

PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION  
OF  
SAN TAN BRIDGE



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Re: Project No. 71108  
San Tan Bridge

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is our report which summarizes the feasibility study for a proposed bridge on RWCD floodway @ San Tan Road crossing in accordance with the subject contract.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if you have any questions regarding this report.

We look forward to serving you with the detailed design of this bridge.

Very truly yours,

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## SCOPE OF WORK

The preliminary design, to establish engineering feasibility, and economic selection of sub-structure and superstructure for a bridge at San Tan Road over RWCD floodway channel is presented herewith.

Basic design criteria were provided by the owners as follows:

### STRUCTURAL DATA

1. Loading: HS-20
2. Bridge Lanes = 2
3. Width of the roadway = 28'
4. Sidewalk on one side = 4'
5. Fence along one side
6. Curb along both sides

### HYDRAULICS DATA

1. Channel bottom width = 200'
2. Design flow = 8700 cfs
3. Channel side slope = 3:1
4. Mean water depth = 5.95'
5. Mean water velocity = 6.71 cfs
6. Flow line of channel at bridge centerline = 1227.84 ft.
7. High water elevation at bridge centerline = 1233.84 ft.
8. Side slope at bridge = 2:1
9. Side slope transition in each direction = 150' (from 2:1 to 3:1)

10. Minimum pier spacing = 30 ft.
11. Minimum clearance between the bottom of bridge superstructure and maximum water surface = 1 ft.
12. Maximum head loss through the bridge = 3.5 ft.
13. To assure maximum flexibility in the final design of the floodway, the vertical location of the footings should make allowances for the channel bottom to be lowered if needed by 2.0 ft.

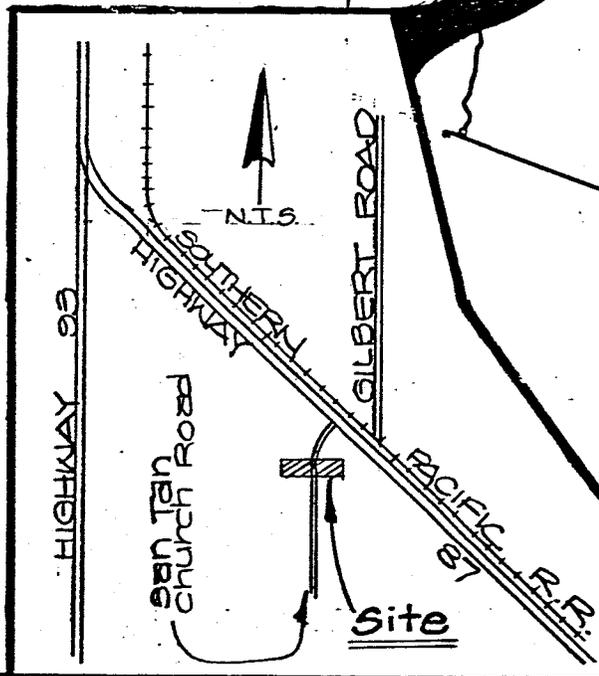
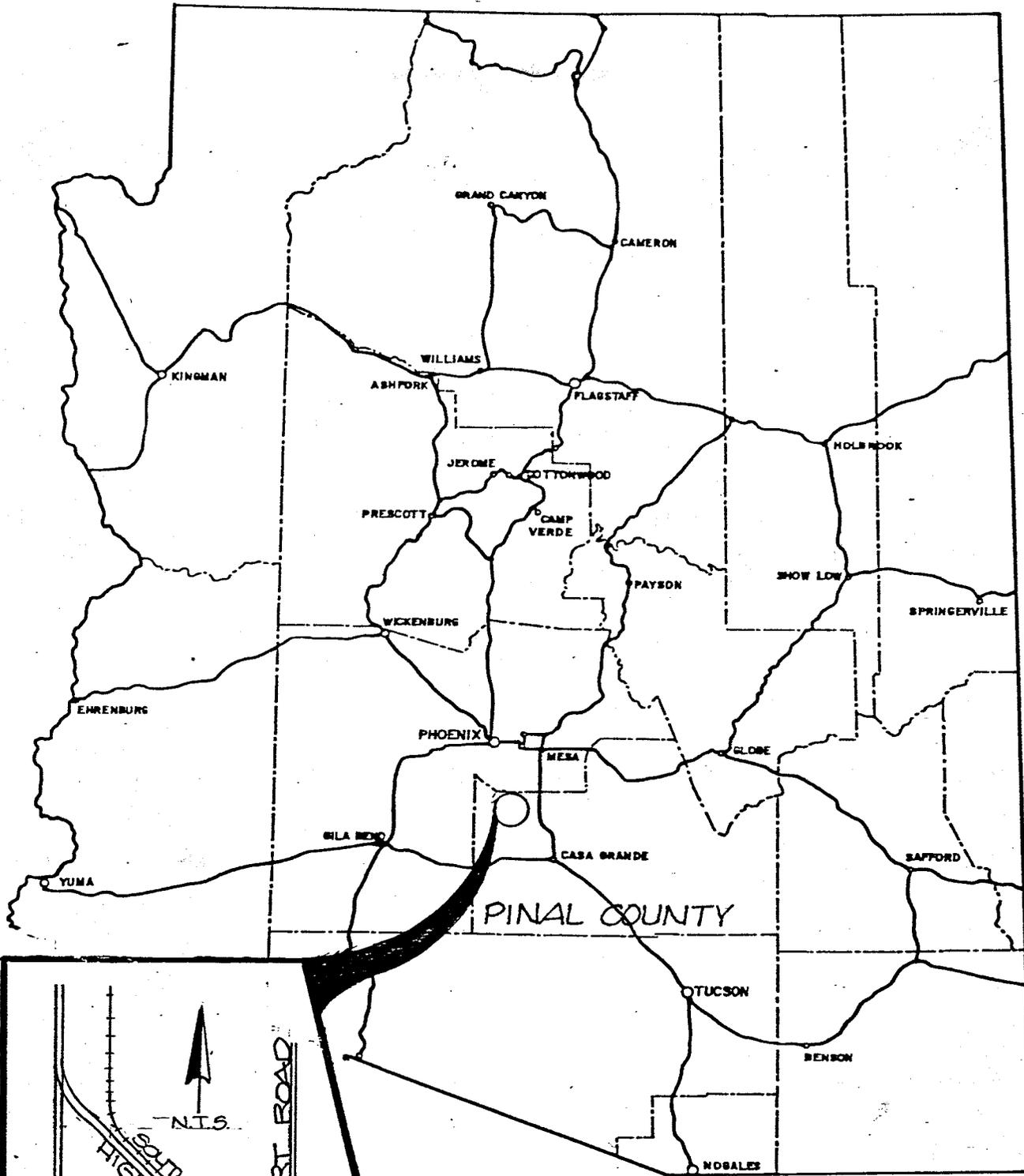
The portion of Phase I,A; Design Services of the contract between the County and WBC Consultants completed here includes:

1. Preliminary survey
2. Preliminary soils investigation
3. Structural investigation report
4. Bridge hydraulics

Preliminary soils investigation prepared by ETL, Inc. was forwarded previously and is included here along with the Addendum No. 1.

