

Testimony

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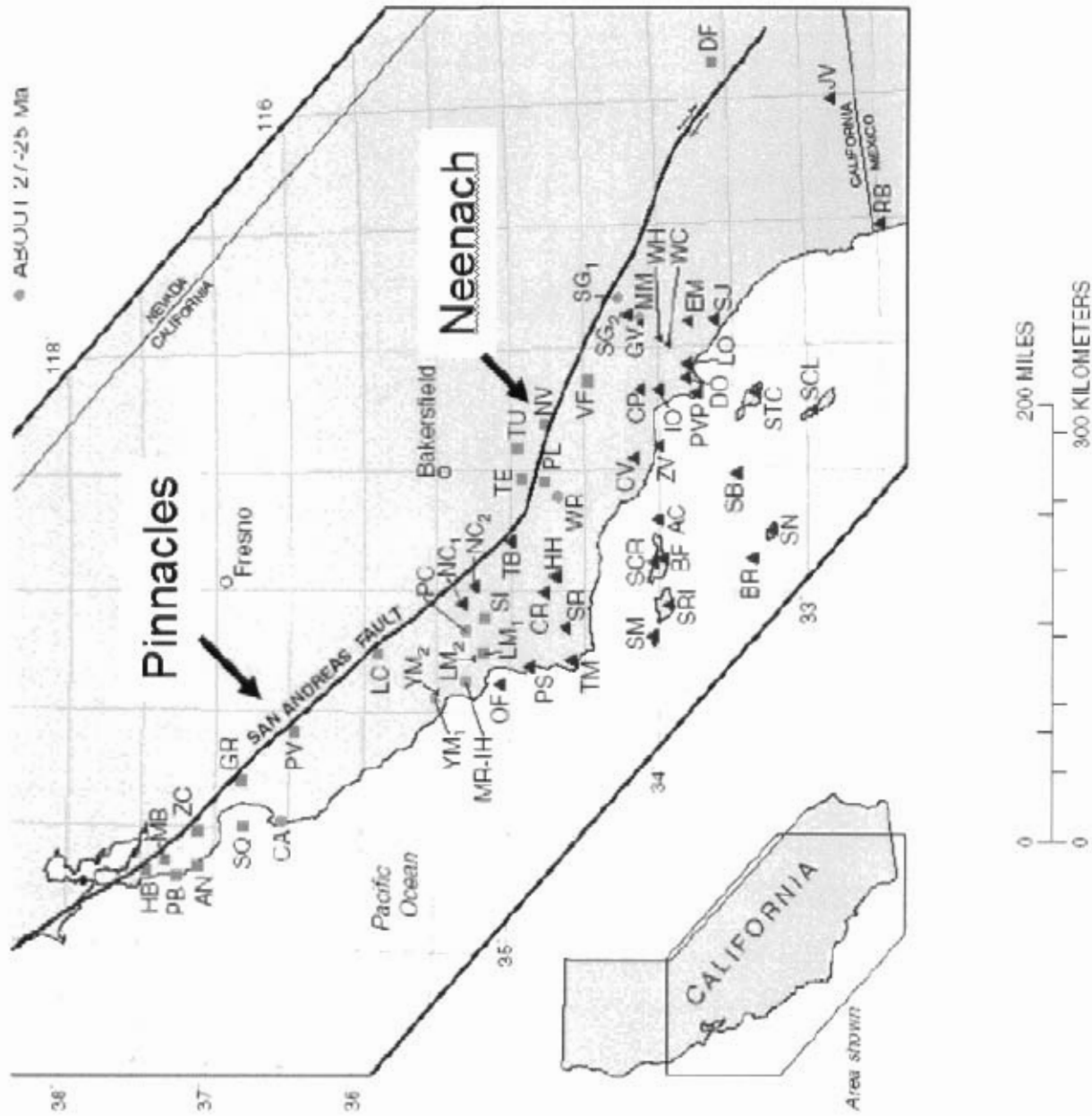
Antelope Valley

- Formed by motion of the Pacific Tectonic Plate over the past 20+ million years along the San Andreas Fault
- Pacific Plate has moved 195 miles north in 23 million years
- Evidence provided by the Neenach volcano which was split by the plate movement
- Motion has created some intra-valley stress cracks (faults), most notable the Garlock Fault and Willow Springs Fault



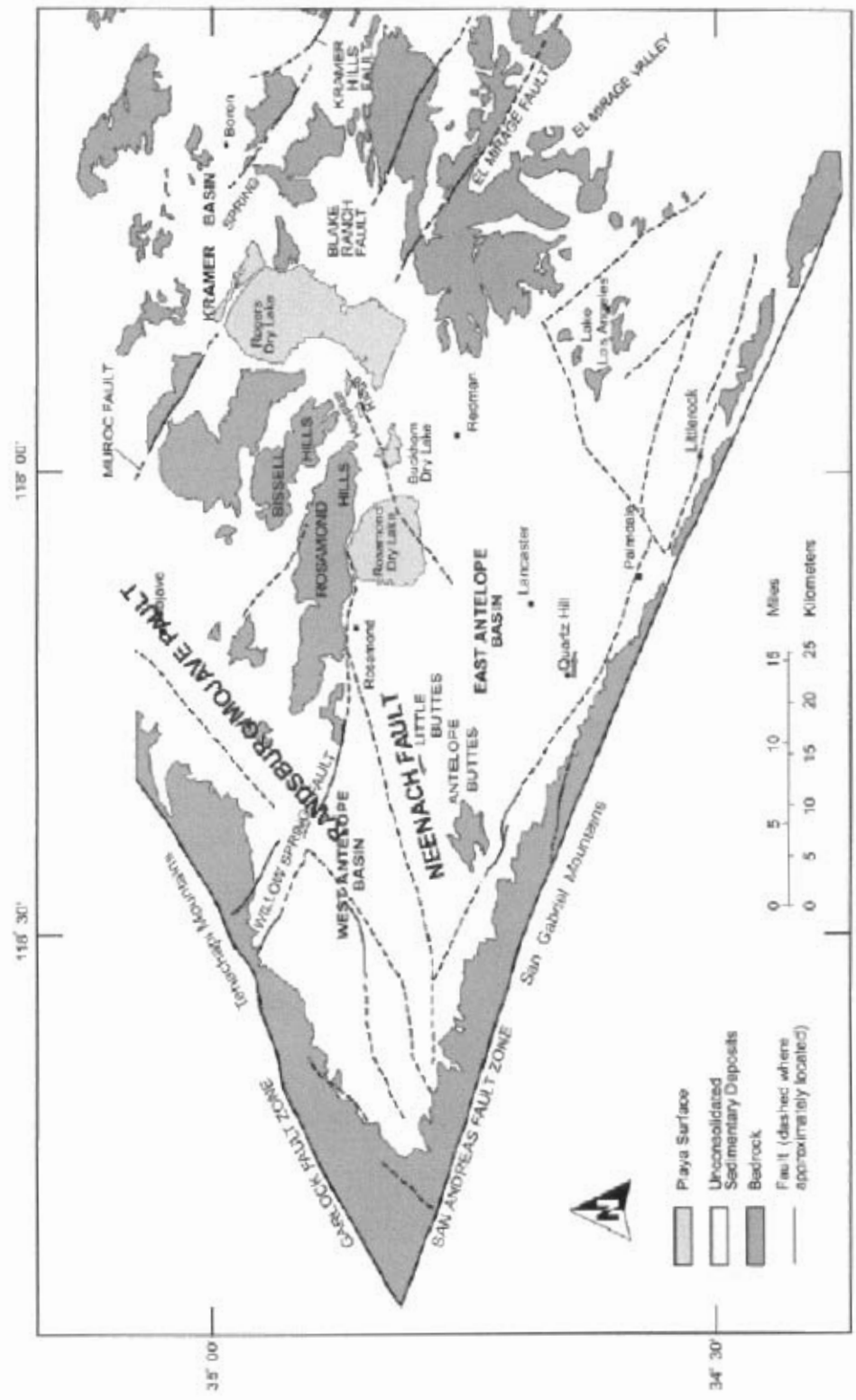
Figure 1 – Infra-red satellite view of the Antelope Valley (Source: NASA , ca. 1970).

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Source: Stanley et al., USGS Open-File Report 00-154

Figure 2 – Map illustrating movement of the San Andreas Fault.



Source: Figure 2-5 at <http://www.lacsd.org/Draft%20PWRP%202025%20Plan/Figures.htm>

Figure 3 – Location of presumed intra-valley faults in the Antelope Valley.

Structure Within the Valley

- Drilling records (oil and water) provide detailed information on the structure within the Valley
- Gravity, seismic and aeromagnetic surveys also provide geophysical information on the subterranean structure
- Geological cross-sections provide visualization of the structure
- Bedrock contour maps help in the interpretation of the aquifers

