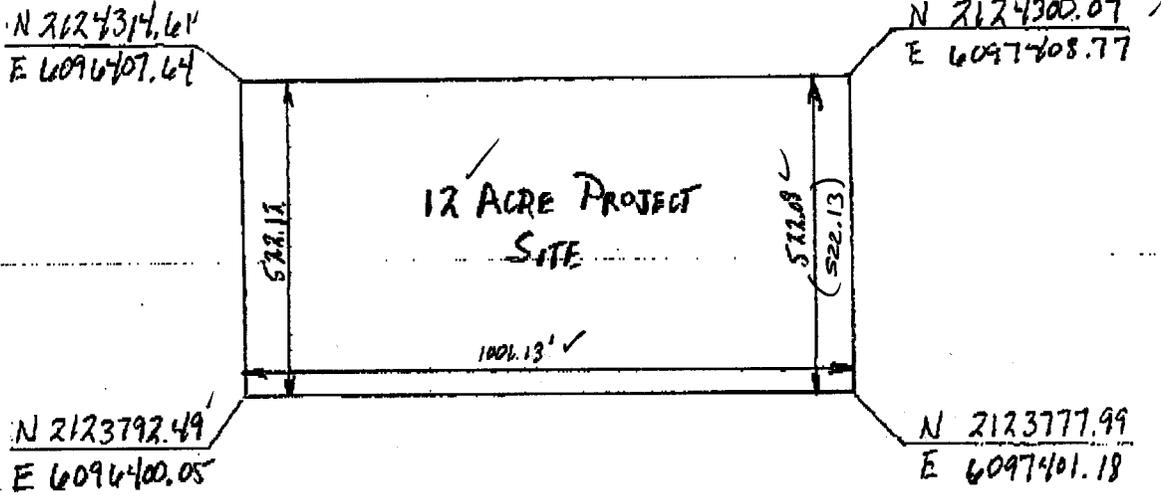
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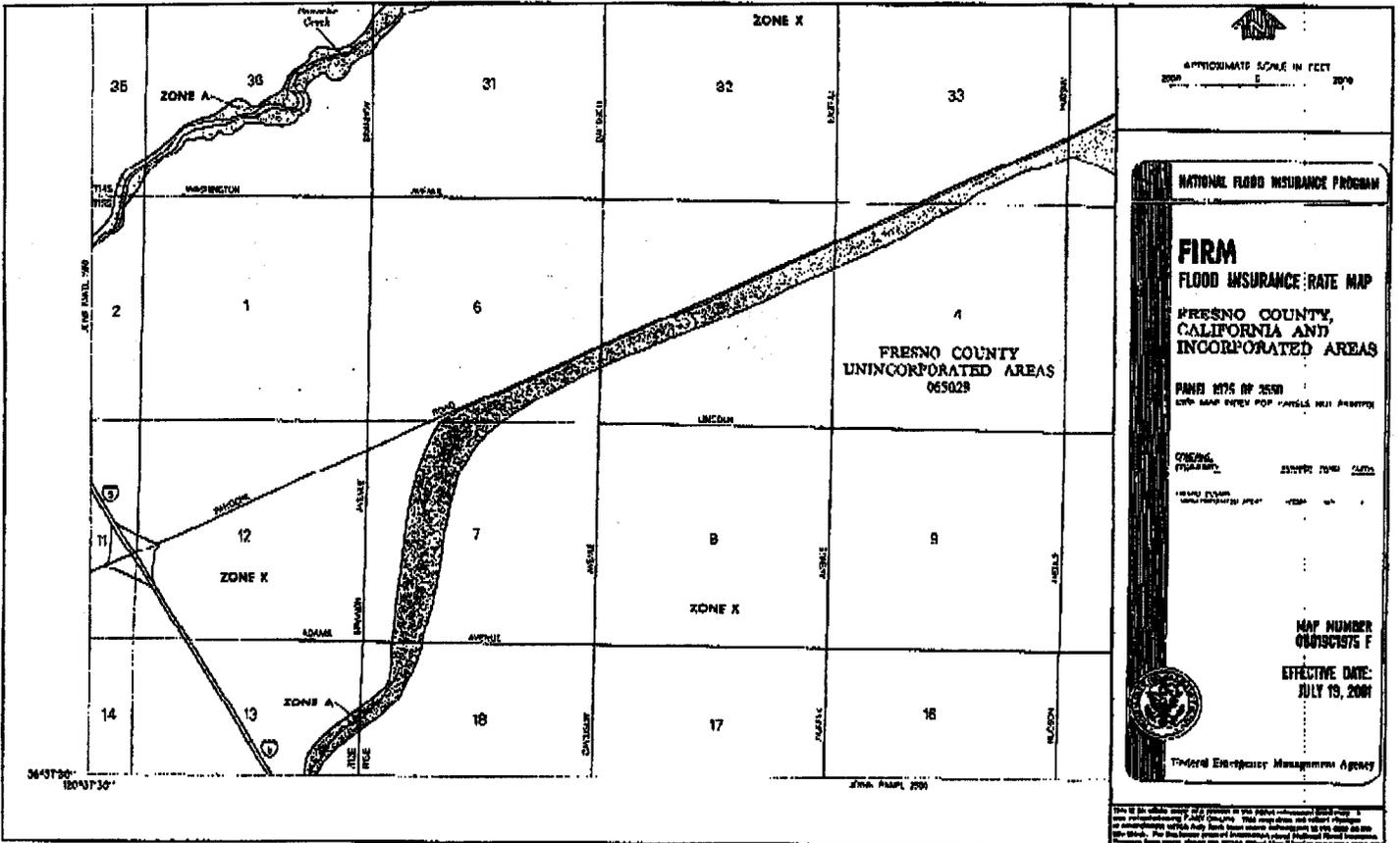
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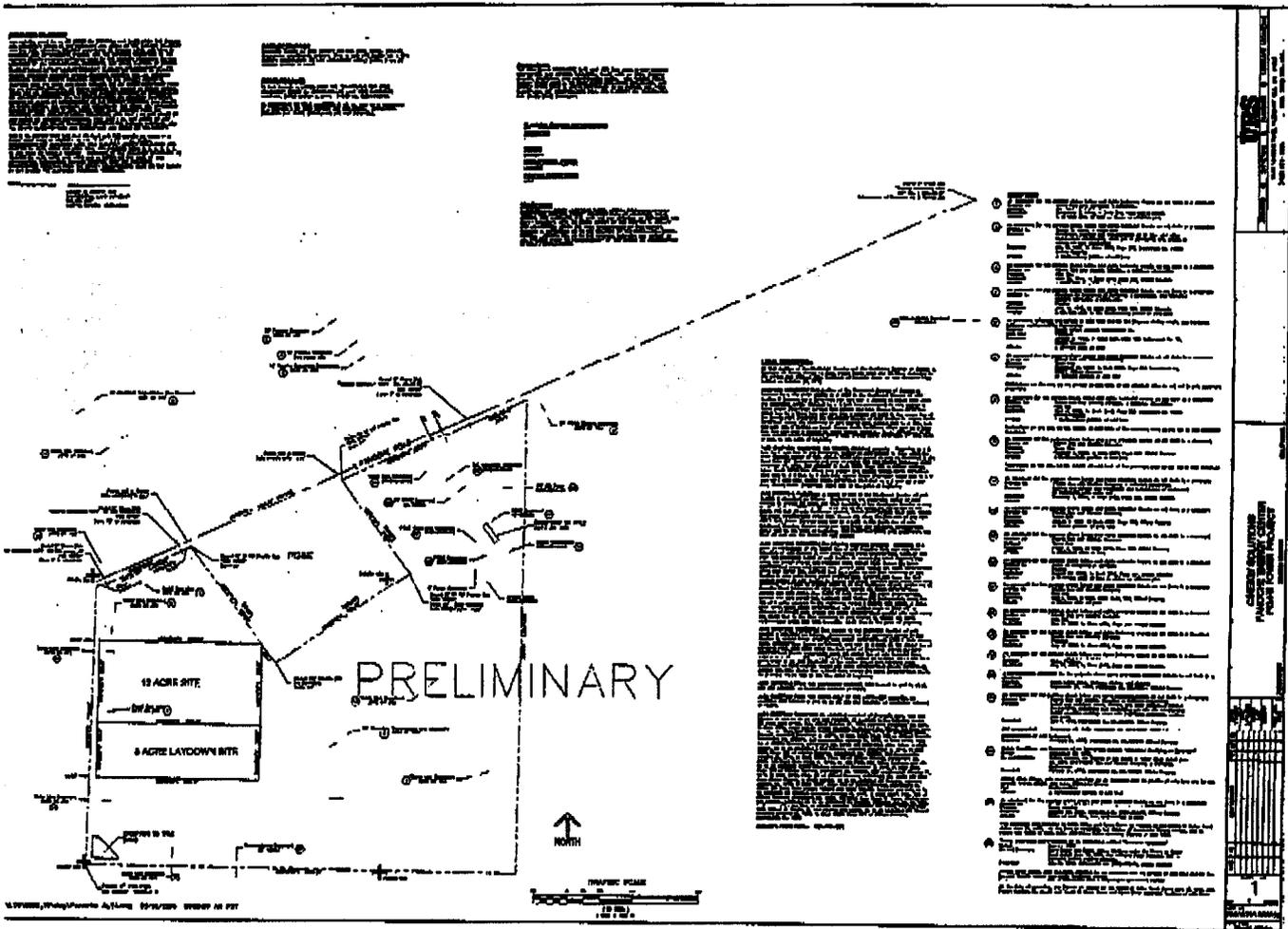
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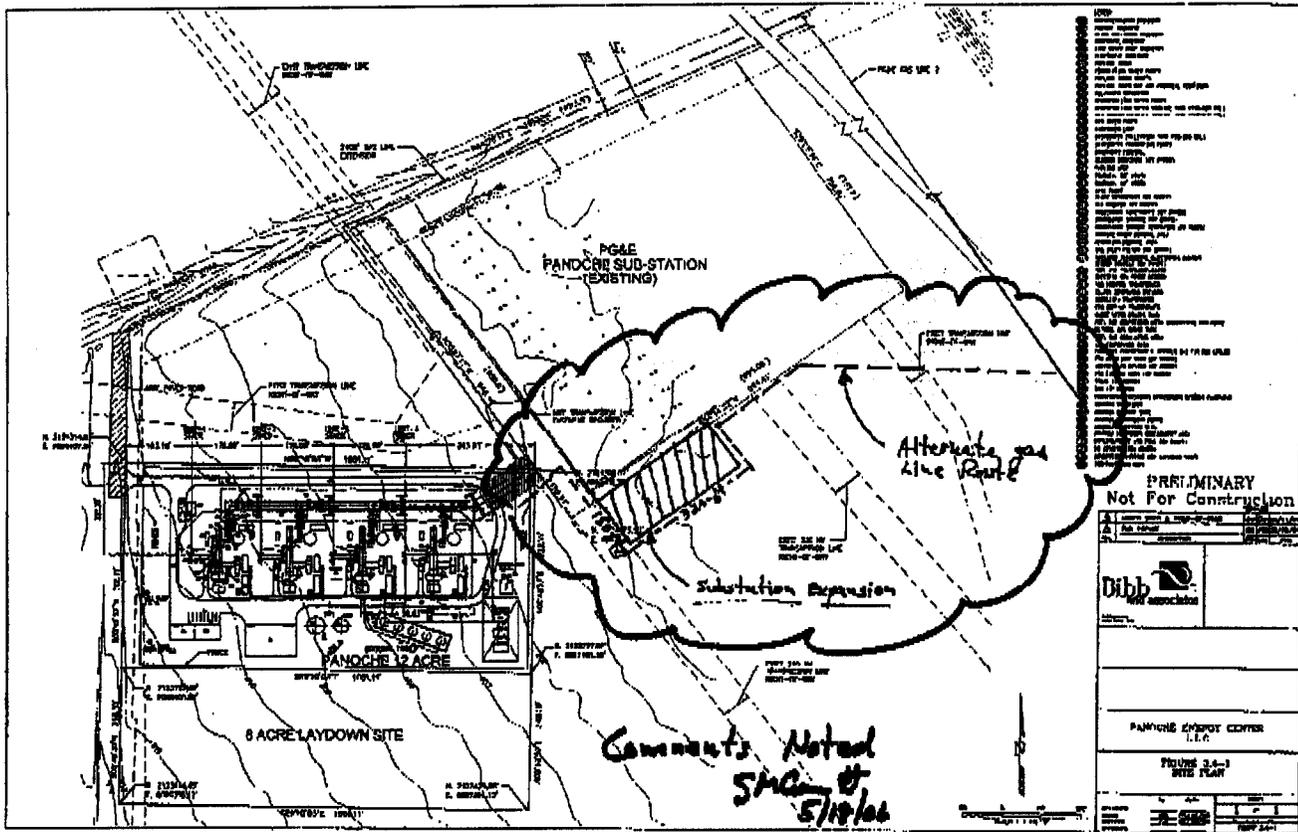