Up on the County's written approval of this report, work will proceed on remaining portion of Phase I, A; Design Services.

# ARIZONA



## LOCATION MAP

RWCO FLOODWAY  
SAN TAN OVERPASS

PLATE I

Section 13  
T-3-S  
R-5-E  
04SRB4M  
Pinal County  
Arizona



## DISCUSSION

A location map, indicating the general vicinity of the proposed San Tan Baptist Church Road Bridge, is shown in Plate I.

The bridge is at the crossing of San Tan Baptist Church Road (GRIR 127) over the proposed Williams-Chandler WPP, RWCD floodway, Reach I at centerline station 1235 + 39.27 +; located within the Gila River Indian Reservation in Section 13, T3S, R5E, G. & S.R.B. & M., Pinal County, Arizona

The general topography is undeveloped desert, and is shown on U.S.G.S. Topographic Map included as Plate II.

### Soil and Foundation Investigation

From the surface to approximately 10 ft. in depth the soil is moderately dense, silty clays. Underlying soils, generally extending to a depth of 20 to 50 feet are silty sands of medium density. Excavation of the proposed channel can generally be accomplished with conventional earth moving equipment. Proposed channel slopes of 3:1 appear to provide adequate safety against failure. However, scour and erosion could have adverse effects on long term stability. In the proximity of the bridge the protection of the channel banks is required.

Shallow foundation did not prove to be feasible because of potential structural settlement. The other foundation types considered were driven H piles and drilled caissons.

The preliminary soils report is included in Appendix A along with the Addendum No. 1 as prepared by ETL, Inc.

### Structural Investigation

Steel and timber were not considered to be feasible. Concrete was considered suitable along with the grade 40 and 60 steel for reinforcement.

Drilled caisson foundation for substructure was found less expensive when compared with the other alternative of H piles.

Several combinations of spans were reviewed and the structural analysis was prepared for 30, 35, 40, 45 and 60 foot interior spans.

Four deck types considered for super structure included the following:

1. Cast in place slab
2. Precast prestressed voided slab
3. Precast prestressed box girders
4. Rolled steel beam with composite or noncomposite deck slab

Comparison of the above deck types when combined with the circular column bent and drilled caisson foundation indicated essentially the same cost.

Based on the inspection needs and the reduction in constriction time a precast prestressed voided slab deck for the super structure with six spans of 39' center to center was recommended.

The preliminary investigation of feasible structural systems for super structure and sub-structure is included in Appendix B, prepared by Magadini-Alagia Associates.

#### Hydraulics and Hydrology Investigation

The design flow for the bridge is 8700 cfs based on the flood of 100 year frequency. The hydrology and verification of design flow is beyond the scope of work of this contract. However, the channel design data were verified prior to proceeding with the hydraulic analysis of the proposed bridge. Hydraulic analysis was performed for three different combinations of interior span of 30', 40', and 60'. The analysis included here in Appendix "C" is for only the selected 40foot span alternative.

Bridge backwater analysis was performed in accordance with "Hydraulics of Bridge Waterways: HYDRAULIC DESIGN SERIES NO.1, by Joseph N. Bradley, published by U.S. Department of Transportation/Federal Highway Administration.

The flow is termed as Type I or subcritical flow.

The crossing is considered normal because of its alignment at approximately 90° to the general direction of the flow during high water. The backwater expression can be obtained by applying the conservation of energy principle between Section 1 at the point of maximum backwater upstream from the bridge and Section 4 at a point down stream from the bridge at which normal stage has been reestablished.

The length of the bridge is set at 247 feet, the same as the channel bottom width plus slopes. The waterway is restricted only in the side slope from 3:1 at channel to 2:1 in 150 foot transition on each side of the bridge. This constriction will cause backwater and raise the water level by approximately 6 inches.

Head losses because of constriction due to the piers and the side slopes will be less than the maximum allowable of 3.5 feet as determined by the momentum method.

The subsoil at the channel bottom will be fine silty sand which will have a high scour potential at the design flow of 8700 cfs. It will be necessary to protect the channel bed plus the side slopes with grouted rock riprap.

## CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

A concrete bridge at San Tan Road can be constructed over RWCD floodway channel.

The desired channel bottom elevation of 1227.85 can be achieved at the bridge. The channel embankment slope of 3:1 will be stable but some sort of protection for erosion and scour for long term stability should be considered. Excavation of the channel can generally be accomplished with conventional earth moving equipment.

The recommended superstructure for the bridge is precast prestressed voided slab deck with six spans of 39'0" center to center of abutments and piers. For substructure, three column bents at each pier location with drilled in caissons are recommended. The desired side slope of 2:1 at bridge can be attained with a gradual transition to 3:1 in 150 feet on each side of the bridge.

The rise in water surface due to backwater will be in the range of 0.5 feet. The head losses through the bridge will be less than the maximum allowable 3.5 feet. Scour protection of the channel bed and erosion protection of side slope is recommended. Cemented rock riprap is recommended based on preliminary soils investigation. For the purpose of cost estimation 2 foot thickness of grouted rock riprap is assumed for about 100 feet on each side of the bridge with cut off walls. The actual thickness will be determined after the final detailed soils investigation.

To assure maximum flexibility in the final design of the floodway the vertical location of the footings and/or entire bridge can be designed to make allowances for the channel bottom to be lowered if needed by 2.0 feet.

The total cost of the bridge for budget purpose is estimated to be \$574,000.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET COST ESTIMATE  
FOR  
SAN TAN BRIDGE

1.	<u>Earthwork</u>		
1.1	<u>Clearing &amp; Grubing</u>		
		$\frac{(350 \times 300 + 200 \times 300)}{43560} \times \$500 =$	\$ 1,900
1.2	<u>Excavation</u>		
		$(200 \times 12 + 30 \times 12) 350 \times \frac{1.50}{27} =$	53,600
1.3	<u>Finish Grading</u>		
		4 acres x \$1,000 =	4,000
1.4	<u>Onsite Surplus Disposal</u>		
		36,000 c.yrds x \$1.00 =	<u>36,000</u>
		Sub-total Earthwork	\$ <u>95,500</u>
2:	<u>Roadway Construction</u>		
2.1	<u>Existing Pavement Removal</u>		
		$\frac{450 \times 24}{9.0} \times \$2.00 =$	\$ 2,400
2.2	<u>Subgrade Preparation</u>		
		$2 \times 100 \times 30 \frac{\$1.00}{9} =$	700
2.3	<u>Pavement of Bridge Approaches</u>		
		$2 \times 100 \times 30 \times \frac{\$6.80}{9} =$	4,600
2.4	<u>Pavement On the Bridge</u>		
		$240 \times 30 \times \frac{\$1.60}{9} =$	1,300