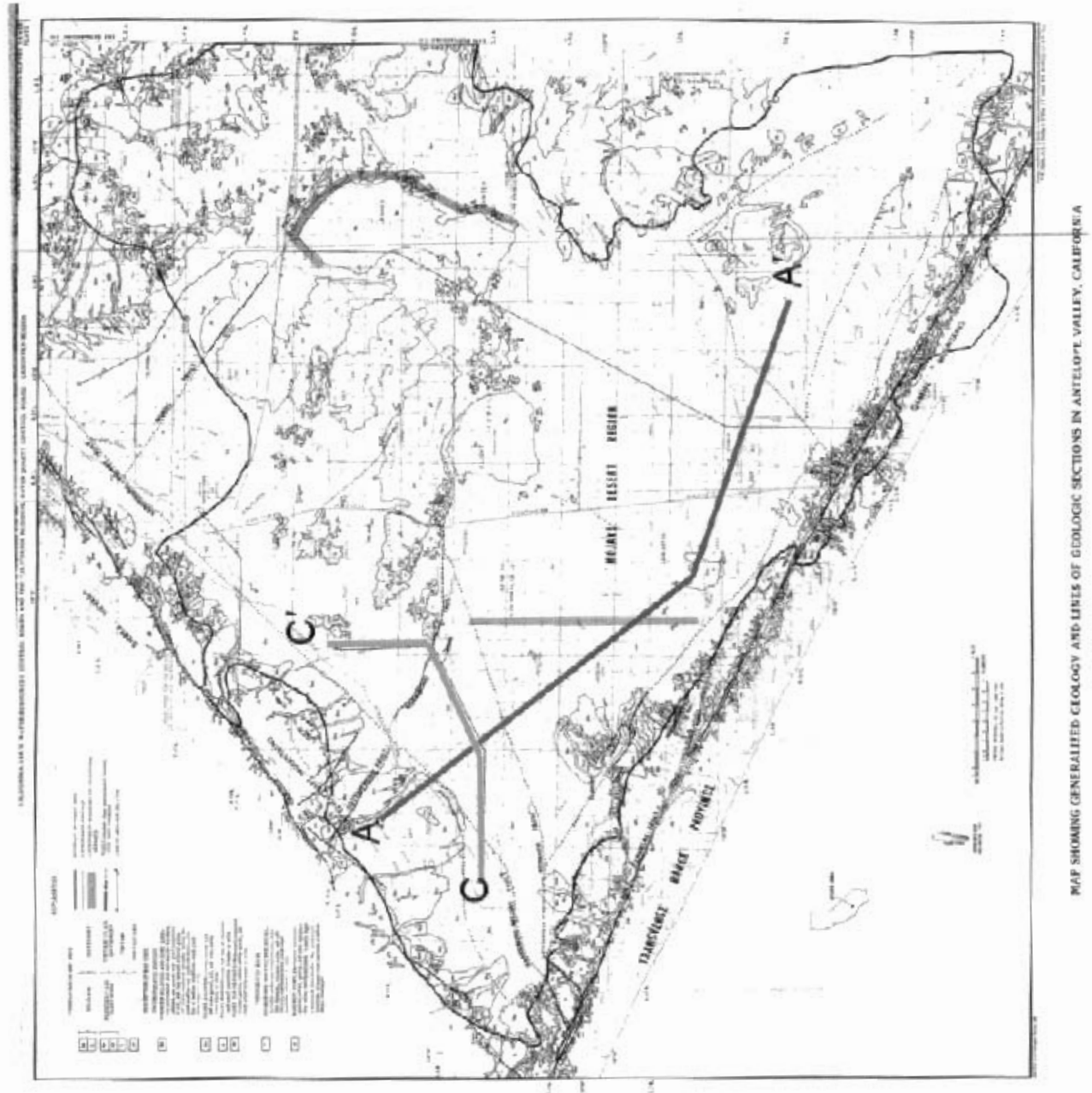
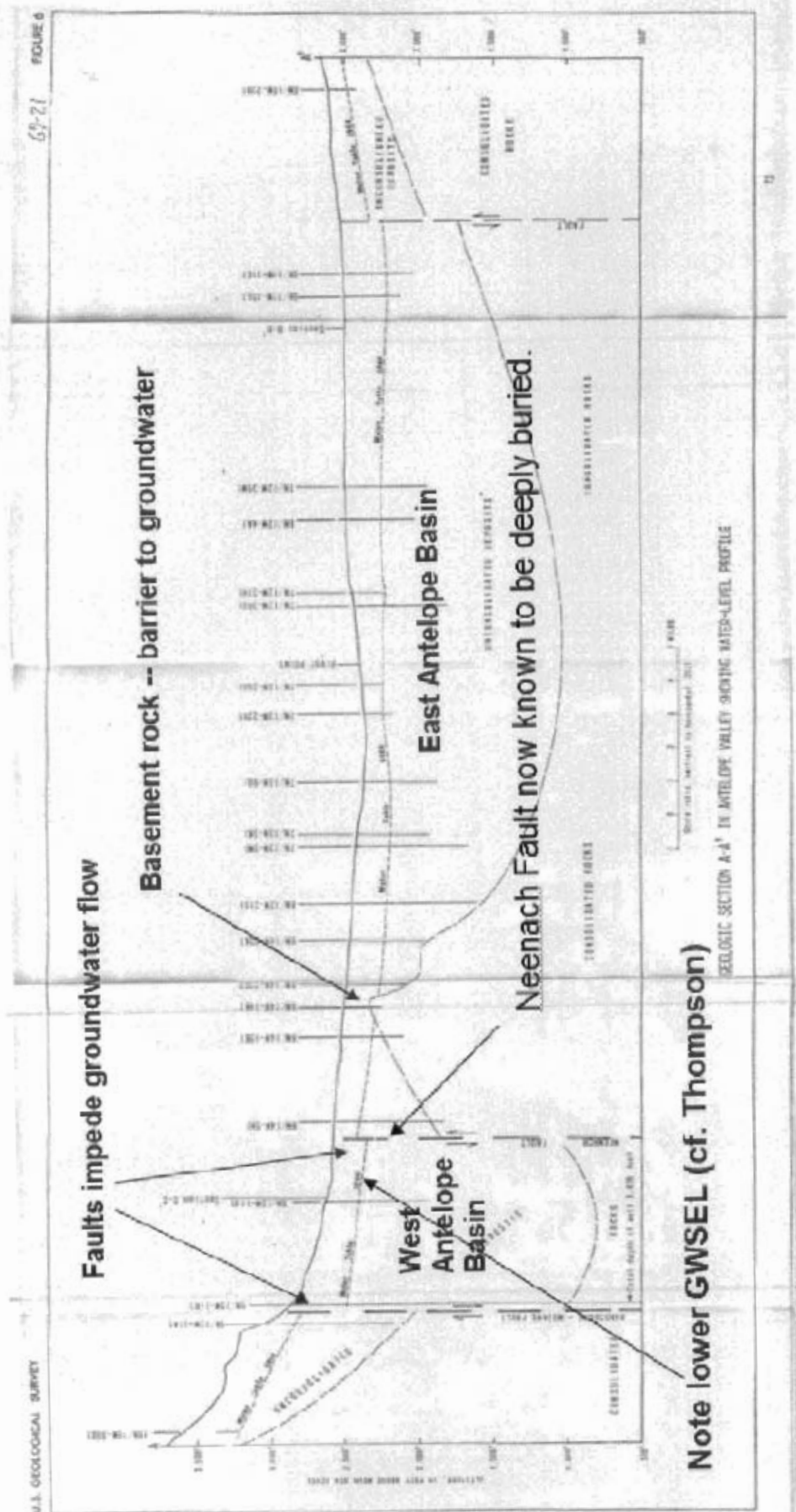


Figure 4 – Plan of the two cross-sections presented below in Figures 5 and 6.
(Source: Bloyd, USGS Open File Report 67-21)

Section AA' Across West and East Antelope Basins



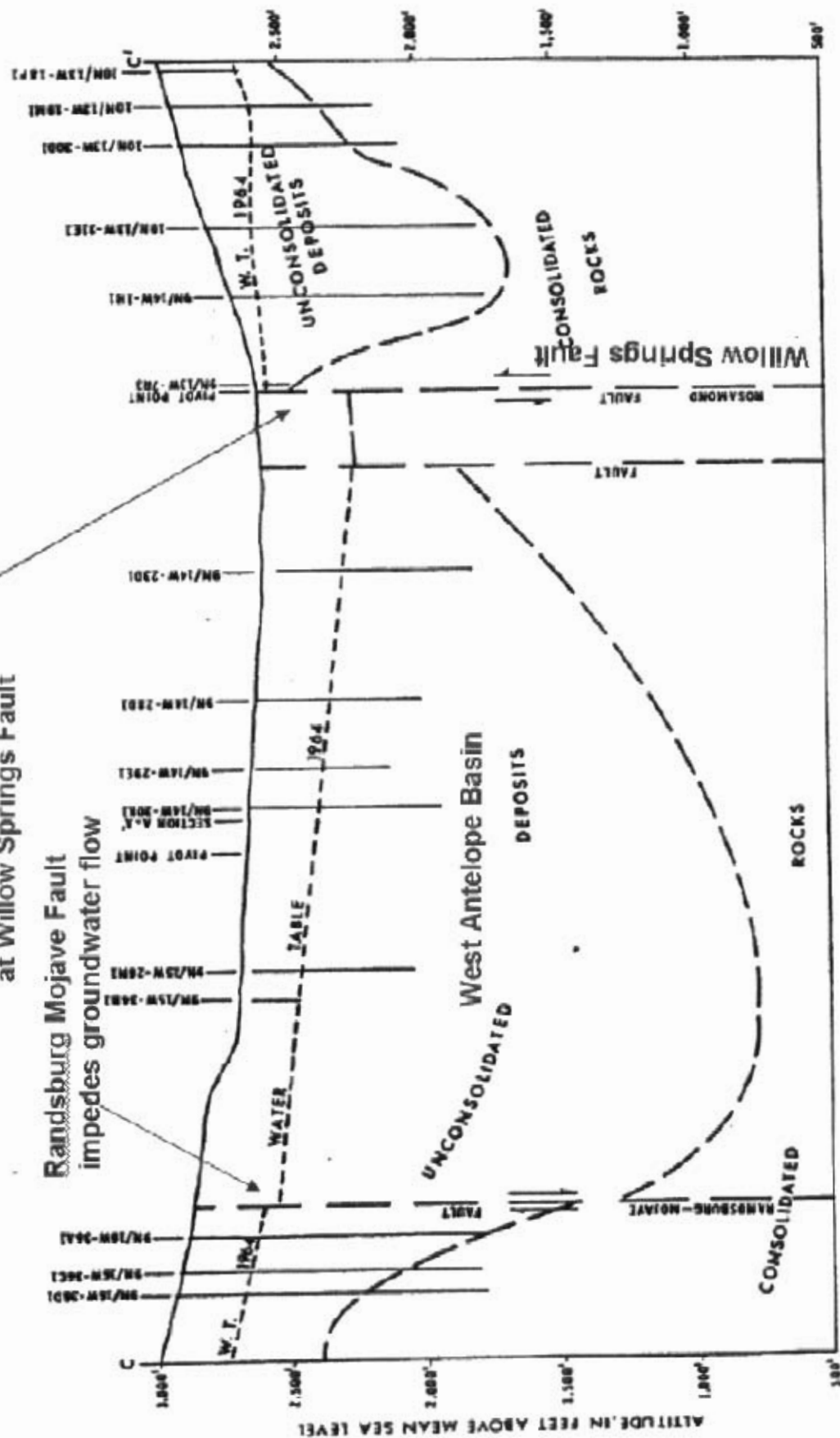
Source: USGS Open-File Report 67-21 Plate 6

Figure 5 – Annotated Section AA' across the West and East Antelope Basins.