Sheet 3



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Sheet 4



California Precipitation Frequency Data -- OUTPUT PAGE

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Precipitation Frequency Data Output

NOAA Atlas 2
California 36.625°N 120.625°W
Site-specific Estimates

Map	Precipitation (inches)	Precipitation Intensity (in/hr)
2-year 6-hour	0.78	0.13
2-year 24-hour	1.18	0.05
100-year 6-hour	1.50	0.25
100-year 24-hour	2.50	0.10

Hydro-meteorological Design Studies Center - NOAA/National Weather Service
1325 East-West Highway - Silver Spring, MD 20910 - (301) 713-1669
Tue May 23 12:47:08 2006

36° 39' 08" N 120° 35' 03" W

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Sheet 6

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Precipitation Information
10-yr, 24 hr event

Firebaugh (Lat 36.851, Long -120.590)	1.21 inches
Mendota (Lat 36.788, Long -120.372)	1.27 Inches
Panoche (Lat 36.833, Long -120.733) (Six years data)	1.38 inches
Fresno (Fresno Yosemite Airport)	2.06 inches

Source: California Department of Water Resources 5/31/06 by LRS

Worksheet 2: Runoff curve number and runoff

Project PANOCHÉ ENERGY CENTER	By Randy M	Date 5/23/06				
Location	Checked ANDY N	Date 6/15/06				
Check one: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Developed						
1. Runoff curve number						
Soil name and hydrologic group <small>(appendix A)</small>	Cover description <small>(cover type, treatment, and hydrologic condition; percent impervious; unconnected/connected impervious area ratio)</small>	CN ^{1/}			Area <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> acres <input type="checkbox"/> mi ² <input type="checkbox"/> %	Product of CN x area
		Table 2-2	Figure 2-3	Figure 2-4		
Panache Clay loam Group B	Row Crops Straight Row (Poor)	72 ✓			12 ✓	864 ✓
^{1/} Use only one CN source per line					Totals ➡	12 ✓ 864 ✓
CN (weighted) = $\frac{\text{total product}}{\text{total area}}$ = _____ = _____ ;					Use CN ➡	72 ✓
2. Runoff						
		Storm #1	Storm #2	Storm #3		
Frequency	yr	2 ✓	10 ✓	100 ✓		
Rainfall, P (24-hour)	in	1.2 ✓	1.8 ✓	2.50 ✓		
Runoff, Q	in	0.05 ✓	0.23 ✓	0.56 ✓		
(Use P and CN with table 2-1, figure 2-1, or equations 2-3 and 2-4)						

Worksheet 3: Time of Concentration (T_C) or travel time (T_t)

Project Panache Energy Center	By Ronald M	Date 5/23/06
Location	Checked ANDE AL	Date 6/15/06

Check one: Present Developed

Check one: T_C T_t through subarea

Notes: Space for as many as two segments per flow type can be used for each worksheet. Include a map, schematic, or description of flow segments.