2.5 Catch Basins

4 x \$950 = \$ 3,800

Sub-total Construction \$ 12,800

3. Bridge Structure

3.1 Superstructure

240 x 36 x \$18 = \$156,000

3.2 Substructure

240 x 36 x \$50 = 44,000

3.3 Curb

3.0 x 1.0 x 240 x 2  $\frac{240}{27}$  = 12,800

3.4 Handrail & Chain Link Fence

240 x \$10 2,400

Sub-total Structure \$215,200

4. Embankment Protection

4.1 Side Slopes & Channel Bottom Riprap

350(2 x 22.5 + 200) x 2.0 ft.  $\frac{\$30}{27}$  = \$130,000

Sub-total Embankment Protection \$130,000

TOTAL COST \$453,500

CONTINGENCY 10% 45,500

OVERHEAD & PROFIT 15% 75,000

\$574,000

APPENDIX "A"



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In accordance with your request and/or the request of Magadini-Alagia, this firm has accomplished a review of the preliminary soils report relative to the following:

1. Feasibility of the site for development of the proposed bridge structure.
2. Feasibility of increasing the slope configuration under the bridge from 3:1 to 2:1 (horizontal to vertical).
3. Preliminary design recommendations regarding the use of driven H-piles as an alternate foundation system.
4. Preliminary design recommendations regarding drilled caisson imbedment depth necessary to resist a 20 kip lateral load applied 13 feet above channel grade line.
5. General comments relative to slope and bed protection against scour.

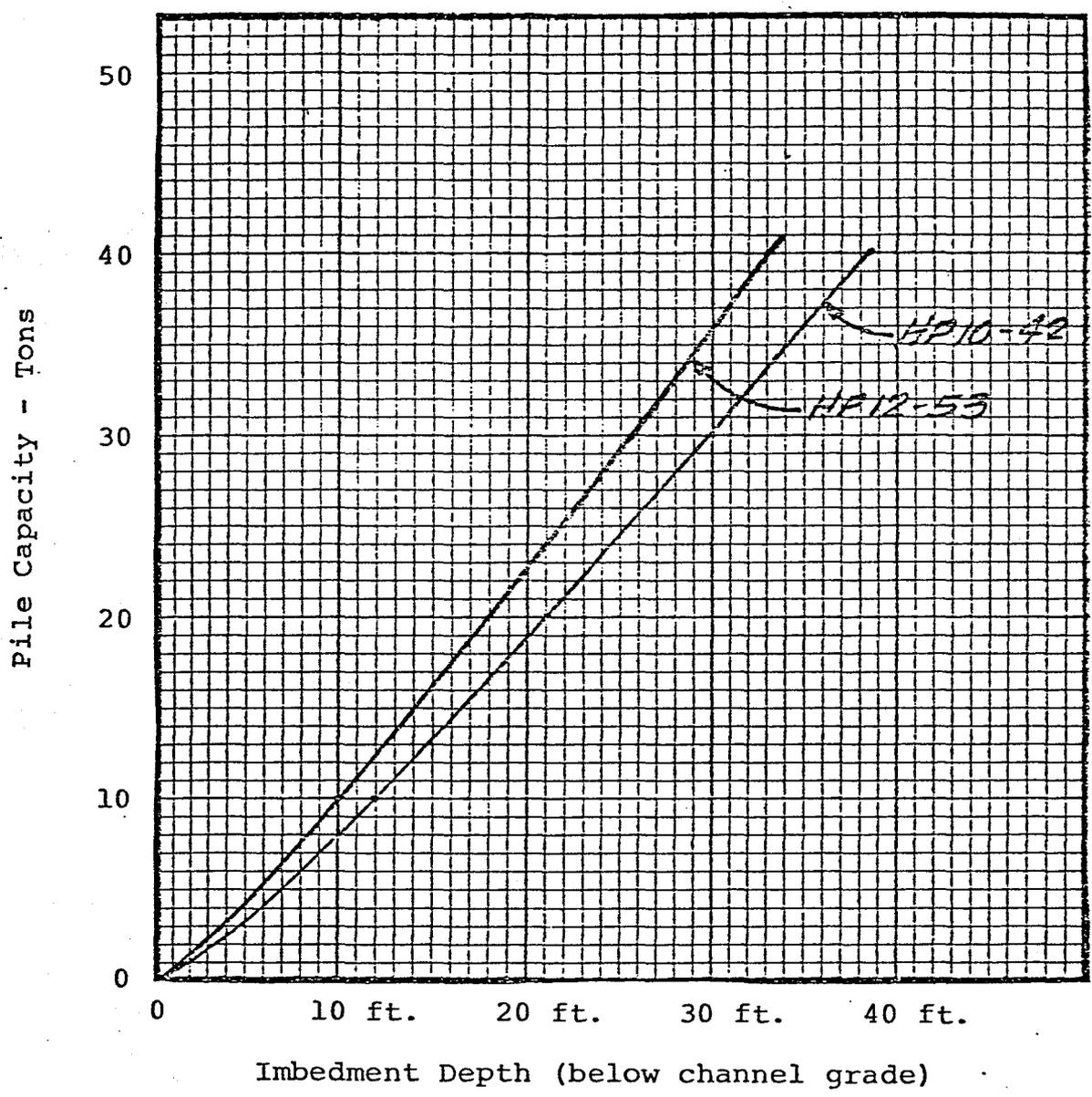
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The following comments are presented in answer to the preceding:

1. The proposed site and soil conditions are adequate for providing support for foundation elements and as such the site is considered suitable for the proposed bridge development.
2. Based upon preliminary shear test data, the proposed slope of 2:1 (horizontal to vertical) will be adequate for the channel slopes underlying the bridge structure. However, final design should include a review of abutment foundation elements as they would pertain to slope stability.
3. The following design charts present the relationship between driven H-piling imbedment depth and preliminary pile capacity for both pier and abutment conditions.