Section CC' Across West Antelope and Willow Springs Sub-Basins

Basement rock provides barrier to groundwater flow at Willow Springs Fault

Randsburg Mojave Fault impedes groundwater flow



GEOLOGIC SECTION C-C' IN ANTELOPE VALLEY

SHOWING WATER-TABLE 1964

Source : USGS Open-File Report 67-21

FIGURE 8

Figure 6 - Annotated Section CC' across West Antelope Valley and Willow Springs Fault

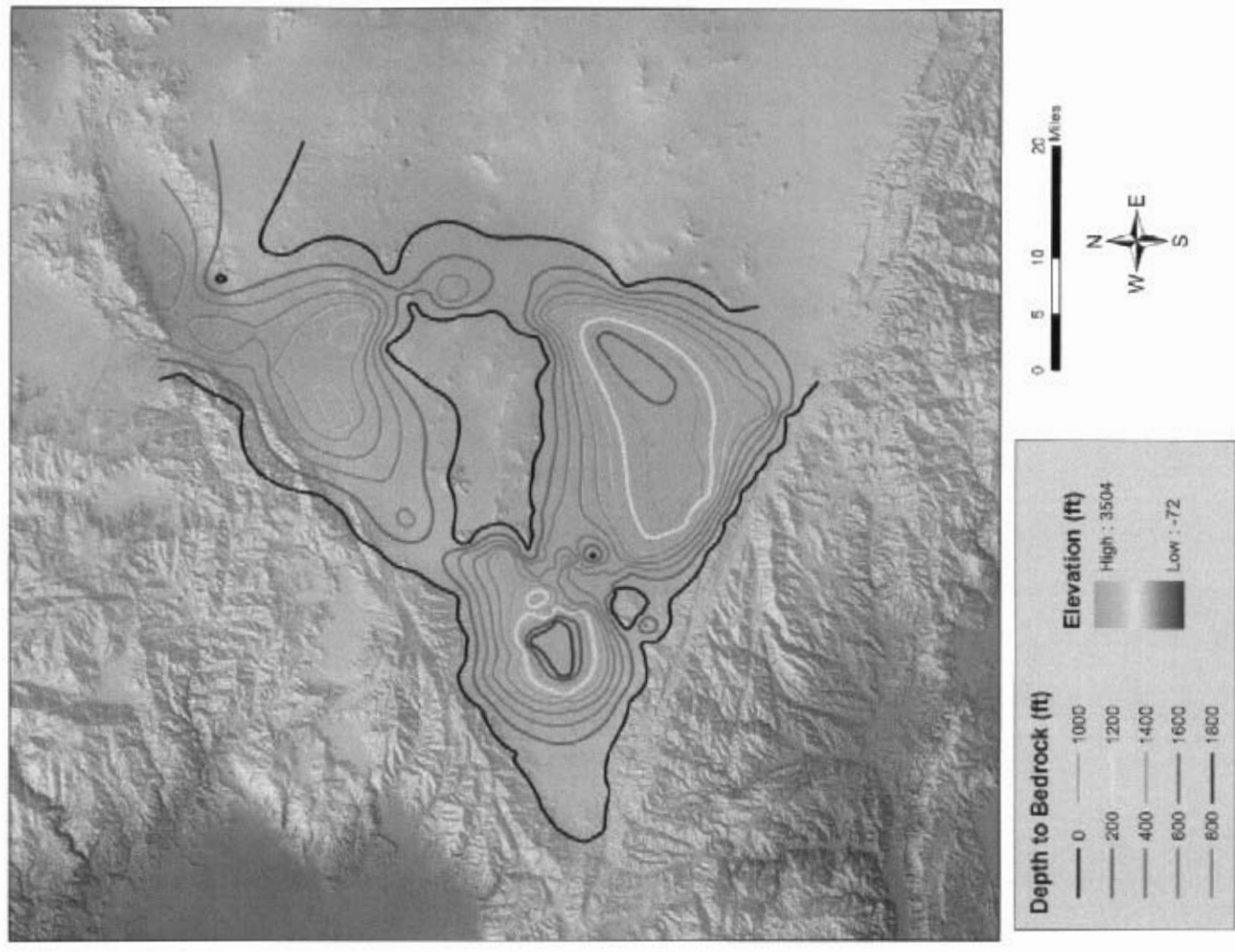


Figure 7 -Depth to basement rock contours developed from DWR well log data.

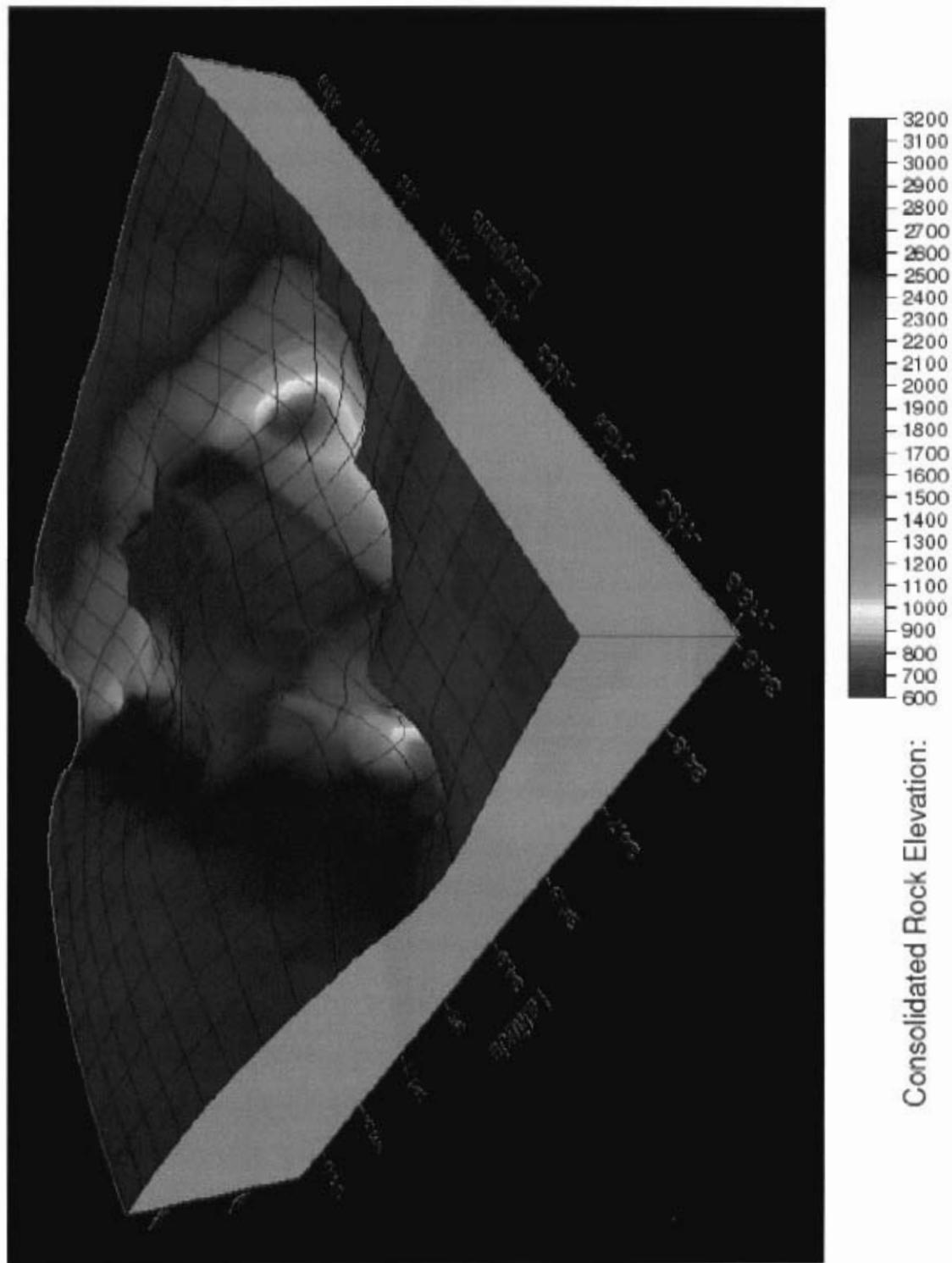


Figure 8 – An oblique view of bed rock contours as seen from the South West.