Sheet flow (Applicable to T_C only)

	Segment ID				
1. Surface description (table 3-1)	AB ✓				
2. Manning's roughness coefficient, n (table 3-1)	Cultivated Soil ✓				
3. Flow length, L (total L † 300 ft) ft	0.06 ✓				
4. Two-year 24-hour rainfall, P ₂ in	50 ✓				
5. Land slope, s ft/ft	1.2 ✓				
6. $T_t = \frac{0.007 (nL)^{0.8}}{P_2^{0.5} s^{0.4}}$ Compute T _t hr	0.02 ✓				
	0.074 ✓	+		=	0.074 ✓

Shallow concentrated flow

	Segment ID				
7. Surface description (paved or unpaved)	BC ✓				
8. Flow length, L ft	UNPAVED ✓				
9. Watercourse slope, s ft/ft	1079.1 ✓				
10. Average velocity, V (figure 3-1) ft/s	0.02 ✓				
11. $T_t = \frac{L}{3600 V}$ Compute T _t hr	2.3 ✓				
	0.13 ✓	+		=	0.13 ✓

Channel flow

	Segment ID				
12. Cross sectional flow area, a ft ²					
13. Wetted perimeter, p _w ft					
14. Hydraulic radius, $r = \frac{a}{p_w}$ Compute r ft					
15. Channel slope, s ft/ft					
16. Manning's roughness coefficient, n					
17. $V = \frac{1.49 r^{2/3} s^{1/2}}{n}$ Compute V ft/s					
18. Flow length, L ft					
19. $T_t = \frac{L}{3600 V}$ Compute T _t hr					
20. Watershed or subarea T _C or T _t (add T _t in steps 6, 11, and 19) Hr					0.204 ✓

Worksheet 4: Graphical Peak Discharge method

Project PANOCHF ENERGY CENTER	By Rand M	Date 5/23/06
Location FRESNO COUNTY, CA	Checked ANDY N	Date 6/15/06

Check one: Present Developed

1. Data

Drainage area $A_m = 0.01875$ mi² (acres/640)
 Runoff curve number $CN = 72$ (From worksheet 2)
 Time of concentration $T_c = 0.204$ hr (From worksheet 3)
 Rainfall distribution = 1 (I, IA, II III)
 Pond and swamp areas spread throughout watershed = 0 percent of A_m (_____ acres or mi² covered)

	Storm #1	Storm #2	Storm #3
2. Frequency yr	2	10	100
3. Rainfall, P (24-hour) in	1.2	1.8	2.5
4. Initial abstraction, I_a in (Use CN with table 4-1)	0.778	0.778	0.778
5. Compute I_a/P	0.6483	0.4322	0.3112
6. Unit peak discharge, q_u csm/in (Use T_c and I_a/P with exhibit 4-1)	40	89	260
7. Runoff, Q in (From worksheet 2) Figure 2-6	0.05	0.23	0.56
8. Pond and swamp adjustment factor, F_p (Use percent pond and swamp area with table 4-2. Factor is 1.0 for zero percent pond and swamp area.)	1.0	1.0	1.0
9. Peak discharge, q_p ft ³ /s (Where $q_p = q_u A_m Q F_p$)	0.038	0.384	7.73

Worksheet 2: Runoff curve number and runoff

Project PANOCHÉ ENERGY CENTER	By Rand M	Date 5/23/04
Location FRESNO COUNTY, CA	Checked ANDY N	Date 6/15/06

Check one: Present Developed

1. Runoff curve number

Soil name and hydrologic group (appendix A)	Cover description (cover type, treatment, and hydrologic condition; percent impervious; unconnected/connected impervious area ratio)	CN ^{1/}			Area <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> acres <input type="checkbox"/> mi ² <input type="checkbox"/> %	Product of CN x area
		Table 2-2	Figure 2-3	Figure 2-4		
PANOCHÉ CLAY LOME-GROUPB	PAVED AREAS	98			6	588
SAME	GRAVEL	85			6	510

^{1/} Use only one CN source per line

Totals ➡ **12** | **1098**

CN (weighted) = $\frac{\text{total product}}{\text{total area}} = \frac{1098}{12} = 91.5$; Use CN ➡ **92**

2. Runoff

	Storm #1	Storm #2	Storm #3
Frequency yr	2	10	100
Rainfall, P (24-hour) in	1.2	1.8	2.50
Runoff, Q in <small>(Use P and CN with table 2-1, figure 2-1, or equations 2-3 and 2-4)</small>	0.57	1.07	1.70

Worksheet 3: Time of Concentration (T_c) or travel time (T_t)

Project PANDOLF ENERGY CENTER /	By Randy M	Date 6/23/06
Location FRESNO COUNTY CA	Checked ANDY N	Date 6/15/06

Check one: Present **Developed**

Check one: T_c T_t through subarea

Notes: Space for as many as two segments per flow type can be used for each worksheet.
Include a map, schematic, or description of flow segments.

Sheet flow. (Applicable to T_c only)

Segment ID	
1. Surface description (table 3-1)	AB / Smooth Surface
2. Manning's roughness coefficient, n (table 3-1)	0.011 /
3. Flow length, L (total L \geq 300 ft) ft	700 /
4. Two-year 24-hour rainfall, P_2 in	1.2 /
5. Land slope, s ft/ft	0.02 /
6. $T_t = \frac{0.007 (nL)^{0.8}}{P_2^{0.5} s^{0.4}}$ Compute T_t hr	0.057 / + 0.000 = 0.057

Shallow concentrated flow

Segment ID	
7. Surface description (paved or unpaved)	BC / PAVED
8. Flow length, Lft	929.1 /
9. Watercourse slope, s ft/ft	0.02 /
10. Average velocity, V (figure 3-1) ft/s	2.85 /
11. $T_t = \frac{L}{3600 V}$ Compute T_t hr	0.091 / + 0.000 = 0.091

Channel flow

Segment ID	
12. Cross sectional flow area, a ft ²	
13. Wetted perimeter, p_w ft	
14. Hydraulic radius, $r = \frac{a}{p_w}$ Compute r ft	
15. Channel slope, s ft/ft	
16. Manning's roughness coefficient, n	
17. $V = \frac{1.49 r^{2/3} s^{1/2}}{n}$ Compute V ft/s	
18. Flow length, L ft	
19. $T_t = \frac{L}{3600 V}$ Compute T_t hr	
20. Watershed or subarea T_c or T_t (add T_t in steps 6, 11, and 19) Hr	0.148 /

Worksheet 4: Graphical Peak Discharge method

Project PANOCHÉ ENERGY CENTER	By Rand M	Date 5/23/06
Location FRESNO COUNTY CA	Checked ANNY N	Date 5/15/06

Check one: Present **Developed**

1. Data

Drainage area $A_m = 0.01875$ mi² (acres/640)

Runoff curve number CN = **92** (From worksheet 2)

Time of concentration $T_c = 0.148$ hr (From worksheet 3)

Rainfall distribution = **1** (I, IA, II III)

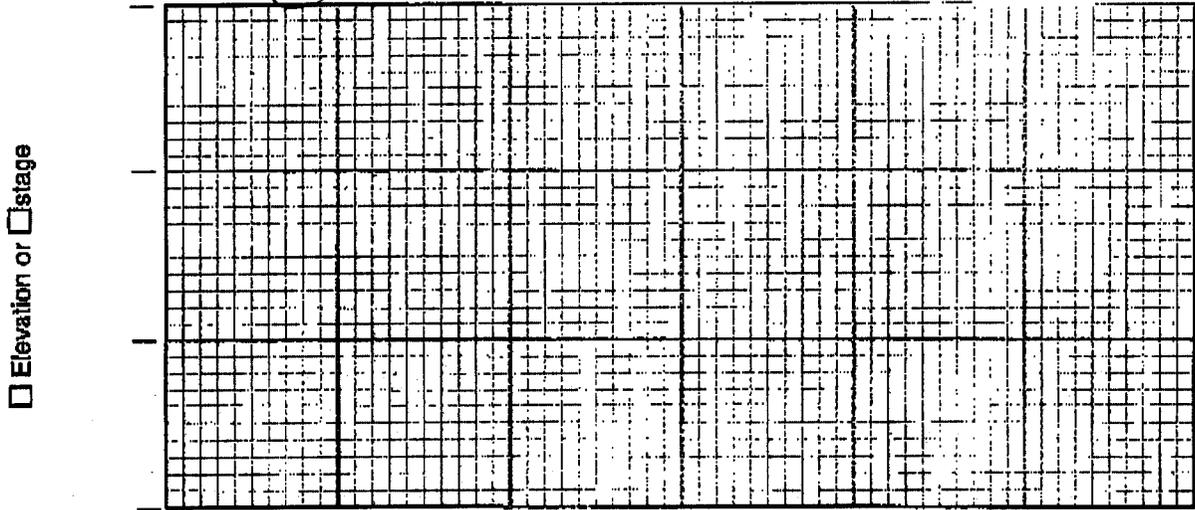
Pond and swamp areas sprea throughout watershed = **0** percent of A_m (_____ acres or mi² covered)