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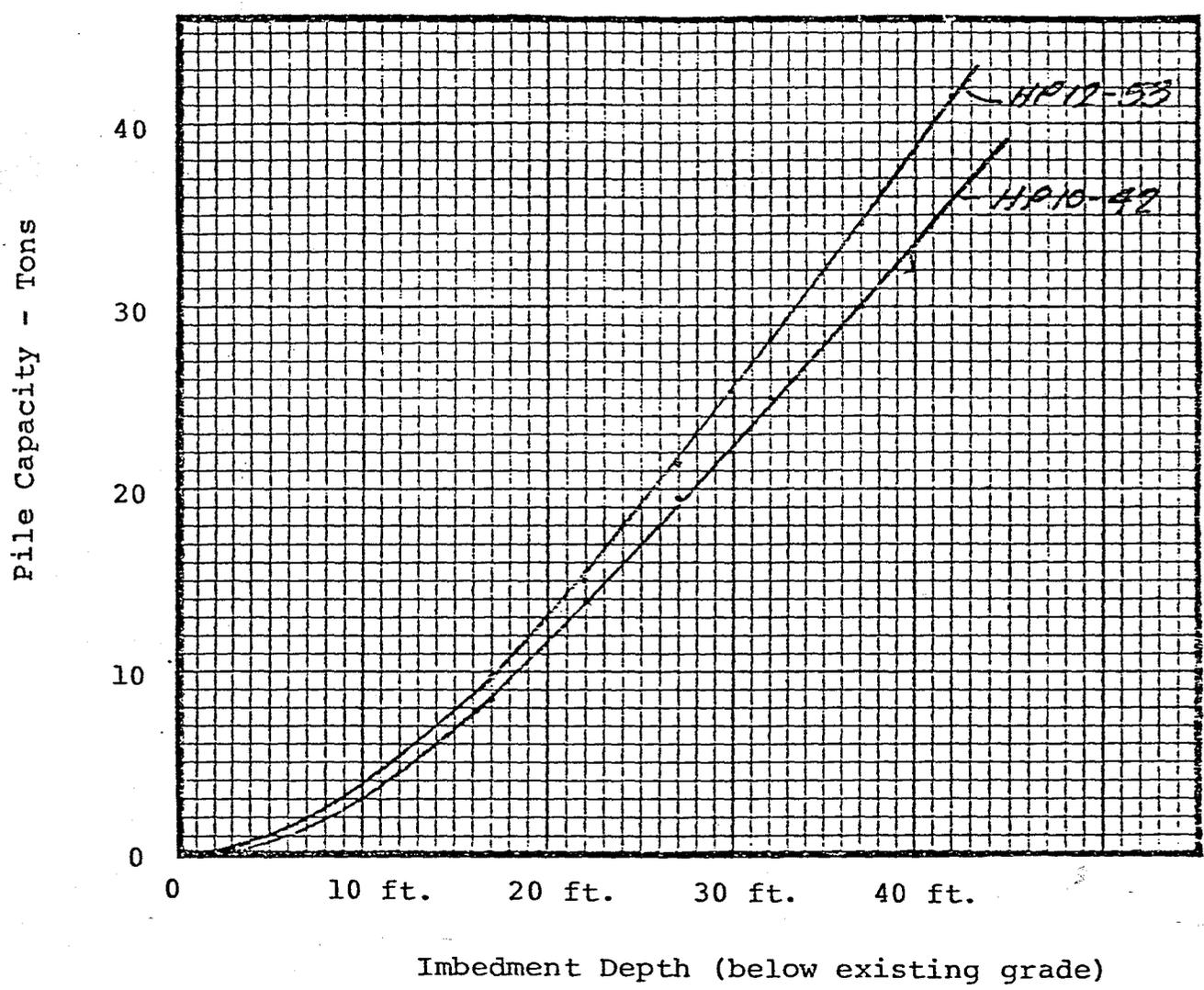
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Channel Grades - Pier Support



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Driven Piling Below Existing Ground Grade  
Abutment Support



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- 4. Based upon preliminary test data, an imbedment depth of approximately 15 feet below scour line would be required for lateral resistance to a 2 foot diameter caisson element subjected to a 20 kip lateral load applied 13 feet above finished channel grade.
- 5. Based upon present design concepts with a channel elevation at 1227.7 feet (approximately 10 feet below grade), the channel bottom may be founded partly or totally within the silty fine sand subsoils. Therefore, bottom lining would be necessary to eliminate the potential for scour due to a design velocity of 6.7 fps. Additionally, side slopes should be protected to minimize moisture increase in clay soils which could lead to erosion, surface slumping due to reduced shear strength and/or undermining by loss of support from underlying sands.

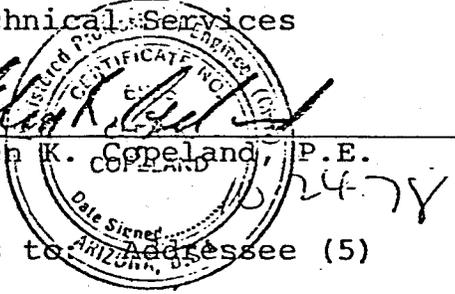
This addendum shall be attached to the original report and become a part thereof. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of further service to you.

Respectfully submitted,  
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In accordance with our agreement, ETL No. 112-2454, this firm has performed preliminary soil engineering services relative to the subject project.

The accompanying report contains the results of the subsurface exploration, laboratory testing and the conclusions and preliminary recommendations derived from our engineering evaluation. This evaluation has been formulated in accordance with generally accepted professional engineering principles and practices.

To assist implementation of the preliminary recommendations presented, this firm provides complementary services. These services include discussion relative to compliance of final design concepts, development of scope of geotechnical services for final foundation exploration; and submission of addenda where report content clarifications are required. You are encouraged to avail yourself of these services.

It has been a pleasure participating with your firm on this project. Should any questions arise regarding the report, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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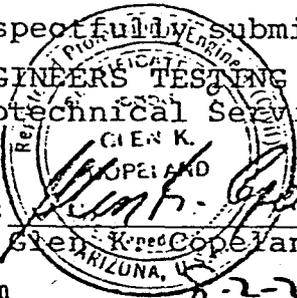


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PART I

REPORT

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SCOPE

This report presents the results of preliminary soil engineering services conducted for the proposed San Tan Road crossing of the RWCD Floodway Canal located in Section 13, T.3S., R.5E., Pinal County, Arizona. The purpose of this preliminary report is to provide general recommendations for use in the economic evaluation of various foundation systems and to provide comments relative to earthwork requirements. The field and laboratory testing has been performed and report prepared based upon the following information:

1. The proposed bridge will be approximately 300 feet in total length and approximately 35 feet in width. Span lengths have been approximated at 45 feet. It is assumed that the bridge will be constructed utilizing either a pre-cast or cast-in-place concrete system.
2. Maximum foundation loadings are estimated to be:

<u>Support Member</u>	<u>Total Estimated Load</u>
Pier	850 kips
Abutments	550 kips

3. Channel will be constructed with side slopes of 3 to 1 (horizontal to vertical) and an invert elevation of approximately 1227.7 feet (approximately 10 feet below existing grade). A gunite surfacing within the channel may be utilized to minimize erosion and scour.
4. Final design grades for the bridge deck and approach fills have not been established.

This office should be contacted for review and provision of required supplemental recommendations should preliminary design concepts or grades vary substantially or if structural loadings are heavier than estimated.

SOIL EXPLORATION AND TESTING

Three test borings were drilled with a rotary auger (CME-75) drilling rig, utilizing continuous flight augers, at locations shown on the accompanying site plan. During test drilling, encountered subsoils were visually examined, classified and sampled at appropriate intervals.

Representative surface and subsoil samples were subjected to the following laboratory analyses:

<u>Test</u>	<u>Sample(s)</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Gradation and Atterberg Limits	Subsoil (1)	Classification and evaluation of scour potential
Consolidation	Undisturbed Subsoil (3)	Settlement analysis
Direct Shear	Undisturbed Subsoil (2)	Bearing capacity and shearing strength
Dry Density & Moisture Content*	Undisturbed Subsoil (14)	Physical properties of subsoils in-situ

\*Reported on Soil Boring Data sheets.