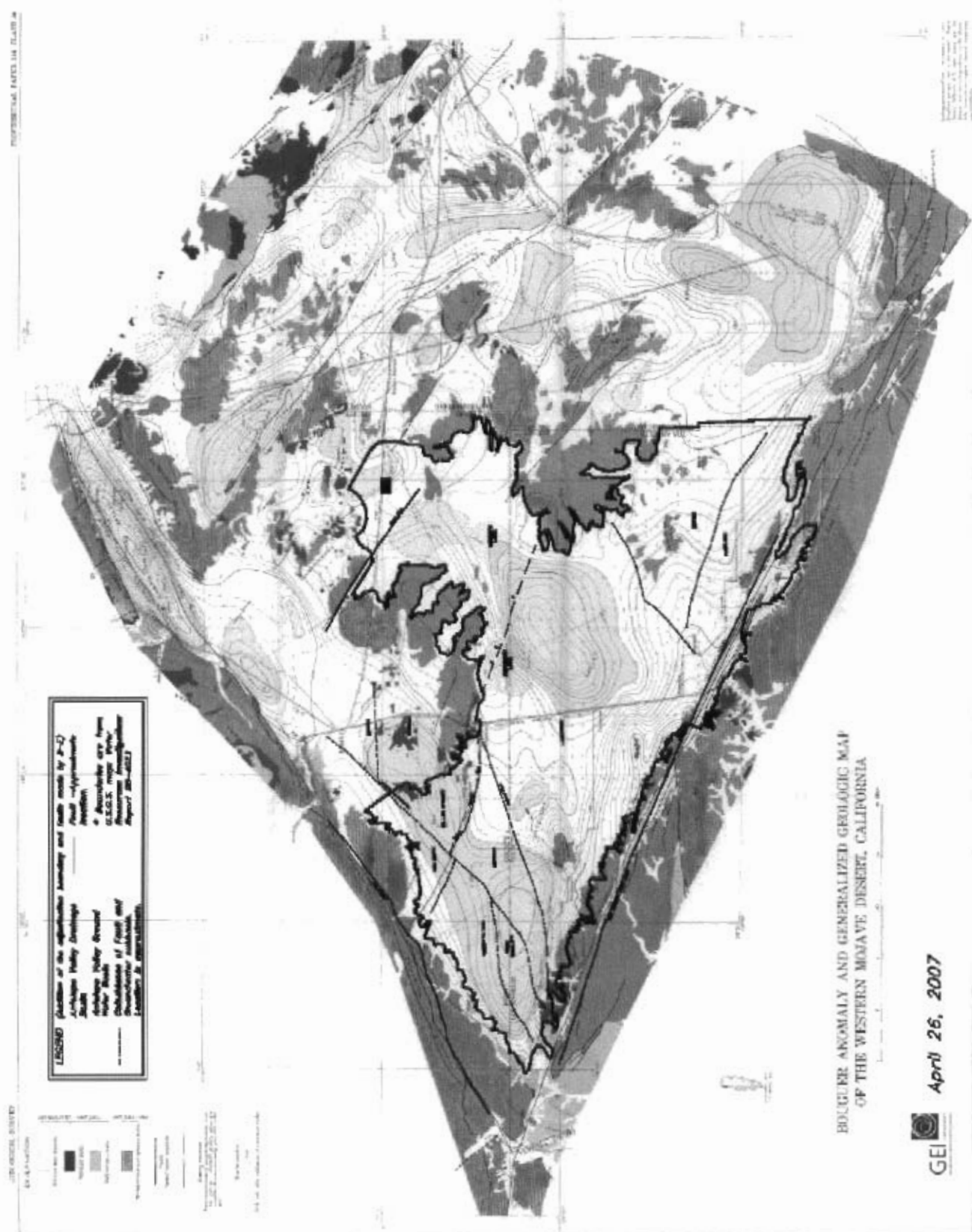


Figure 9a – Bouguer Gravity anomaly map for the Antelope Valley (Mabey, 1960). Faults and adjudication boundary superimposed by GEL.

14W 13W

Well ID

A-58209

B-1085210

C-1085151

D-935623

E-35531

F-159723

G-40921

H-35125

I-328208

J-124607

K-37005

L-40918

M-61528



Figure 23 – Location of wells showing bedrock elevations

Figure 24 -
Well log (M in Fig.
23) identifying
bedrock layer
Ground
Elevation
2470

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
THE RESOURCES AGENCY
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
WATER WELL DRILLERS REPORT

ORIGINAL
File with DWR

MAY 31 1972

No. 61528

Site Well No. _____
Owner Well No. _____

O 9 N 14 W 36

(1) OWNER:
Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

(2) LOG
Section _____
T-9-N 8-11-W Sec. 36 (Well #2)
Location (bearing, distance, section, etc.) _____

(3) TYPE OF WORK (check):
New Well ☒ Existing ☐ Reconditioning ☐ Deepening ☐
If existing, describe work to be done and procedure to be used: _____

(4) PROPOSED USE (check):
Domestic ☐ Industrial ☐ Municipal ☐ Other ☐
Irrigation ☒ Test Well ☐ Other ☐ _____

(5) EQUIPMENT:
Rotary ☒ Cable ☐ Other ☐ _____

(6) CASING INSTALLED:
STEEL ☐ OTHER ☐
SINGLE ☐ DOUBLE ☐
If gravel packed: _____

From ft.	To ft.	Diam. in.	Gravel packed	Notes
0	111	8 5/8"	188 lbs/ft	111

(7) PERFORATIONS OR SCREEN:
Type of perforation or screen: _____

From ft.	To ft.	Perf. per ft.	Notes
10	111	6	28 x 1/8"

(8) CONSTRUCTION:
Was a casing installed and grouted? Yes ☒ No ☐ To what depth _____ ft.
Was a gravel packed casing installed? Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, what depth of casing _____ ft.
Notes _____

(9) WATER LEVELS:
Depth at which water was first found of borehole _____ ft.
Stagnant level below water table, if known _____ ft.
Stagnant level after pumping and discharge _____ ft.

(10) WELL TESTS:
Pump test made? Yes ☒ No ☐ If yes, by whom? Rottman Drilling Co.
Flow rate (gpm) _____
Drawdown (ft.) _____
Notes _____

WELL DRILLER'S STATEMENT:
This well was drilled under my supervision and this report is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

NAME Rottman Drilling Company
Address 121 W. Avenue I
City Lancaster, Calif. 93534
Phone (818) 7561
Date 4/28/72

Sketch location of well on reverse side

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Antelope Valley, CA Depth to Bedrock Contours and Cross-Section Locations

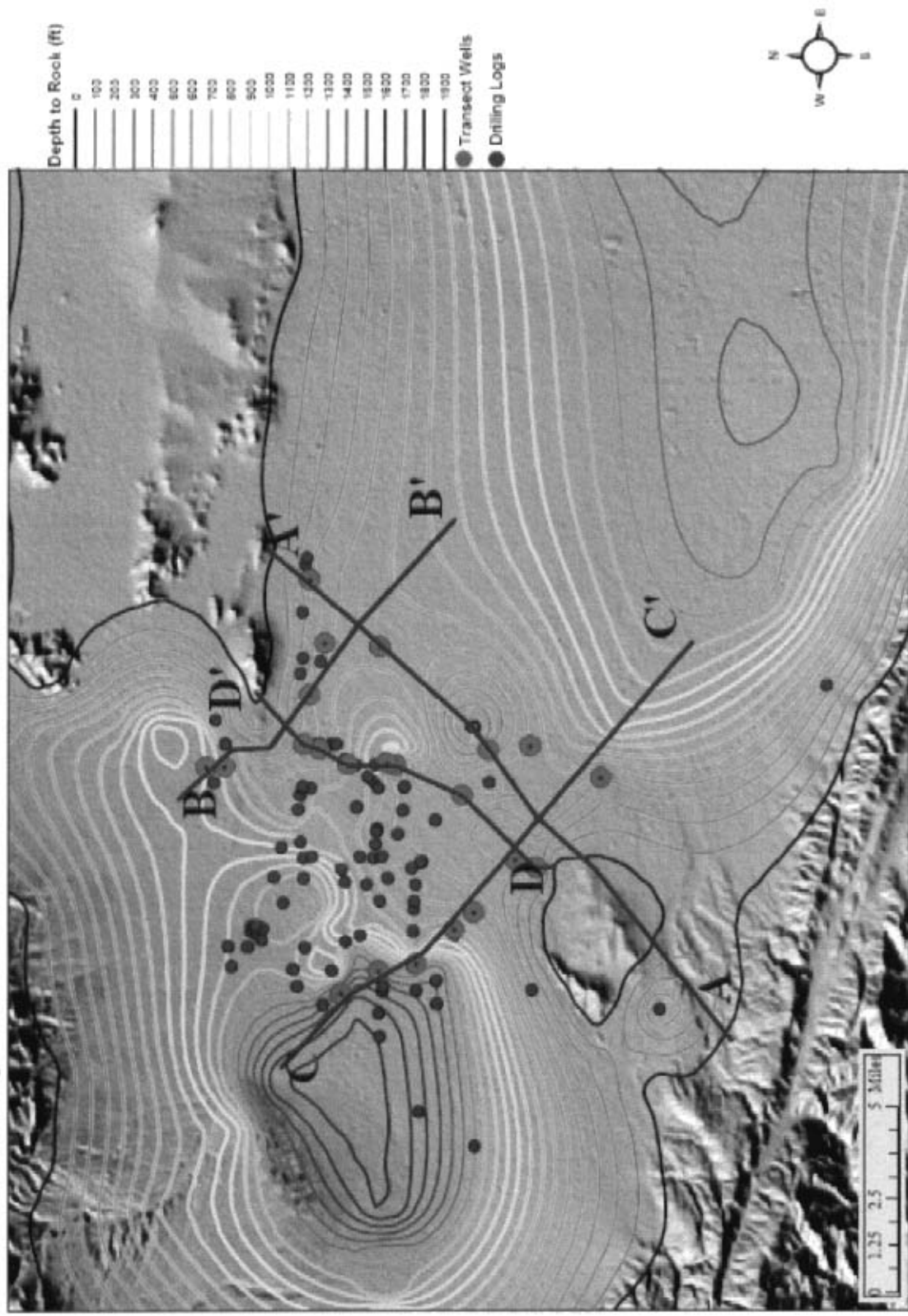


Figure 11 – Planform for sections shown in Figures 12 through 15 showing DWR well data used to develop transects.