	Storm #1	Storm #2	Storm #3
2. Frequency yr	2	10	100
3. Rainfall, P (24-hour) in	1.2	1.8	2.5
4. Initial abstraction, I_a in (Use CN with table 4-1)	0.174	0.174	0.174
5. Compute I_a/P	0.145	0.0967	0.070
6. Unit peak discharge, q_u com/in (Use T_c and I_a/P with exhibit 4- <u>1</u>)	415	450	500
7. Runoff, Q in (From worksheet 2) Figure 2-6	0.57	1.07	1.70
8. Pond and swamp adjustment factor, F_p (Use percent pond and swamp area with table 4-2. Factor is 1.0 for zero percent pond ans swamp area.)	1.0	1.0	1.0
9. Peak discharge, q_p ft ³ /s (Where $q_p = q_u A_m Q F_p$)	4.44	9.028	15.938

Worksheet 6a: Detention basin storage, peak outflow discharge (q_o) known

Project PAINDHE ENERGY CENTER	By Rand M	Date 5/23/04
Location FRESNO COUNTY, CA	Checked ANDY M	Date 5/15/04

Check one: Present Developed



Detention basin storage (acre feet)

1. Data:

Drainage area $A_m = 0.01875$ mi²
 Rainfall distribution type (I, IA, II, III)
 = 1

6. $\frac{V_s}{V_r}$ 0.12
 (Use $\frac{q_o}{q_i}$ with figure 6-1)

1st Stage	2nd Stage
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7. Runoff, Q in 1.70
 (From worksheet 2)

2. Frequency yr 100 ✓

8. Runoff volume V_r ac-ft 1.70
 ($V_r = QA_m$ 53.33)

3. Peak inflow discharge q_i ft³/s 15.928 ✓
 (from worksheet 4 or 5b)
 ↖ 100 yr post-dev.

9. Storage volume, V_s ac-ft 0.114 ✓

4. Peak outflow discharge q_o ft³/s 2.73 ✓
 ↖ 100 yr pre-dev.

($V_s = V_r (\frac{V_s}{V_r})$)

5. Compute $\frac{q_o}{q_i}$ 0.171

10. Maximum storage E_{max} (from plot)

↖ 2nd stage q_o includes 1st stage q_o .

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Figure 3-1 Average velocities for estimating travel time for shallow concentrated flow

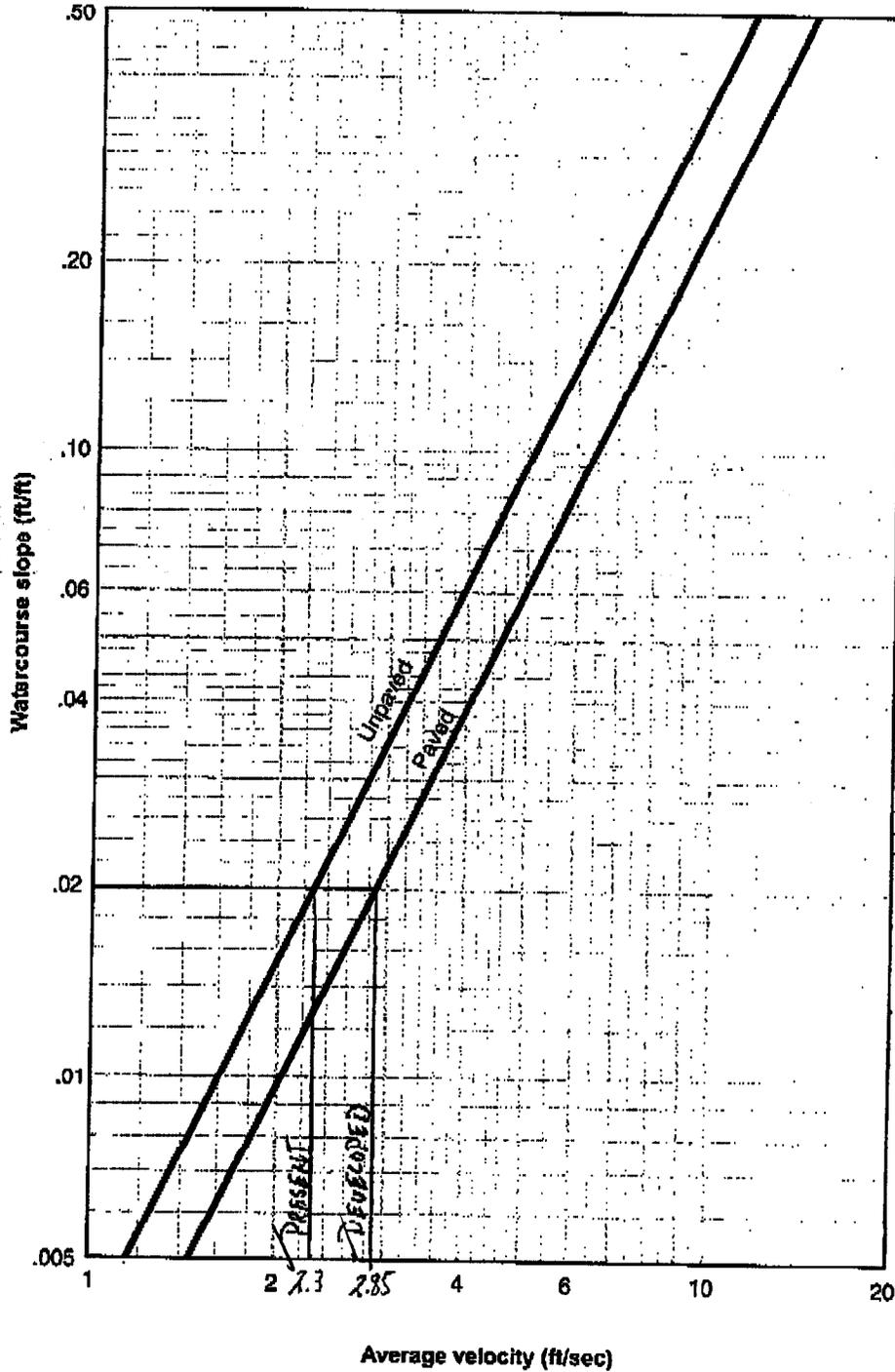
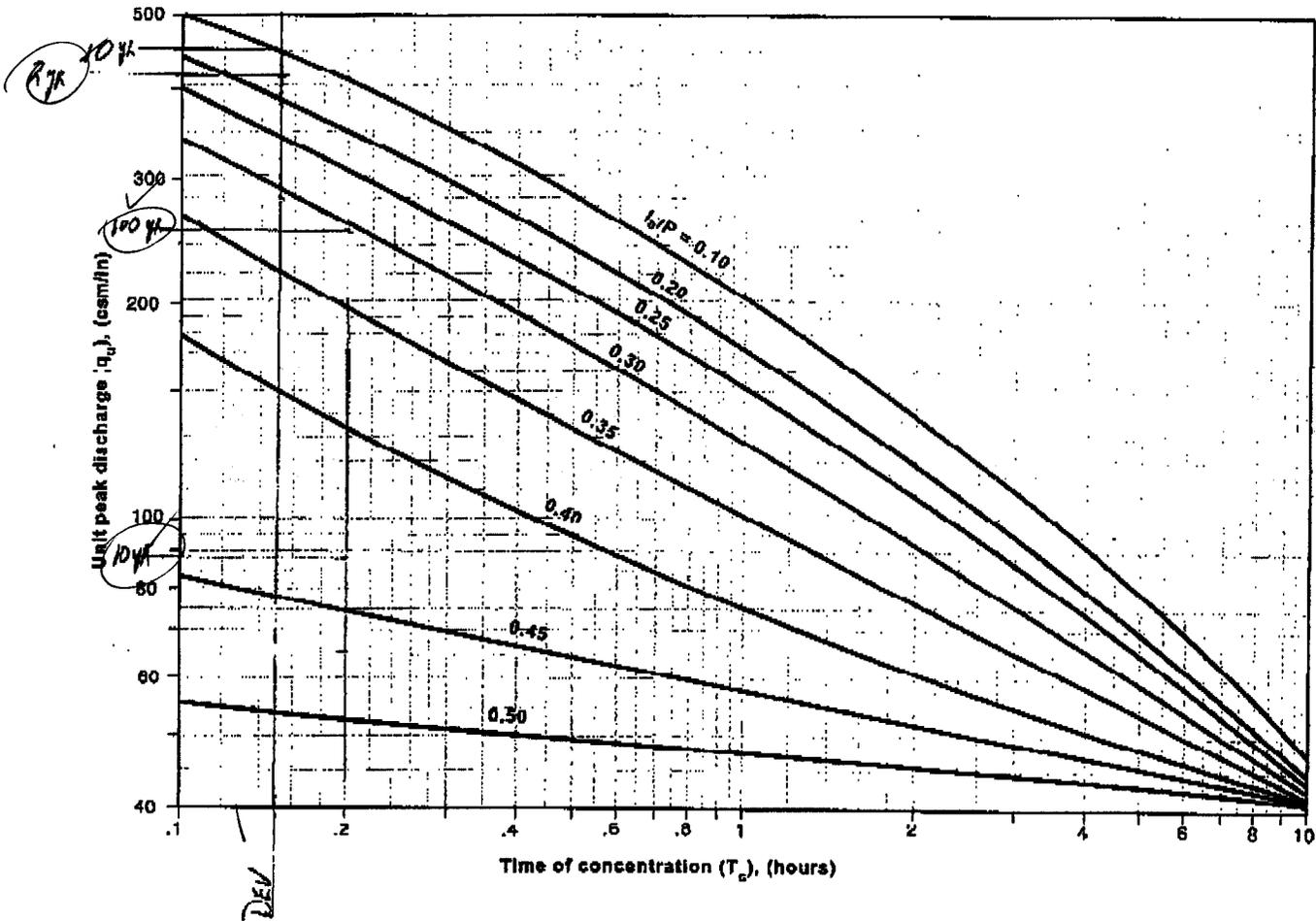