The consolidation tests were performed on Casagrande "fixed ring" consolidometers. The samples were loaded to selected pressures at in-situ moisture contents and then immersed to show the effect of nearly complete saturation. The shear test was conducted in a "Direct Shear" apparatus with the samples immersed to approximate saturation.

SITE AND SOIL CONDITIONS

The proposed bridge site is located within the present San Tan Road alignment as shown on the attached site plan. Existing development consists of an asphalt paved roadway. Adjacent lands are undeveloped desert property. Vegetative cover consisted of grass, weeds and cacti with sparse trees. Ground surface was described as smooth and moderately firm.

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As disclosed by the test borings and illustrated on the "Soil Boring Data" sheets, Part III, the subsoil profile across the site is relatively uniform. New surface soils to an approximate 10.5 foot depth are silty clays of moderately firm to firm consistencies and exhibit moderate densities. These soils also contain lightly to moderately cemented zones below approximately 7 to 8 feet. Underlying soils, generally extending to depths of 20 to 25 feet, are silty sands of medium density. Below this silty sand stratum, a stratum of caliche (well cemented clayey sand) was encountered and was present throughout the remaining depth of test boring penetration (30 feet).

Moisture contents were described as being slightly damp for sandy soils and as being near to below the respective plastic limits for the clay soils. No free groundwater table was encountered in any of the test borings.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

General: It is assumed that the structure will bear upon undisturbed soils and that the subsurface conditions within the entire construction site do not vary substantially from soil profiles established at boring locations. Due to the preliminary nature of the exploration services, additional borings should be accomplished at each pier and abutment location after design concepts have been finalized.

The following generalized conclusions are drawn:

1. Near surface soils existent to depths of approximately 10 to 11 feet are predominatnly moderately dense silty clays which possess moderate bearing capacity and low to moderate settlement potential. Shallow spread footing elements supporting abutments could be utilized but will require that they be positioned (horiziontally and vertically) to minimize the effects on the adjacent canal slopes.

2. Subsoils encountered below an approximate 10 to 11 foot depth are predominantly medium dense silty sands. Foundations based at or below this level could be constructed as either circular drilled pier elements in abutment areas or as shallow foundation elements at the pier area, and would afford a moderately high load capacity.
3. An alternate foundation system for structural support could consist of the installation of driven pile foundations. A minimum displacement driven pile, such as an "H" pile, would appear most feasible.
4. Excavation to anticipated channel invert level may be accomplished with conventional earth-moving equipment. However, confined excavations such as for foundation elements, utility trenches, etc. may prove difficult below an approximate 11 foot depth due to caving potential of non-cemented silty sands.
5. Scour depths have been considered in foundation design since the proposed channel may not be lined. Should channel lining be included in final design, a review of pier footing depths should be accomplished.

Foundation Design Recommendations: Spread foundations and circular drilled pier elements bearing upon undisturbed subsoils and driven pile foundations were analyzed for the anticipated loading conditions. Preliminary design recommendations for the various foundation systems are presented below and are based on the assumption of uniform subsoil conditions across the site. Recommendations for other systems or loading conditions will be analyzed upon request.

Unit bearing pressures and load capacities as presented herein should be considered allowable maximums for dead plus design live load conditions.

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A one-third increase is permissible when considering total loads including wind or seismic forces, or to determine the maximum toe pressure of eccentrically loaded retaining wall footings provided the resultant of all forces acts within the central third of the footing section. Two (2.0) feet is recommended as the minimum diameter and width of circular pier and continuous footings. Finished grade references should be considered as lowest adjacent grade for abutment footings and as channel invert elevation for central pier element.

<u>Footing System</u>	<u>Minimum Footing Depth (1)</u>	<u>Allowable Soil Bearing Capacity</u>
<b>Shallow Spread:</b>		
Abutment	3.0 ft. (min.)	3.5 ksf
Abutment	4.0 ft.	4.0 ksf
Abutment	5.0 ft.	4.5 ksf
Pier	5.0 ft. (min.)	2.5 ksf (2)
Pier	6.0 ft.	3.0 ksf (2)
<b>Circular Drilled Pier or Caisson:</b>		
Abutment	20.0 ft.	15.0 ksf (3)
Pier	10.0 ft.	15.0 ksf (3)
<u>Pile Capacity</u>		
<b>Driven Piles:</b>		
Abutment	20.0 ft.	20.0 kips (4)
Abutment	25.0 ft.	25.0 kips (4)
Abutment	30.0 ft.	35.0 kips (4)
Pier	10.0 ft.	15.0 kips (4)
Pier	15.0 ft.	20.0 kips (4)
Pier	20.0 ft.	30.0 kips

- (1) Minimum depth to footing base referenced below slope face at edge of abutment footings or depth to base of footing below finished channel grade for pier footings.
- (2) Bearing capacity reduced to account for partial or total submergence of silty sand bearing soils.
- (3) Bearing upon the moderate to heavy cemented subsoils.
- (4) Total single pile capacity including dead, live and seismic loads based on HP-10-42.

Drilling and belling within the near surface and subsoils in the abutment areas should be readily accomplished with conventional rotary or bucket augers. However, harder drilling conditions should be anticipated at central pier elements due to cemented subsoil conditions. Caving or raveling is anticipated where the caissons penetrate the relatively clean sands from 11 feet to 20 feet. It is not expected that stabilizing techniques will be required to maintain open shafts; however, foundation concrete quantities will probably somewhat exceed ideal geometric volumes.

Disturbed soils (drilling spoil) must be removed from the bearing surface of drilled foundation elements designed on an end-bearing basis. Adequacy of cleaning and verification of proper configuration should be established by inspection of drilled elements. Applicable safety codes will require safety casing for protection of personnel entering shafts for cleaning or inspection. Two (2.0) feet is recommended as the minimum diameter of circular drilled foundations to be entered.

Piles should be spaced at least three pile widths on center. If closer spacing is required, a reduction, due to group action, should be applied to the pile capacity.

The H-pile should be driven with a hammer which develops at least 15,000 foot-pounds of energy per blow. Acceptable criteria should be based on driving the piles to the minimum recommended penetration for the desired load. If hard driving is encountered below this level the final driving resistance may be determined by a dynamic driving criterion such as the Engineering News Formula.

Settlement calculations have not been accomplished due to the variable load conditions and/or footing systems which could be adopted. However, settlements for near surface footings bearing on clays will probably be less than one inch. Settlements, for footings on medium dense sands or cemented subsoils will be less than those developed in the clay soils and will primarily occur during construction phases.

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Excavated Channel Slope Stability: Proposed channel slopes of 3 to 1 (horizontal to vertical) appear to provide adequate safety against failure based upon the existing soil conditions, anticipated construction procedures and proposed loading conditions. However, other variables such as embankment slope erosion and scour depth, etc. could have adverse effects on long term stability and should be considered in initial design and future maintenance. In addition, should the channel slopes become saturated or partially or completely submerged the factor of safety could be substantially reduced.

Scour Potential: Based on the results of gradation test, the materials exposed at the channel bottom are predominantly silty medium to fine sands. These materials would be subject to erosion and scour if the velocity is greater than 1.0 foot/sec. Therefore, consideration should be given to channel protection, at least in the bridge crossing area.