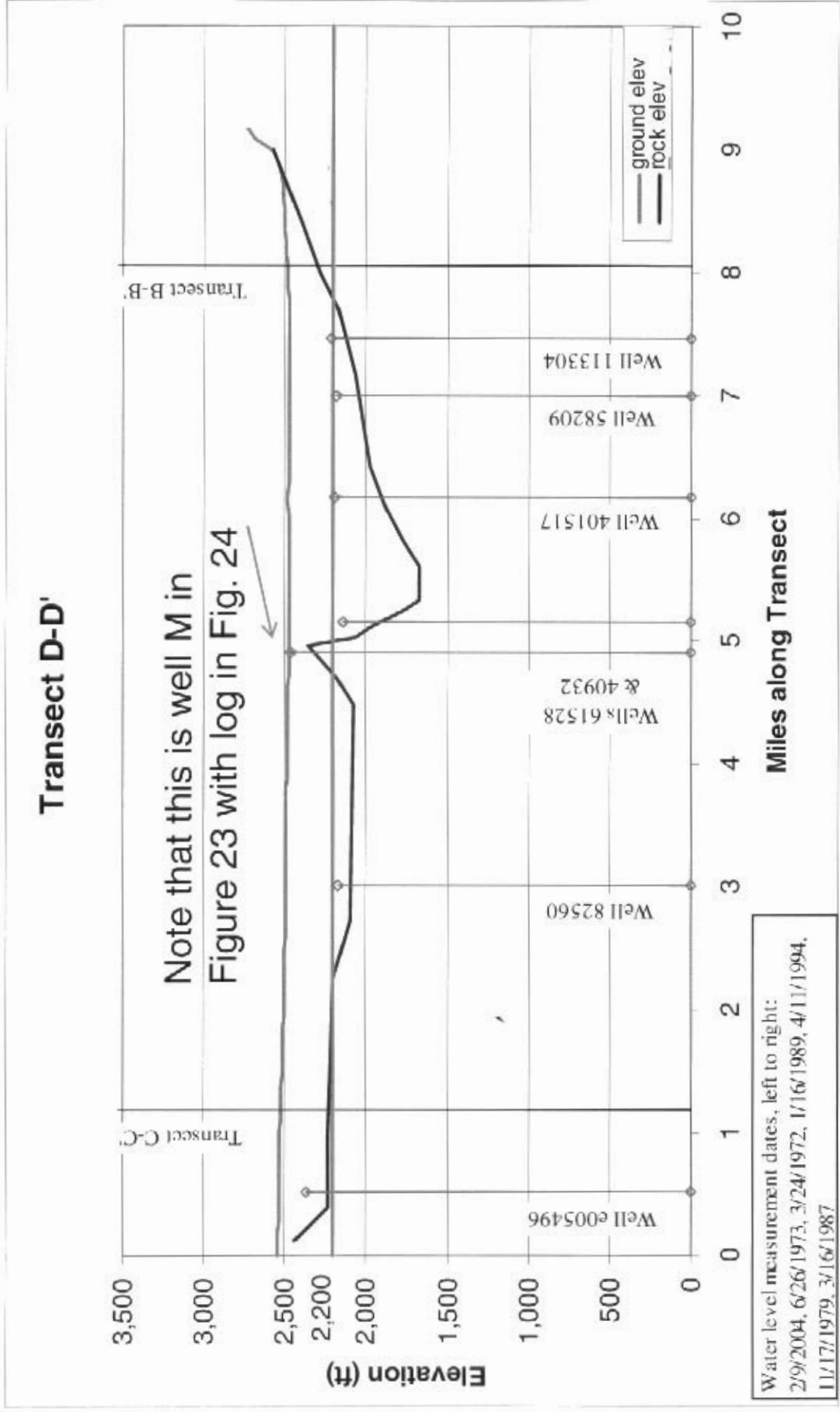


Figure 12 – Transect D-D' shown in Figure 11

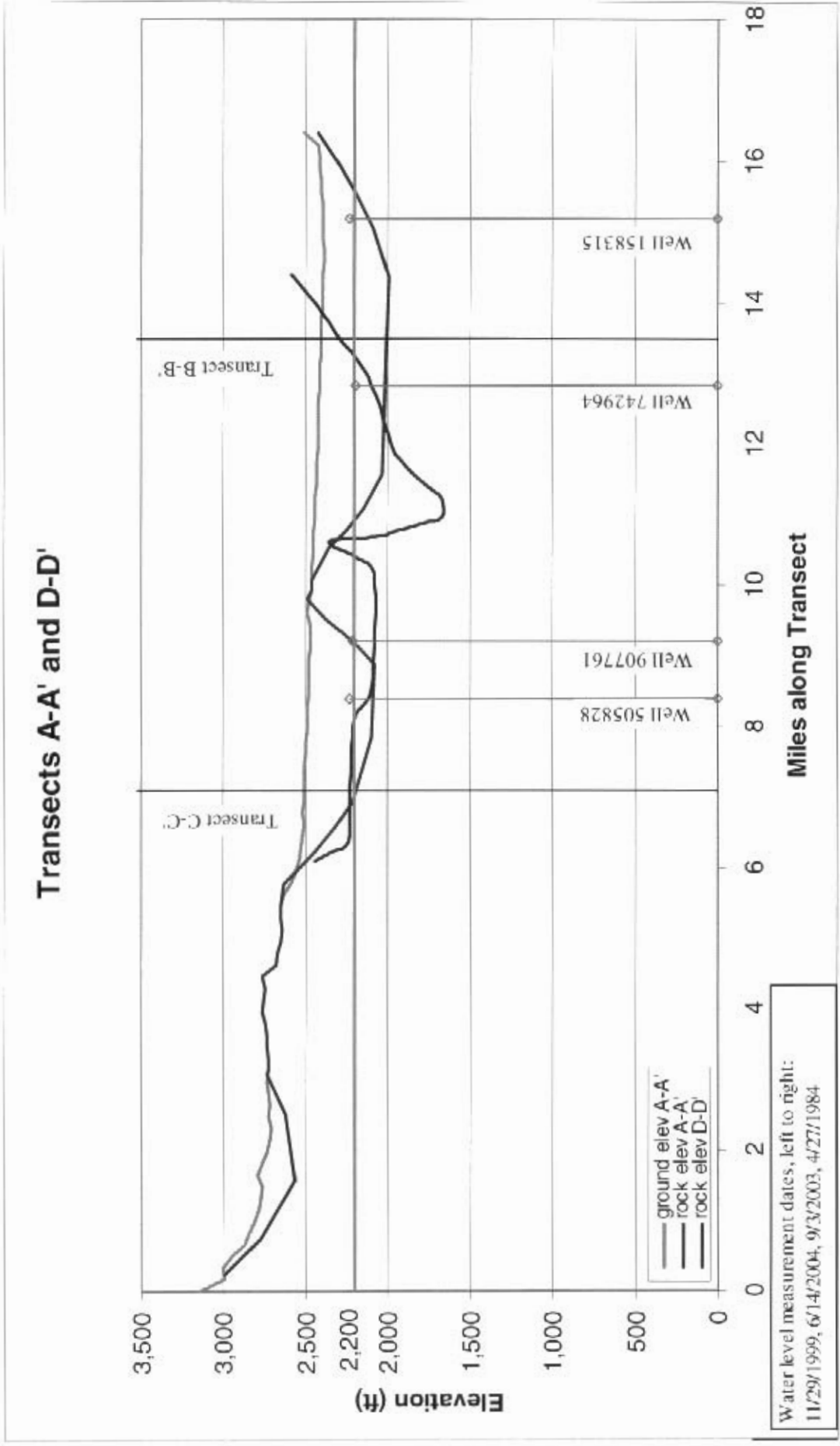


Figure 13 – Transects A-A' and D-D' shown in Figure 11

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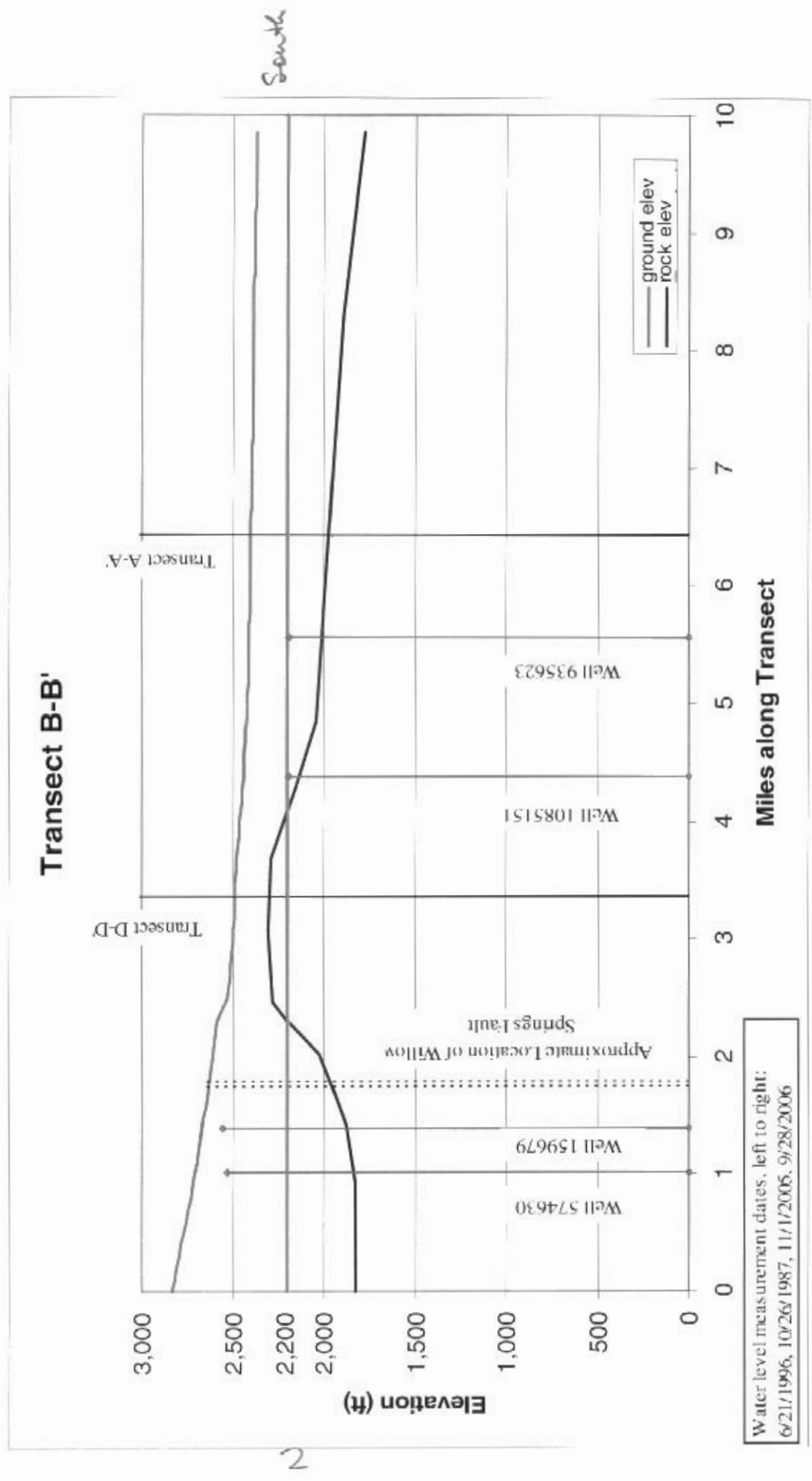