Exhibit 4-I Unit peak discharge (q_p) for NRCS (SCS) type I rainfall distribution





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Determine invert area for the detention basin to function as an infiltration basin per TC-11 of the California Stormwater BMP Handbook.

per TC-11, use the following:

$$A := \frac{WQV}{Kt}$$

Where: A = Basin invert area (m²)

WQV = water quality volume (m³)

K = 0.5 times lowest field measured hydraulic conductivity (m/hr)

t = drawdown time (48 hr)

WQV = volume of runoff from the site such that 85% of the annual runoff is collected and infiltrated. Therefore, the runoff volume should be set from the runoff generated from a storm that has a 15% chance of being exceeded in any given year. Approximately equal to a 7 year storm event.

from Sheet 17 & 5 2 yr-24 hr = 1.18"

from Sheet 18 5 yr - 24 hr = 1.5"

from Sheet 19 10 yr - 24 hr = 1.65"

Use 1.5" as design rainfall event.

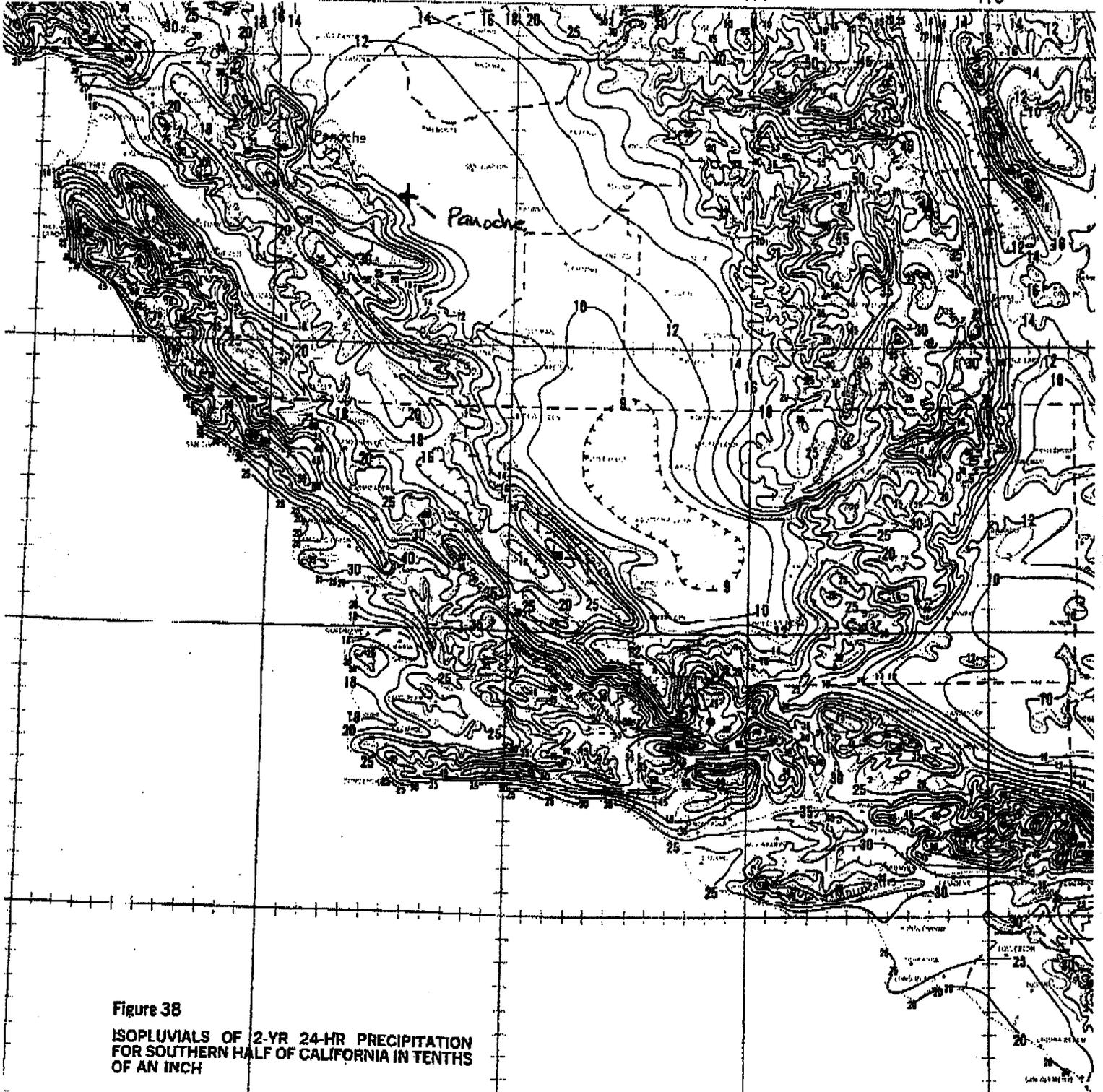


Figure 38
ISOPLUVIALS OF 2-YR 24-HR PRECIPITATION
FOR SOUTHERN HALF OF CALIFORNIA IN TENTHS
OF AN INCH

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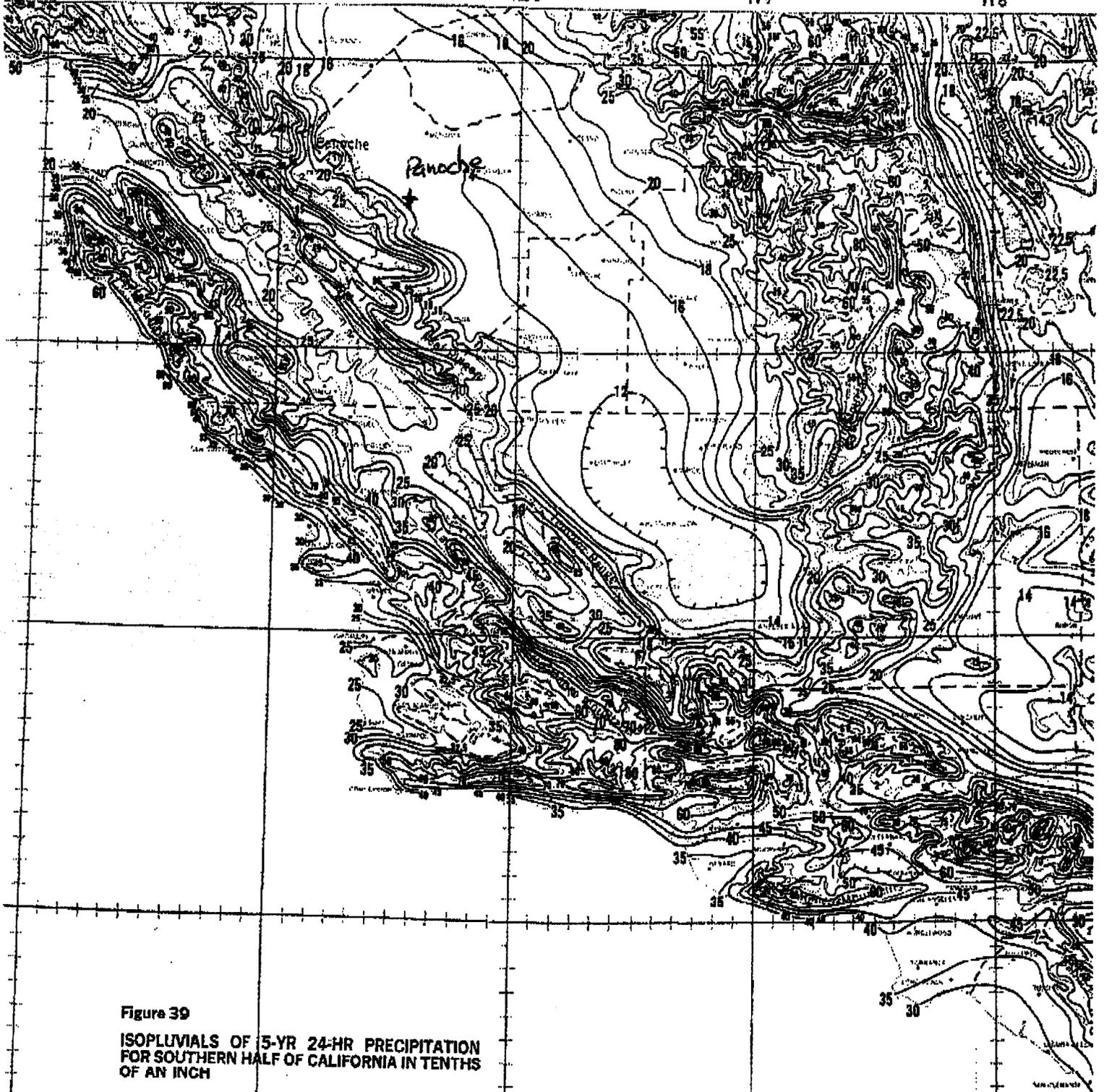