Based on the assumption that pier form will have rounded noses and will be founded upon a continuous footing element, the depth of scour appears to be in the range of 3 to 4 feet when using an effective sand grain size of 0.20 mm. Scour depth is dependent upon pier footing configuration, shape and orientation of pier axis to direction of flow. Therefore, scour depth should be checked once final design concepts have been determined.

ALLOWABLE SOIL BEARING CAPACITY  
ALLOWABLE FOUNDATION PRESSURE

The recommended maximum contact stress developed at the interface of the foundation element and the supporting material.

BACKFILL

A specified material placed and compacted in a confined area.

BASE COURSE

A layer of specified material placed on a subgrade or subbase.

BASE COURSE GRADE

Top of base course.

BENCH

A horizontal surface in a sloped deposit.

CAISSON

A concrete foundation element cast in a circular excavation which may have an enlarged base. Sometimes referred to as a cast-in-place pier.

CONCRETE SLABS-ON-GRADE

A concrete surface layer cast directly upon a base, subbase or subgrade.

CRUSHED ROCK BASE COURSE

A base course composed of crushed rock of a specified gradation.

DIFFERENTIAL SETTLEMENT

Unequal settlement between or within foundation elements of a structure.

ENGINEERED FILL

Specified material placed and compacted to specified density and/or moisture conditions under observation of a representative of a soil engineer.

EXISTING FILL

Materials deposited through the action of man prior to exploration of the site.

EXISTING GRADE

The ground surface at the time of field exploration.

EXPANSIVE POTENTIAL

The potential of a soil to expand (increase in volume) due to the absorption of moisture.

FILL

Materials deposited by the action of man.

FINISHED GRADE

The final grade created as a part of the project.

GRAVEL BASE COURSE

A base course composed of naturally occurring gravel with a specified gradation.

HEAVE

Upward movement.

NATIVE GRADE

The naturally occurring ground surface.

NATIVE SOIL

Naturally occurring on-site soil.

ROCK

A natural aggregate of mineral grains connected by strong and permanent cohesive forces. Usually requires drilling, wedging, blasting or other methods of extraordinary force for excavation.

SAND AND GRAVEL BASE

A base course of sand and gravel of a specified gradation.

SAND BASE COURSE

A base course composed primarily of sand of a specified gradation.

SCARIFY

To mechanically loosen soil or break down existing soil structure.

SETTLEMENT

Downward movement.

SOIL

Any unconsolidated material composed of discrete solid particles, derived from the physical and/or chemical disintegration of vegetable or mineral matter, which can be separated by gentle mechanical means such as agitation in water.

STRIP

To remove from present location.

UBBASE

A layer of specified material placed to form a layer between the subgrade and base concrete.

UBBASE GRADE

Top of subbase.

SUBGRADE

Prepared native soil surface.

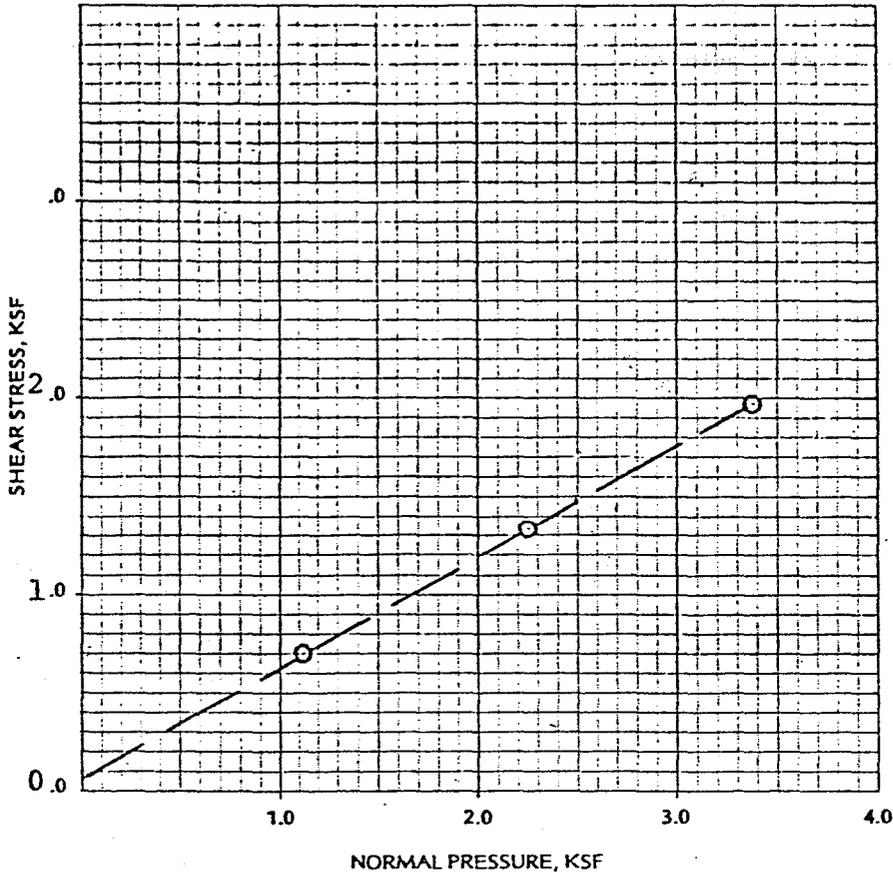
PART II

RESULTS OF LABORATORY ANALYSES



DIRECT SHEAR TEST

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Type of Material \_\_\_\_\_

Source of Material TB#2; 5-6'

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Test Procedure ASTM D3080- Single Shear

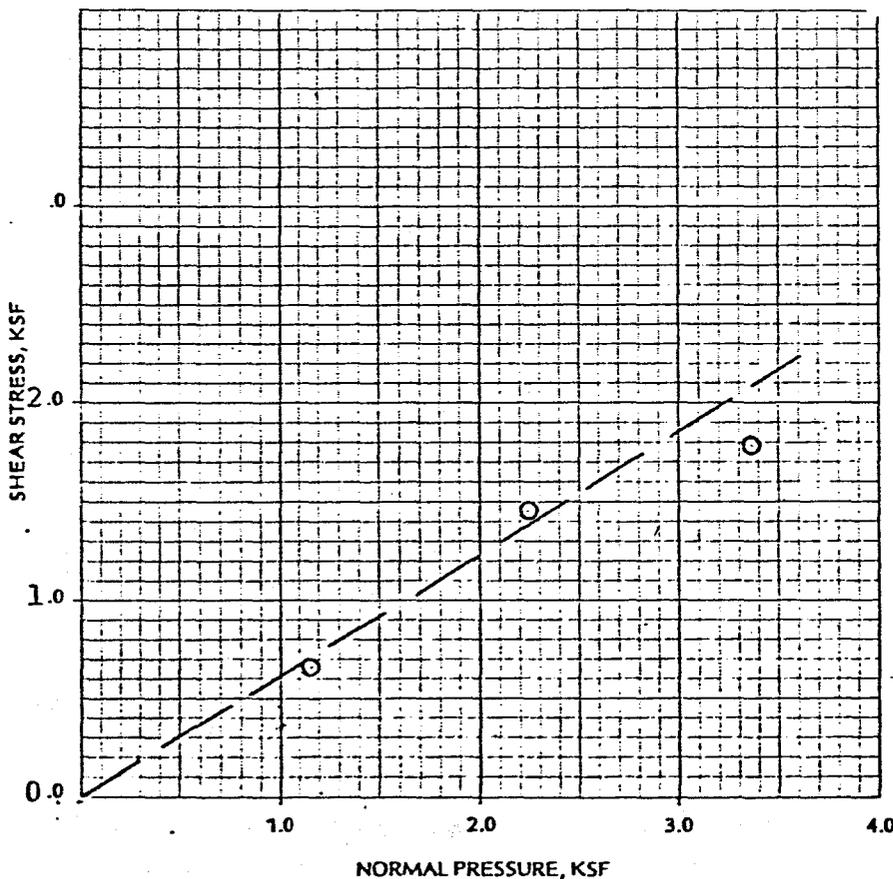
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Sample Condition:  Undisturbed  Remolded