Figure 14 – Transect B-B' shown in Figure 11

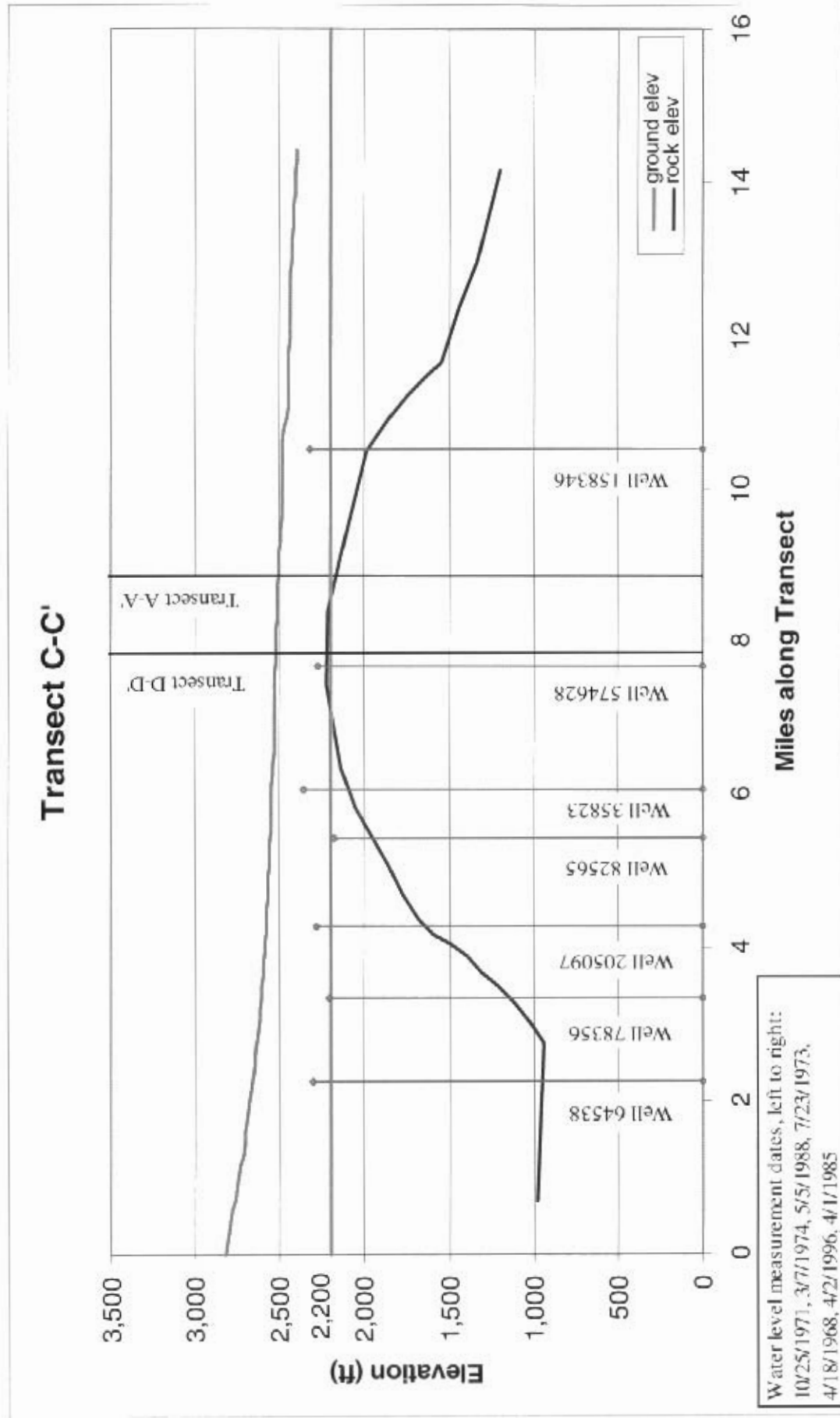


Figure 15- Transect C-C' shown in Figure 11

Bedrock Ridge Divides the Valley

- Geophysical and well log data indicate that a bedrock ridge separates the Antelope Valley into two deep sedimentary basins
- The East and West Basins are connected by approximately 200 feet of saturated alluvium overlying the bedrock ridge
- Groundwater flow across the ridge is controlled by the water surface elevations on each side of the ridge