Figure 39
ISOPLUVIALS OF 5-YR 24-HR PRECIPITATION
FOR SOUTHERN HALF OF CALIFORNIA IN TENTHS
OF AN INCH

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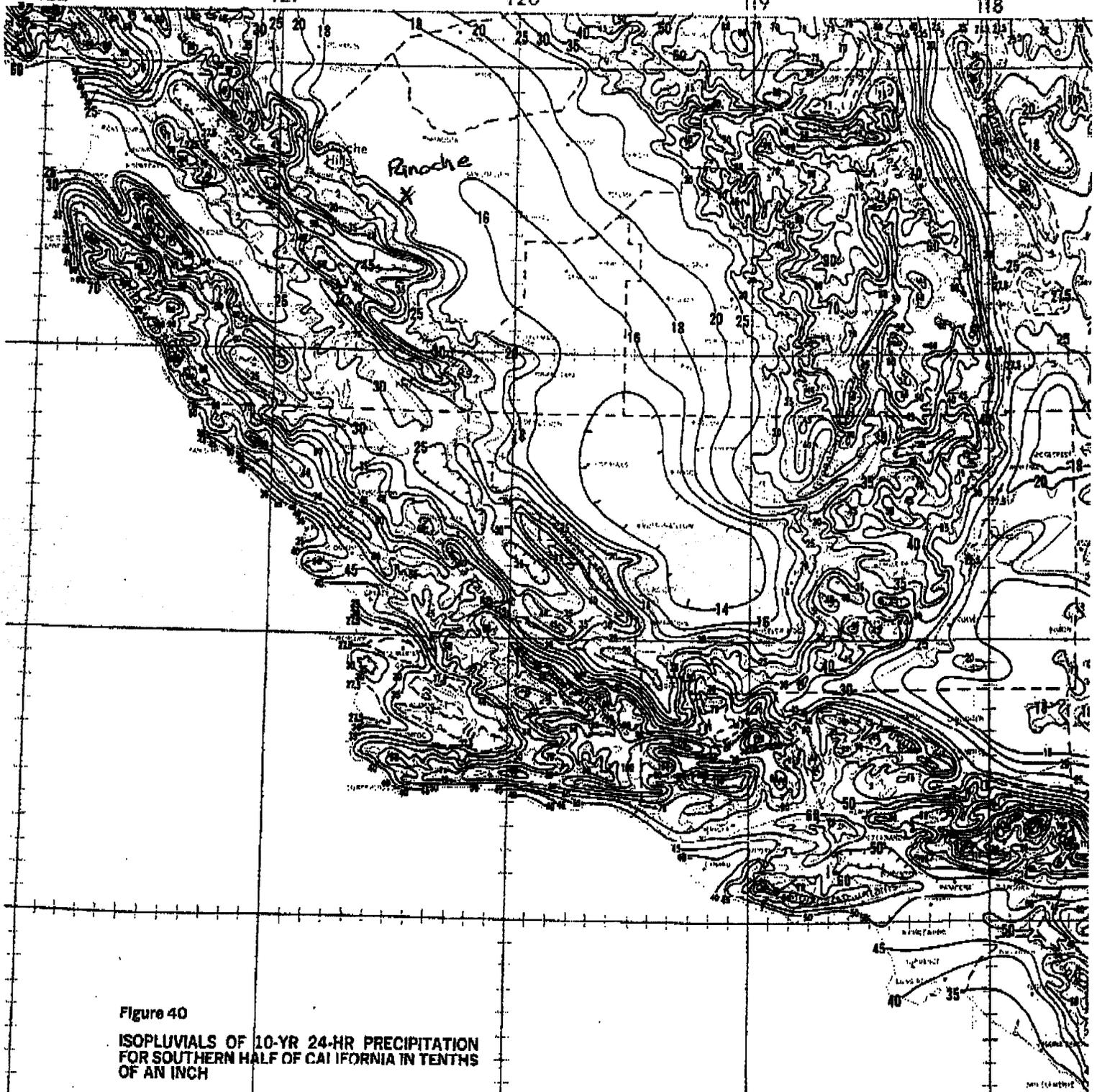


Figure 40
ISOPLUVIALS OF 10-YR 24-HR PRECIPITATION
FOR SOUTHERN HALF OF CALIFORNIA IN TENTHS
OF AN INCH

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Determine Runoff Depth to determine runoff volume

from Sheet 21

$$Q := 0.75 \text{ in}$$

from TR-55 Worksheet 6a:

Q = runoff depth (in)

A_m = Drainage area (mi²) See Sheet 9

$$A_m := 0.01875 \text{ mi}^2$$

$$\text{Volume} := Q \cdot A_m \cdot 53.33$$

$$\text{Volume} = 0.75 \text{ acre ft}$$

$$\text{Volume} := 925 \text{ m}^3$$

$$\text{WQV} := \text{Volume}$$

$$\text{HydraulicConductivity} := 4.00 \frac{\mu\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

From Sheet 22

$$K := 0.5 \cdot (\text{HydraulicConductivity})$$

$$K = 0.007 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{hr}}$$

Determine Area of Basin: $t := 48 \text{ hr}$

$$A := \frac{\text{WQV}}{K \cdot t} \quad A = 28810 \text{ ft}^2$$

Depth of infiltration basin to provide volume necessary to mitigate 100 yr storm runoff, V_{100} , from Sheet 13:

$$V_{100} := 0.714 \text{ acre} \cdot \text{ft} \quad V_{100} = 31101.8 \text{ ft}^3$$

$$\text{Depth}_{\text{min}} := \frac{V_{100}}{A}$$

$$\text{Depth}_{\text{min}} = 1.08 \text{ ft}$$

SHEET 2021

Worksheet 2: Runoff curve number and runoff

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Location	Checked	Date

Check one: Present Developed

1. Runoff curve number

Soil name and hydrologic group (appendix A)	Cover description (cover type, treatment, and hydrologic condition; percent impervious; unconnected/connected impervious area ratio)	CN ^{1/}			Area <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> acres <input type="checkbox"/> mi ² <input type="checkbox"/> %	Product of CN x area
		Table 2-2	Figure 2-3	Figure 2-4		
Panache clay loam - B	Paved Areas	98			6	588
	Gravel	85			6	510

^{1/} Use only one CN source per line

Totals ➔ **12** **1098**

$$CN \text{ (weighted)} = \frac{\text{total product}}{\text{total area}} = \frac{1098}{12} = 91.5$$
 Use CN ➔ **92**