Initial Dry Density, pcf 88.9

Initial Moisture Content, % 21.2

$\phi = 29^\circ$   $c = 0.08$  Kips/Sq. Ft.



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Source of Material TB#1; 15-16'

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Test Procedure ASTM D3080- Single Shear

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Initial Moisture Content, % 2.5

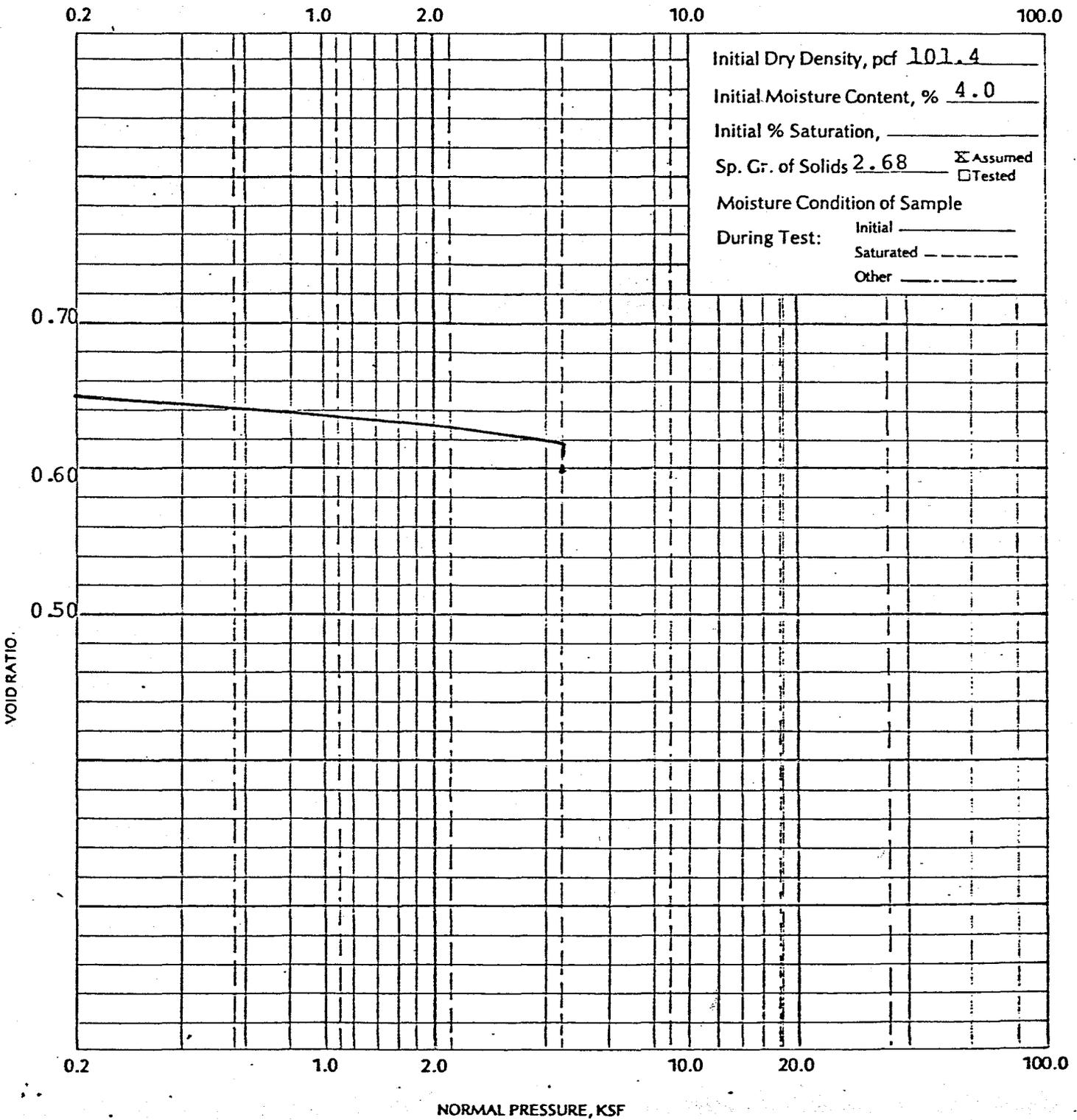
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CONSOLIDATION PROPERTIES OF SOIL

Type of Material Silty Sand Undisturbed Remolded Compacted

Source of Material RWCD Bridge Crossing Boring 1 Depth 10-11'