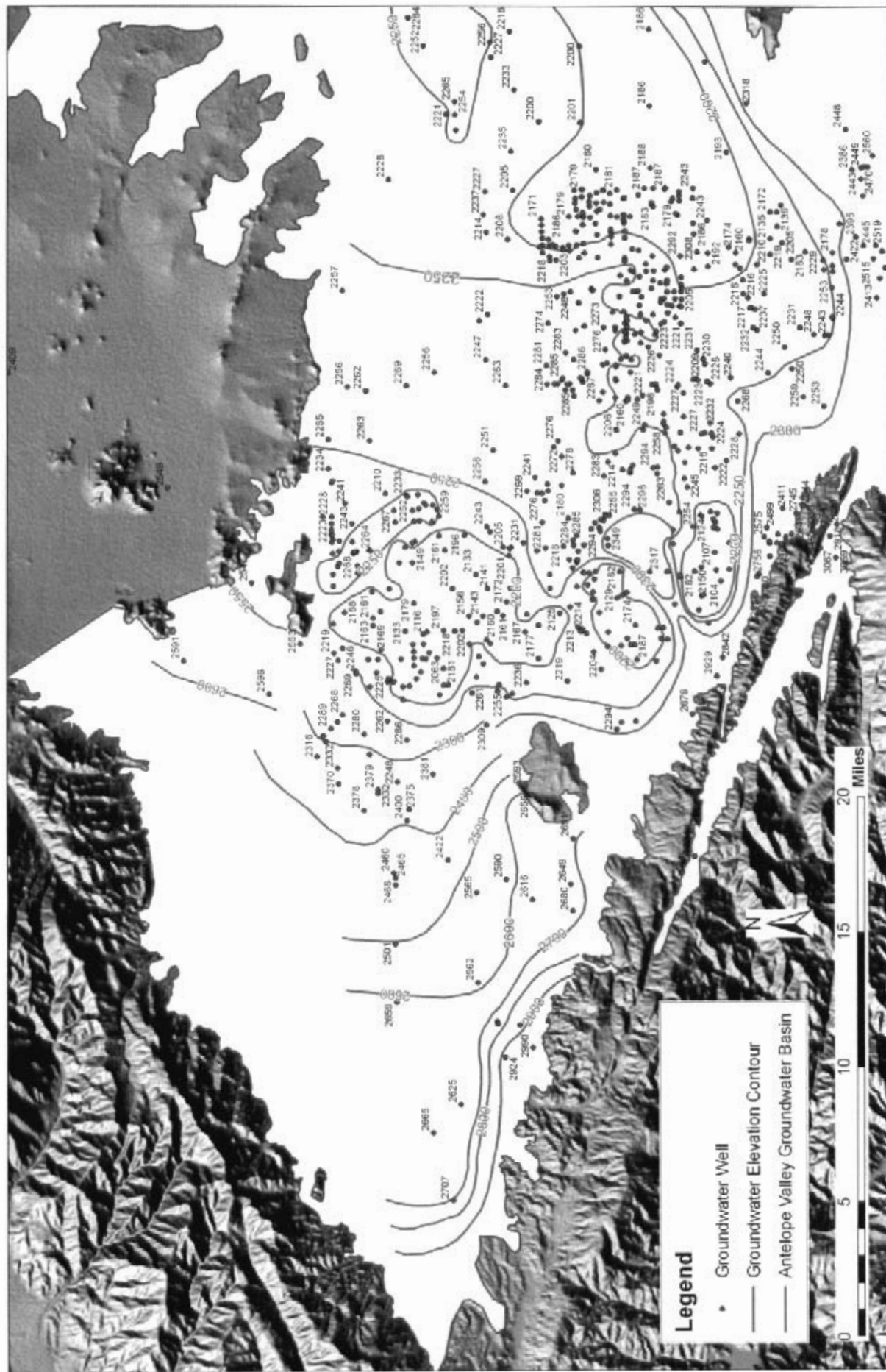


Figure 16 - Antelope Valley Groundwater Contours - 1965 Based on USGS Well Data

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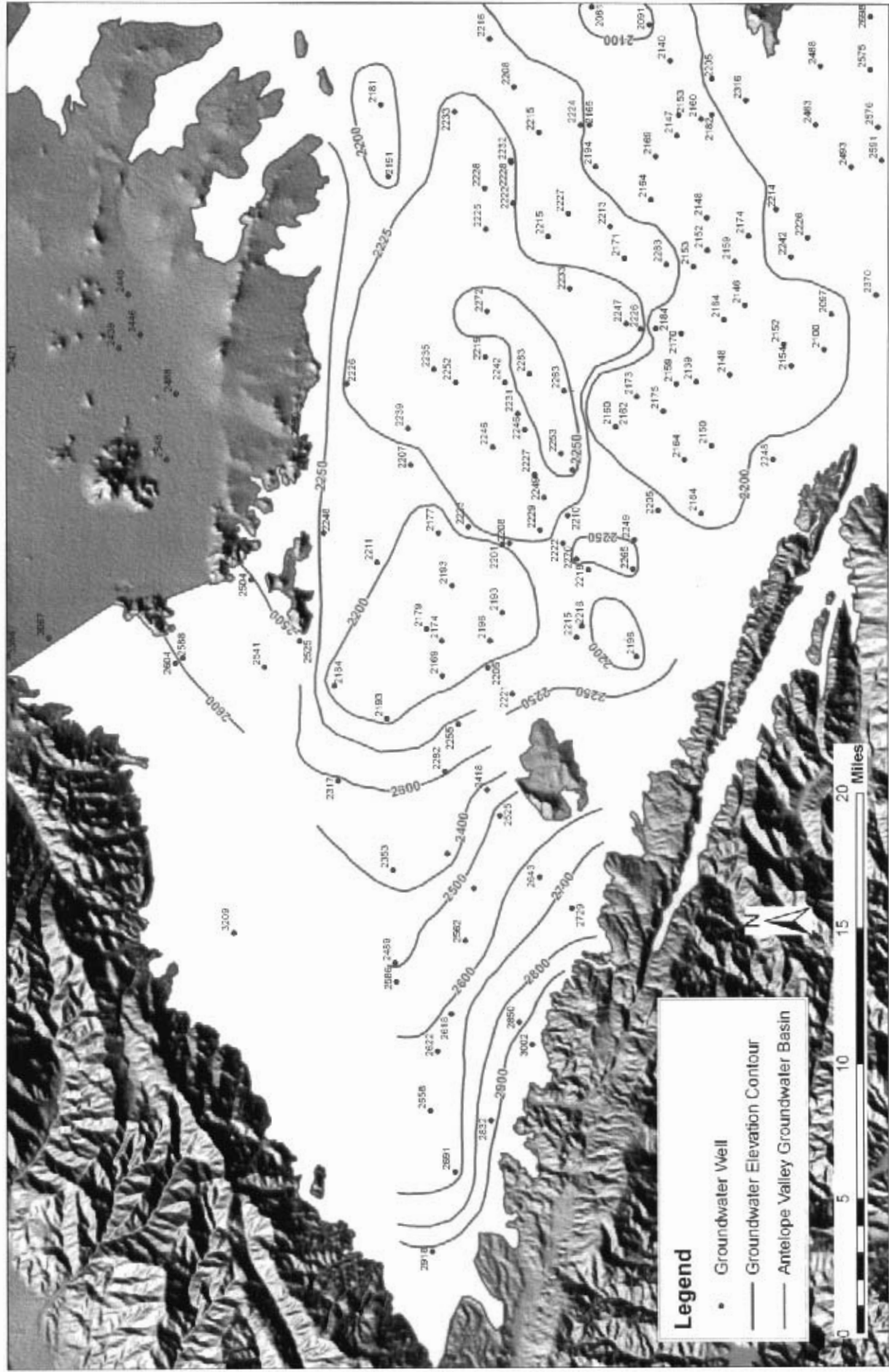


Figure 17 - Antelope Valley Groundwater Contours - 1985 Based on USGS Well Data

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Figure 18 - Antelope Valley Groundwater Contours – 2005 Based on USGS Well Data

<http://nwis.waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/gw>

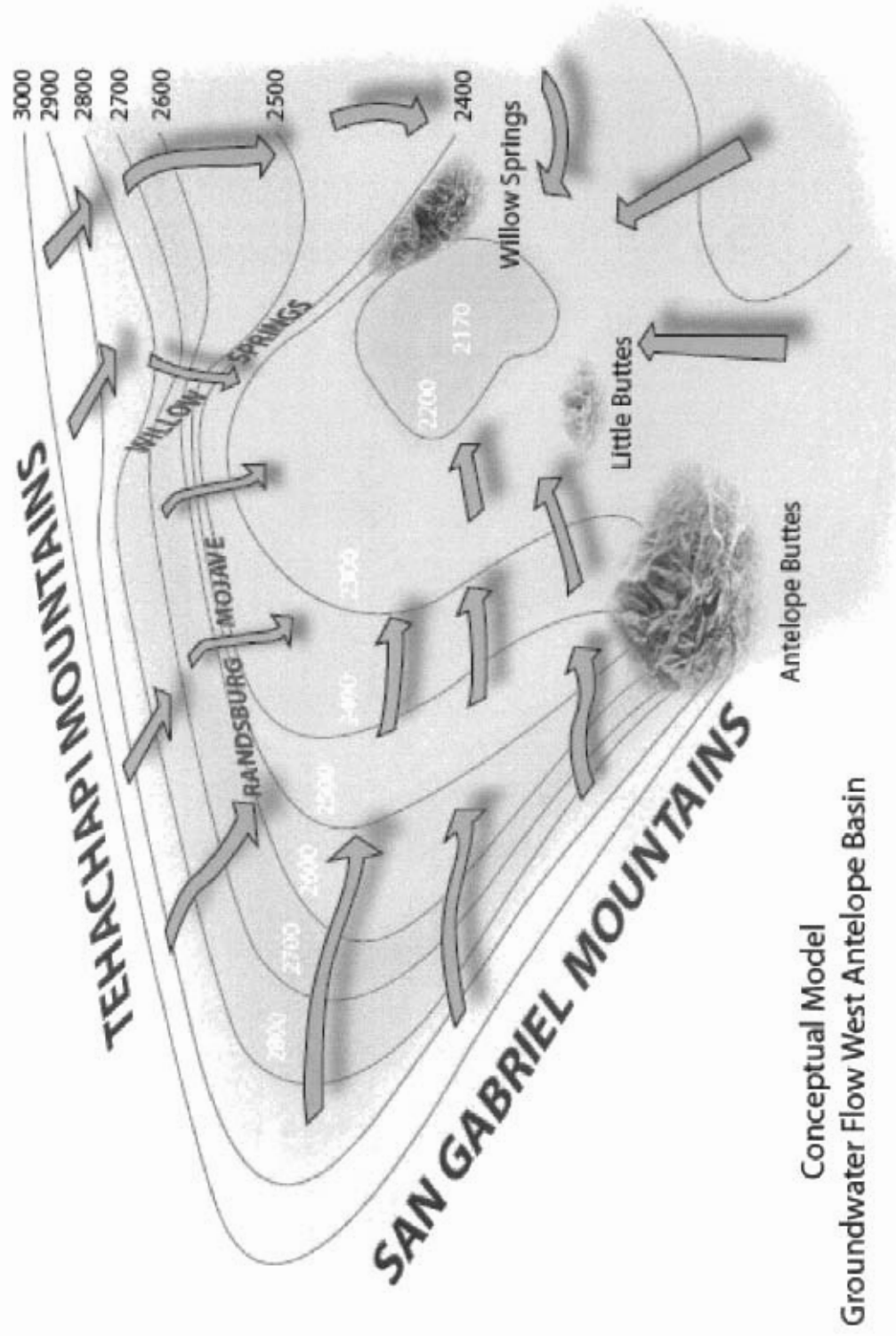


Figure 22 – Conceptual Model of West Antelope Basin Groundwater Flow Based on Extrapolation of Available Well Data

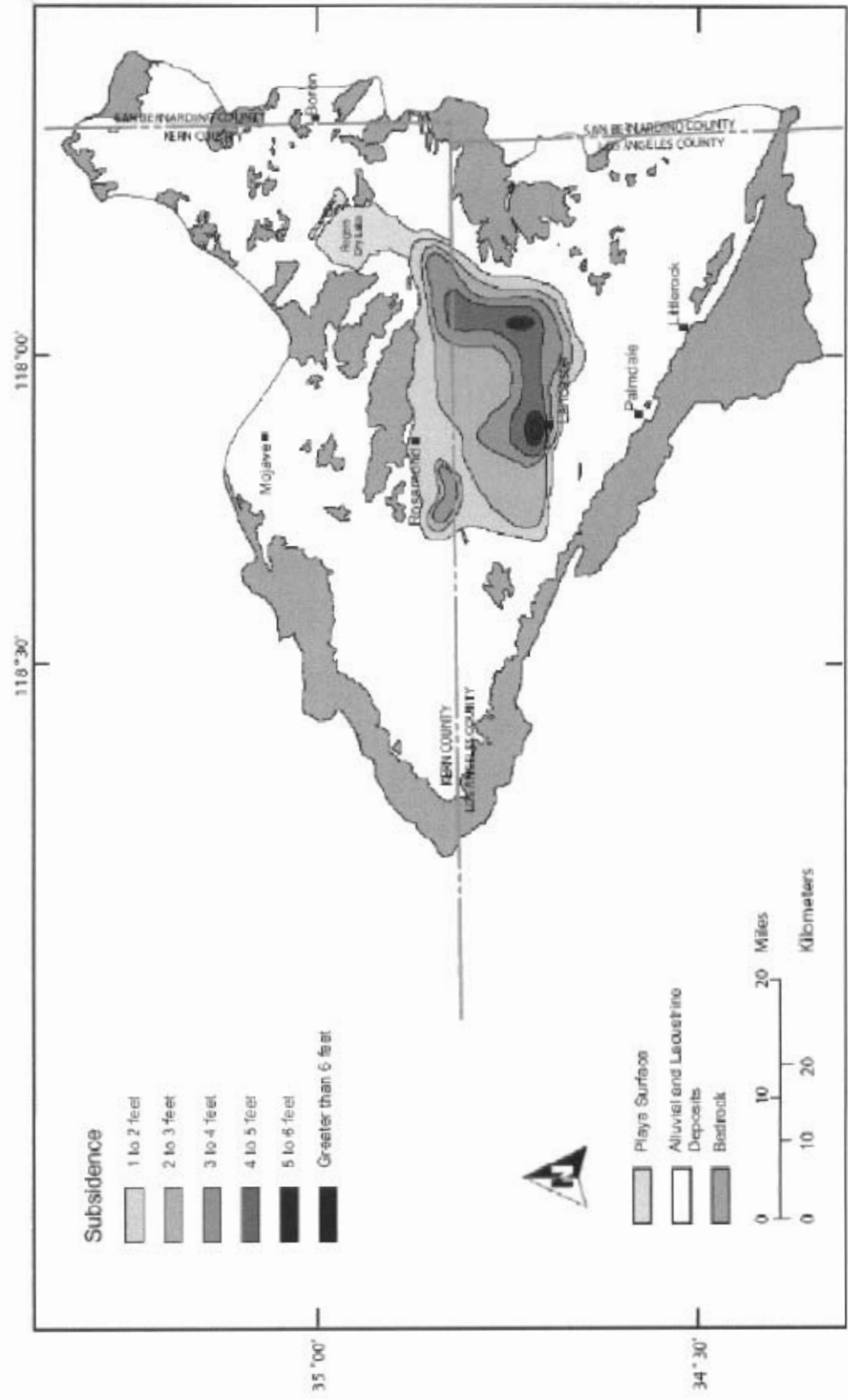
Groundwater Contour Maps

- Groundwater contour maps clearly show that little groundwater can have crossed the bedrock ridge in the last 40+ years
- The groundwater contours form a closed loop over the ridge and the area of the 2200 ft contour has shrunk significantly in 40 years
- A shrinking contour is indicative of a groundwater aquifer that is replenishing.