2. Runoff

	Storm #1	Storm #2	Storm #3
Frequency yr	7 ✓	(7%) prob.	
Rainfall, P (24-hour) in	1.5 ✓		
Runoff, Q in	0.75 ✓		

(Use P and CN with table 2-1, figure 2-1, or equations 2-3 and 2-4)

Physical Soil Properties

Fresno County, California, Western Part

[Entries under 'Erosion Factors--T' apply to the entire profile. Entries under "Wind Erodibility Group" and "Wind Erodibility Index" apply only to the surface layer. Absence of an entry indicates that data were not estimated. This report shows only the major soils in each map unit]

Map symbol and soil name	Depth in	Sand Pct	Silt Pct	Clay Pct	Moist bulk density g/cc	Saturated hydraulic conductivity micro m/sec	Available water capacity in/in	Linear extensi- bility Pct	Organic matter Pct	Erosion factors			Wind erodi- bility group	Wind erodi- bility index
										Kw	Kf	T		
442: PANOCHE, clay loam	0-7	20-45	20-50	27-35	1.35-1.50	<u>4.00-14.00</u>	0.15-0.20	3.0-6.0	0.5-1.0	.32	.37	5	6	48
	7-16	20-52	20-50	18-35	1.35-1.55	4.00-14.00	0.13-0.20	3.0-6.0	0.4-1.0	.37	.43			
	16-27	20-52	20-50	18-35	1.35-1.50	4.00-14.00	0.13-0.20	3.0-6.0	0.3-0.5	.43	.43			
	27-43	20-52	20-50	18-35	1.35-1.55	4.00-14.00	0.13-0.20	3.0-6.0	0.2-0.5	.43	.43			
	43-57	20-52	20-50	18-35	1.35-1.55	4.00-14.00	0.13-0.20	3.0-6.0	0.2-0.5	.43	.43			
	57-72	20-80	10-50	10-30	1.40-1.60	4.00-14.00	0.09-0.18	3.0-6.0	0.1-0.4	.37	.37			



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Check previous calculations vs. Appendix D of the California Stormwater BMP Handbook.

from Sheet 24, conversely use runoff coefficient of 1.00, Depth := 0.56in

from Section 5.5.1 of BMP Handbook

$$A_w := 12 \text{ acre}$$

$$WQV := \text{Depth} \cdot A$$

$$WQV = 6.72 \text{ acre-in}$$

$$WQV = 690.75 \text{ m}^3$$

from Sheet 20:

$$K_w := 0.007 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{hr}} \quad t := 48 \text{ hr}$$

$$V_{100} := 0.714 \text{ acre-ft}$$

Therefore :

$$A_w := \frac{WQV}{K \cdot t} \quad A = 22128 \text{ ft}^2$$

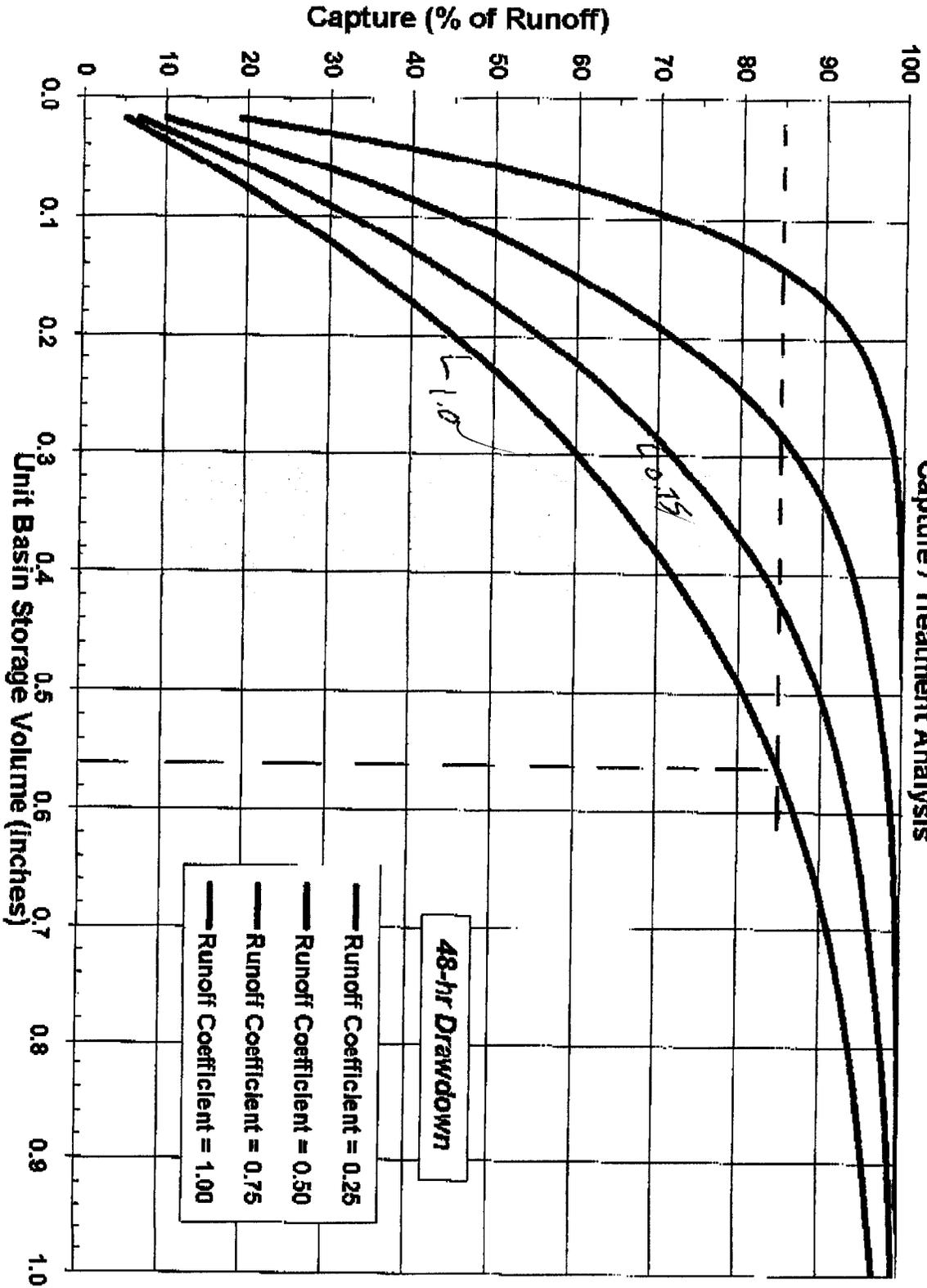
$$\text{Depth}_{\min} := \frac{V_{100}}{A}$$

$$\text{Depth}_{\min} = 1.41 \text{ ft}$$

TR-55 method is more conservative.

SHEET 2324

Fresno Yosemite International Airport (3257) Fresno County, California Capture / Treatment Analysis



Infiltration Basin

TC-11



Description

An infiltration basin is a shallow impoundment that is designed to infiltrate stormwater. Infiltration basins use the natural filtering ability of the soil to remove pollutants in stormwater runoff. Infiltration facilities store runoff until it gradually exfiltrates through the soil and eventually into the water table. This practice has high pollutant removal efficiency and can also help recharge groundwater, thus helping to maintain low flows in stream systems. Infiltration basins can be challenging to apply on many sites, however, because of soils requirements. In addition, some studies have shown relatively high failure rates compared with other management practices.

California Experience

Infiltration basins have a long history of use in California, especially in the Central Valley. Basins located in Fresno were among those initially evaluated in the National Urban Runoff Program and were found to be effective at reducing the volume of runoff, while posing little long-term threat to groundwater quality (EPA, 1983; Schroeder, 1995). Proper siting of these devices is crucial as underscored by the experience of Caltrans in siting two basins in Southern California. The basin with marginal separation from groundwater and soil permeability failed immediately and could never be rehabilitated.

Advantages

- Provides 100% reduction in the load discharged to surface waters.
- The principal benefit of infiltration basins is the approximation of pre-development hydrology during which a

Design Considerations

- Soil for Infiltration
- Slope
- Aesthetics

Targeted Constituents

- | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Sediment | ■ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Nutrients | ■ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Trash | ■ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Metals | ■ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Bacteria | ■ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Oil and Grease | ■ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Organics | ■ |

Legend (Removal Effectiveness)

- | | |
|----------|--------|
| ● Low | ■ High |
| ▲ Medium | |



TC-11

Infiltration Basin

significant portion of the average annual rainfall runoff is infiltrated and evaporated rather than flushed directly to creeks.