Aquifer Subsidence

- Ground and satellite surveys show that the aquifer east of the bedrock ridge has subsided significantly
- There is no apparent subsidence west of the bedrock ridge.
- The areas of subsidence correspond to regions of intensive land use and irrigation prior to the 1960s.

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Figure 5-4
Areas of Land Subsidence Due to Groundwater Overdraft

Source: Sneed, 2000.



Figure 19 – Subsidence in the Antelope Valley.

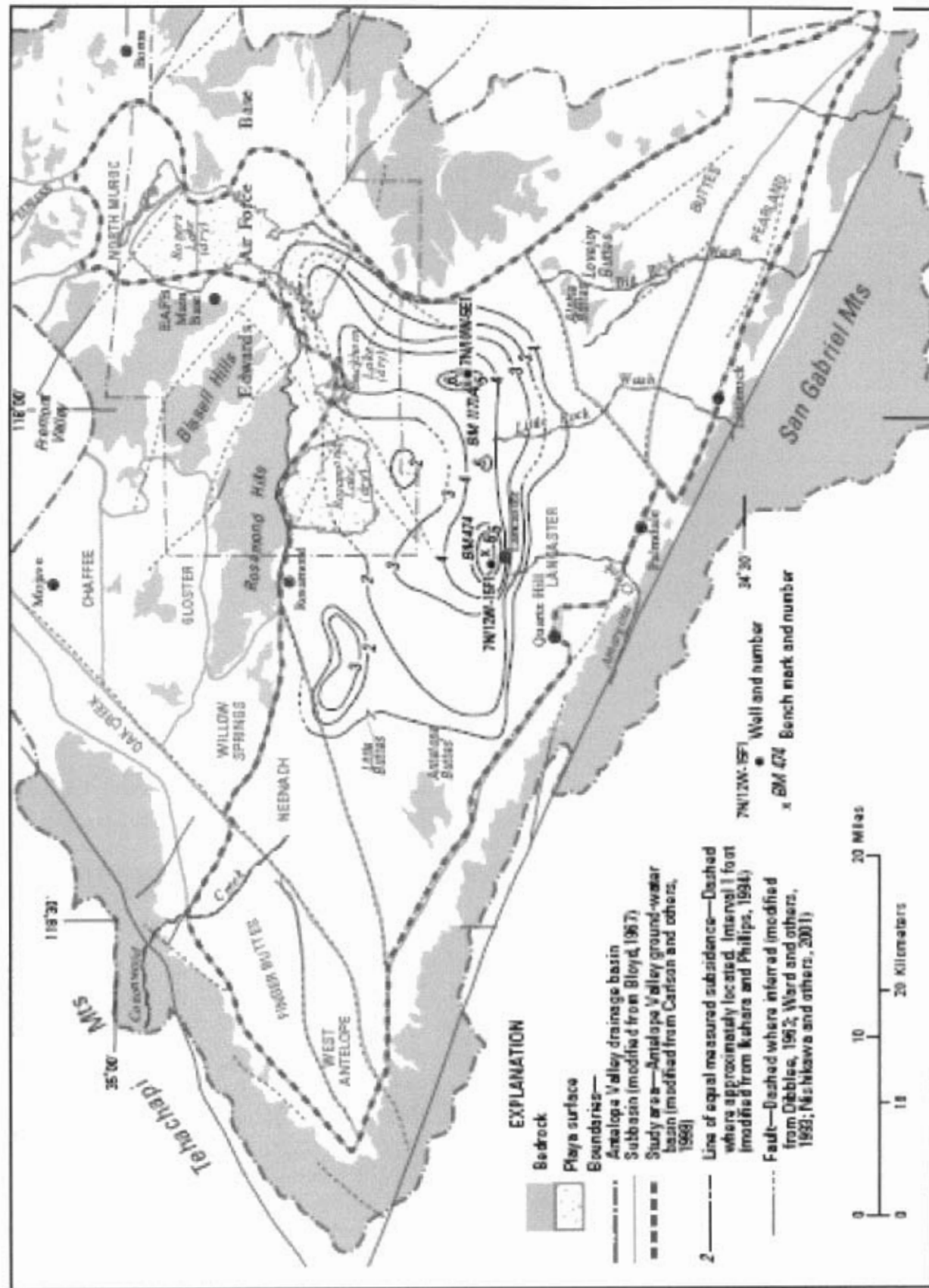


Figure 8. Measured subsidence in the Antelope Valley ground-water basin, California, 1930-92. Source: USGS WRIR 03-4016

Figure 20 – Measured subsidence in Antelope Valley 1930-1982.

Simulated and InSAR-detected land subsidence in the Antelope Valley are compared for the time period October 1993–December 1995.

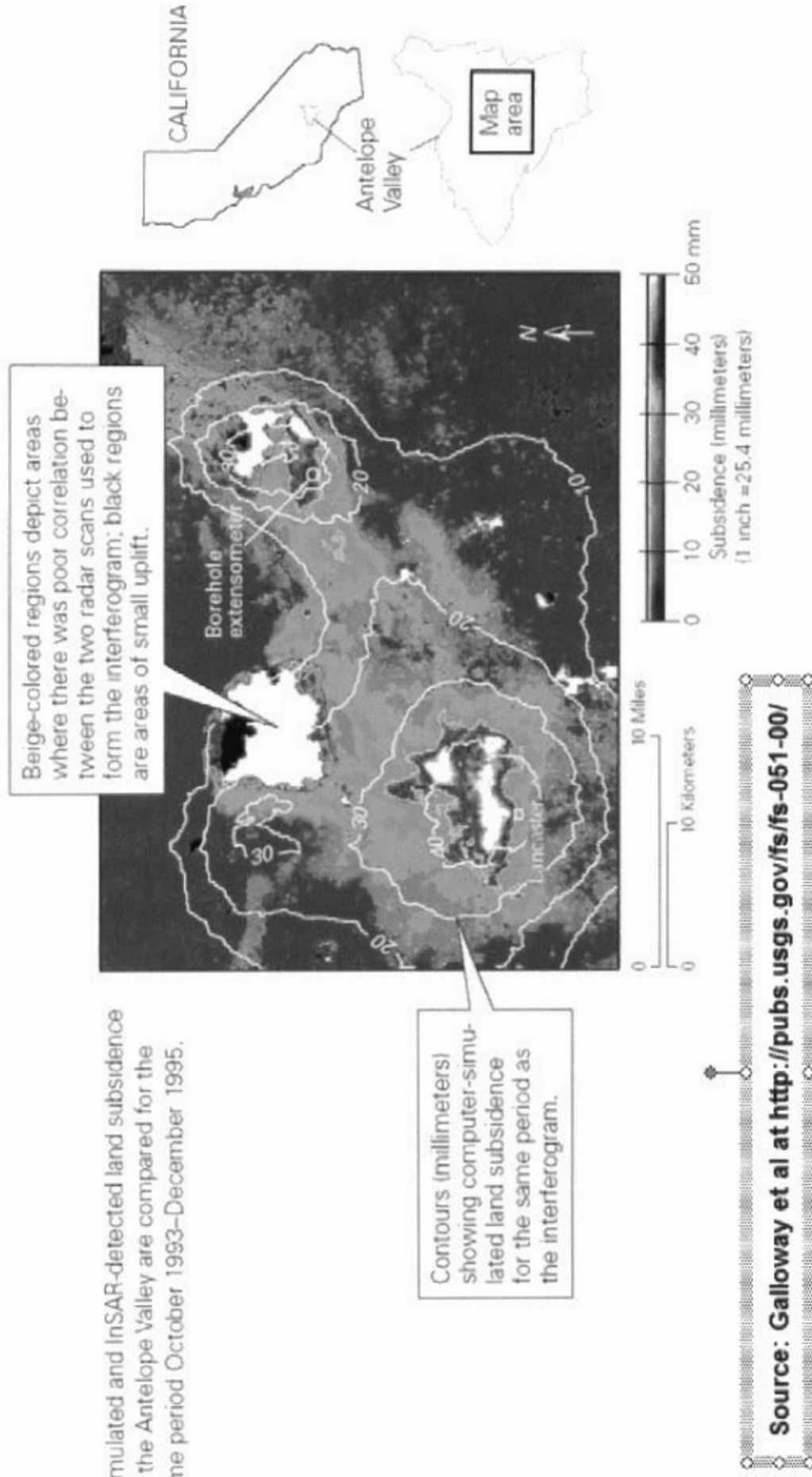


Figure 21 – Synthetic aperture radar measurement of subsidence between October 1993 and December 1995.

Conclusion

The bedrock ridge and the associated groundwater pattern in the neighborhood of the ridge form an effective hydraulic barrier between the East and West Antelope Basins.

For an activity in one basin to have any effect in the other basin would require that the activity draw the groundwater elevation below EL 2200 at the bedrock ridge.