- If the water quality volume is adequately sized, infiltration basins can be useful for providing control of channel forming (erosion) and high frequency (generally less than the 2-year) flood events.

Limitations

- May not be appropriate for industrial sites or locations where spills may occur.
- Infiltration basins require a minimum soil infiltration rate of 0.5 inches/hour, not appropriate at sites with Hydrologic Soil Types C and D.
- If infiltration rates exceed 2.4 inches/hour, then the runoff should be fully treated prior to infiltration to protect groundwater quality.
- Not suitable on fill sites or steep slopes.
- Risk of groundwater contamination in very coarse soils.
- Upstream drainage area must be completely stabilized before construction.
- Difficult to restore functioning of infiltration basins once clogged.

Design and Sizing Guidelines

- Water quality volume determined by local requirements or sized so that 85% of the annual runoff volume is captured.
- Basin sized so that the entire water quality volume is infiltrated within 48 hours.
- Vegetation establishment on the basin floor may help reduce the clogging rate.

Construction/Inspection Considerations

- Before construction begins, stabilize the entire area draining to the facility. If impossible, place a diversion berm around the perimeter of the infiltration site to prevent sediment entrance during construction or remove the top 2 inches of soil after the site is stabilized. Stabilize the entire contributing drainage area, including the side slopes, before allowing any runoff to enter once construction is complete.
- Place excavated material such that it can not be washed back into the basin if a storm occurs during construction of the facility.
- Build the basin without driving heavy equipment over the infiltration surface. Any equipment driven on the surface should have extra-wide ("low pressure") tires. Prior to any construction, rope off the infiltration area to stop entrance by unwanted equipment.
- After final grading, till the infiltration surface deeply.
- Use appropriate erosion control seed mix for the specific project and location.

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Performance

As water migrates through porous soil and rock, pollutant attenuation mechanisms include precipitation, sorption, physical filtration, and bacterial degradation. If functioning properly, this approach is presumed to have high removal efficiencies for particulate pollutants and moderate removal of soluble pollutants. Actual pollutant removal in the subsurface would be expected to vary depending upon site-specific soil types. This technology eliminates discharge to surface waters except for the very largest storms; consequently, complete removal of all stormwater constituents can be assumed.

There remain some concerns about the potential for groundwater contamination despite the findings of the NURP and Nightingale (1975, 198/a,b,c; 1989). For instance, a report by Pitt et al. (1994) highlighted the potential for groundwater contamination from intentional and unintentional stormwater infiltration. That report recommends that infiltration facilities not be sited in areas where high concentrations are present or where there is a potential for spills of toxic material. Conversely, Schroeder (1995) reported that there was no evidence of groundwater impacts from an infiltration basin serving a large industrial catchment in Fresno, CA.

Siting Criteria

The key element in siting infiltration basins is identifying sites with appropriate soil and hydrogeologic properties, which is critical for long term performance. In one study conducted in Prince George's County, Maryland (Galli, 1992), all of the infiltration basins investigated clogged within 2 years. It is believed that these failures were for the most part due to allowing infiltration at sites with rates of less than 0.5 in/hr, basing siting on soil type rather than field infiltration tests, and poor construction practices that resulted in soil compaction of the basin invert.

A study of 23 infiltration basins in the Pacific Northwest showed better long-term performance in an area with highly permeable soils (Hilding, 1996). In this study, few of the infiltration basins had failed after 10 years. Consequently, the following guidelines for identifying appropriate soil and subsurface conditions should be rigorously adhered to.

- Determine soil type (consider RCS soil type 'A, B or C' only) from mapping and consult USDA soil survey tables to review other parameters such as the amount of silt and clay, presence of a restrictive layer or seasonal high water table, and estimated permeability. The soil should not have more than 30% clay or more than 40% of clay and silt combined. Eliminate sites that are clearly unsuitable for infiltration.
- Groundwater separation should be at least 3 m from the basin invert to the measured ground water elevation. There is concern at the state and regional levels of the impact on groundwater quality from infiltrated runoff, especially when the separation between groundwater and the surface is small.
- Location away from buildings, slopes and highway pavement (greater than 6 m) and wells and bridge structures (greater than 30 m). Sites constructed of fill, having a base flow or with a slope greater than 15% should not be considered.
- Ensure that adequate head is available to operate flow splitter structures (to allow the basin to be offline) without ponding in the splitter structure or creating backwater upstream of the splitter.

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- Base flow should not be present in the tributary watershed.

Secondary Screening Based on Site Geotechnical Investigation

- At least three in-hole conductivity tests shall be performed using USBR 7300-89 or Bouwer-Rice procedures (the latter if groundwater is encountered within the boring), two tests at different locations within the proposed basin and the third down gradient by no more than approximately 10 m. The tests shall measure permeability in the side slopes and the bed within a depth of 3 m of the invert.
- The minimum acceptable hydraulic conductivity as measured in any of the three required test holes is 19 mm/hr. If any test hole shows less than the minimum value, the site should be disqualified from further consideration.
- Exclude from consideration sites constructed in fill or partially in fill unless no silts or clays are present in the soil boring. Fill tends to be compacted, with clays in a dispersed rather than flocculated state, greatly reducing permeability.
- The geotechnical investigation should be such that a good understanding is gained as to how the stormwater runoff will move in the soil (horizontally or vertically) and if there are any geological conditions that could inhibit the movement of water.

Additional Design Guidelines

- (1) Basin Sizing - The required water quality volume is determined by local regulations or sufficient to capture 85% of the annual runoff.
- (2) Provide pretreatment if sediment loading is a maintenance concern for the basin.
- (3) Include energy dissipation in the inlet design for the basins. Avoid designs that include a permanent pool to reduce opportunity for standing water and associated vector problems.
- (4) Basin invert area should be determined by the equation:

$$A = \frac{WQV}{kt}$$

where A = Basin invert area (m²)

WQV = water quality volume (m³)

k = 0.5 times the lowest field-measured hydraulic conductivity (m/hr)

t = drawdown time (48 hr)

- (5) The use of vertical piping, either for distribution or infiltration enhancement shall not be allowed to avoid device classification as a Class V injection well per 40 CFR 146.5(e)(4).

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Maintenance

Regular maintenance is critical to the successful operation of infiltration basins. Recommended operation and maintenance guidelines include:

- Inspections and maintenance to ensure that water infiltrates into the subsurface completely (recommended infiltration rate of 72 hours or less) and that vegetation is carefully managed to prevent creating mosquito and other vector habitats.
- Observe drain time for the design storm after completion or modification of the facility to confirm that the desired drain time has been obtained.
- Schedule semiannual inspections for beginning and end of the wet season to identify potential problems such as erosion of the basin side slopes and invert, standing water, trash and debris, and sediment accumulation.
- Remove accumulated trash and debris in the basin at the start and end of the wet season.
- Inspect for standing water at the end of the wet season.
- Trim vegetation at the beginning and end of the wet season to prevent establishment of woody vegetation and for aesthetic and vector reasons.
- Remove accumulated sediment and regrade when the accumulated sediment volume exceeds 10% of the basin.
- If erosion is occurring within the basin, revegetate immediately and stabilize with an erosion control mulch or mat until vegetation cover is established.
- To avoid reversing soil development, scarification or other disturbance should only be performed when there are actual signs of clogging, rather than on a routine basis. Always remove deposited sediments before scarification, and use a hand-guided rotary tiller, if possible, or a disc harrow pulled by a very light tractor.

Cost

Infiltration basins are relatively cost-effective practices because little infrastructure is needed when constructing them. One study estimated the total construction cost at about \$2 per ft (adjusted for inflation) of storage for a 0.25-acre basin (SWRPC, 1991). As with other BMPs, these published cost estimates may deviate greatly from what might be incurred at a specific site. For instance, Caltrans spent about \$18/ft³ for the two infiltration basins constructed in southern California, each of which had a water quality volume of about 0.34 ac.-ft. Much of the higher cost can be attributed to changes in the storm drain system necessary to route the runoff to the basin locations.

Infiltration basins typically consume about 2 to 3% of the site draining to them, which is relatively small. Additional space may be required for buffer, landscaping, access road, and fencing. Maintenance costs are estimated at 5 to 10% of construction costs.

One cost concern associated with infiltration practices is the maintenance burden and longevity. If improperly maintained, infiltration basins have a high failure rate. Thus, it may be necessary to replace the basin with a different technology after a relatively short period of time.

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