Test Procedure ASTM D2435- Reviewed By GKC Date 7-31-78



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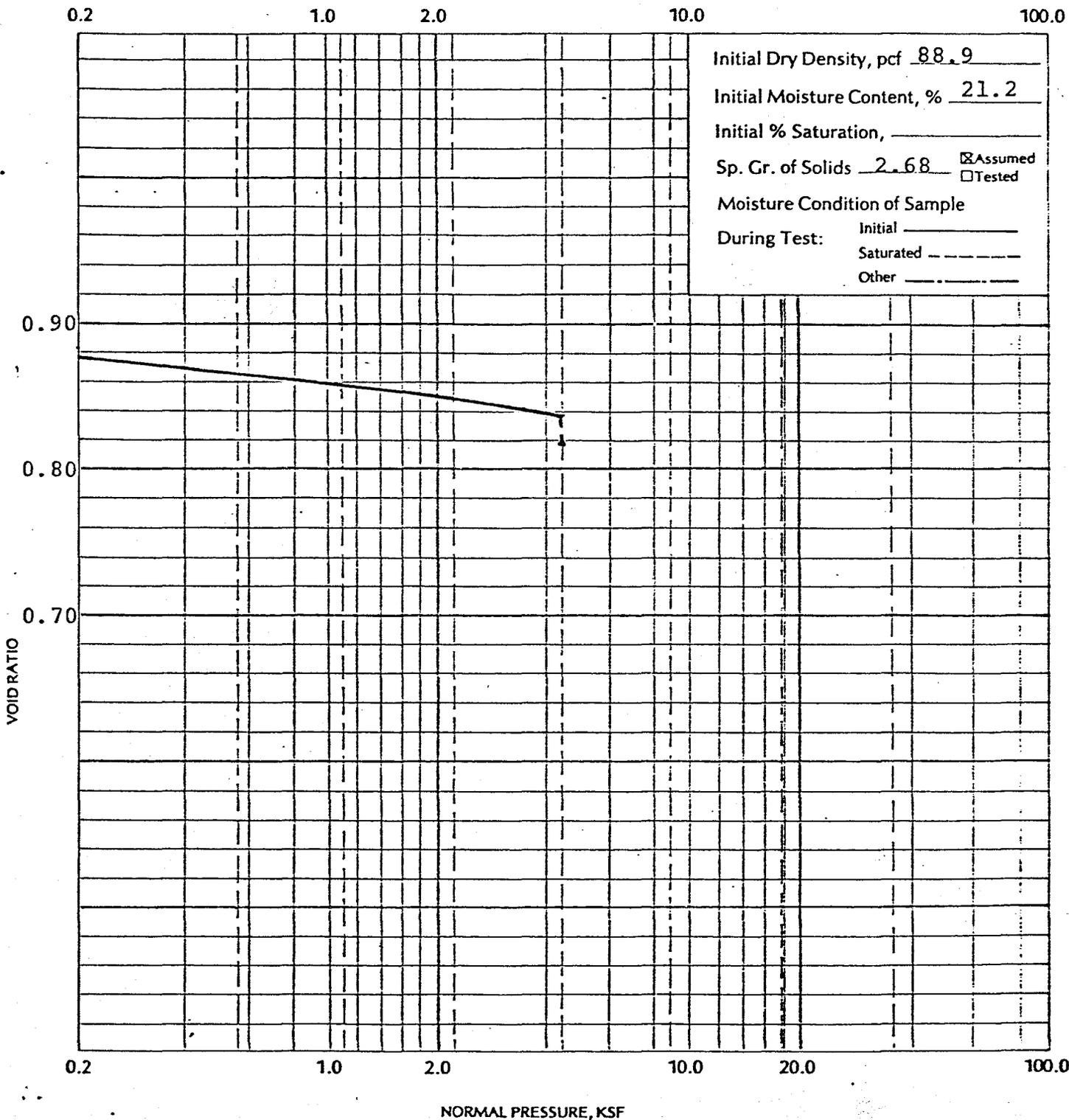
### CONSOLIDATION PROPERTIES OF SOIL

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Type of Material Silty Clay  Undisturbed  Remolded  Compacted

Source of Material RWCD Bridge Crossing Boring 2 Depth 5-6'

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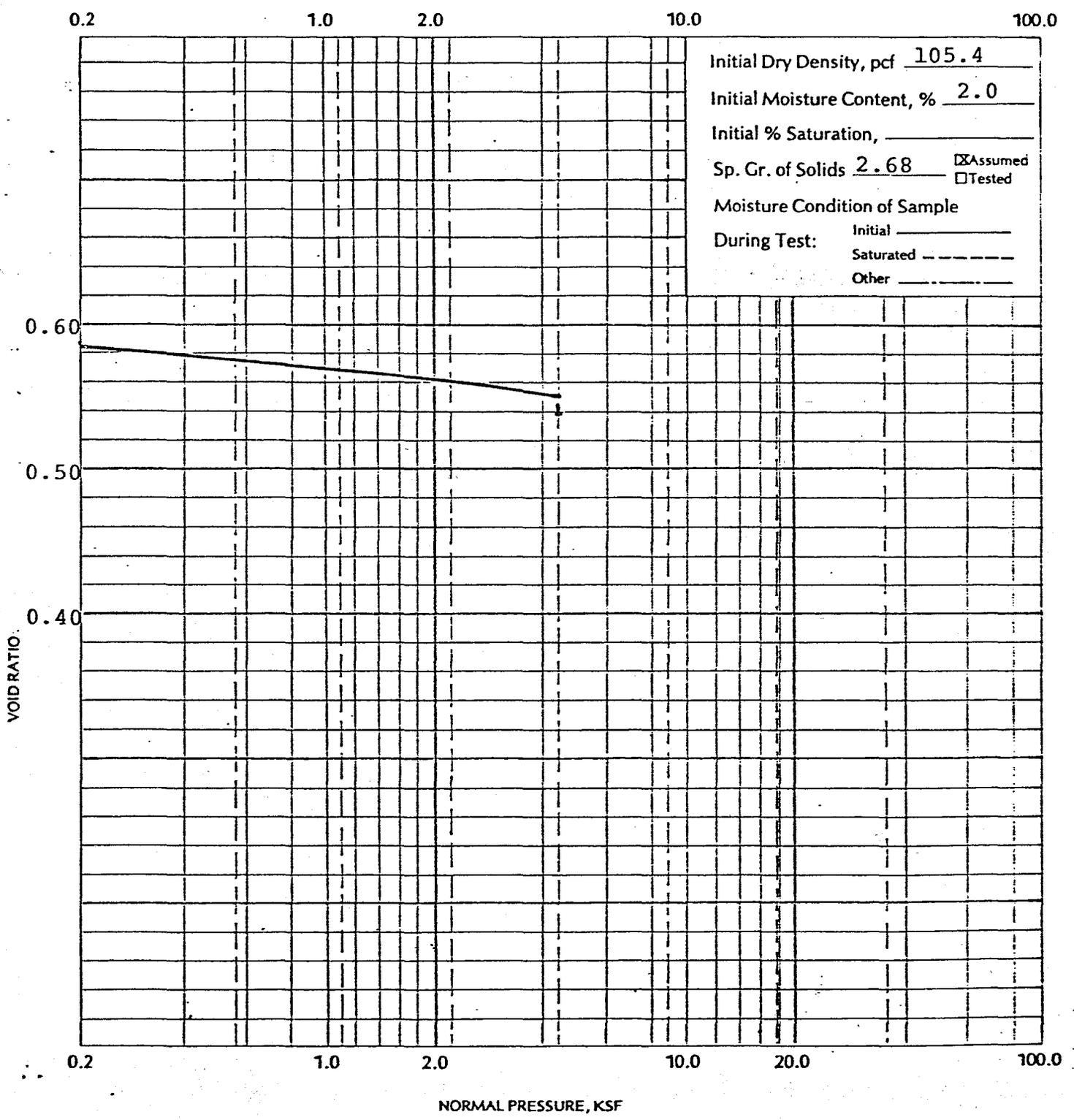
### CONSOLIDATION PROPERTIES OF SOIL

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Type of Material Sand  Undisturbed  Remolded  Compacted

Source of Material RWCD Bridge Crossing Boring 3 Depth 15-16

Test Procedure ASTM D2435- Reviewed By GKC Date 7-31-78



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PART III

RESULTS OF FIELD EXPLORATION

**COARSE-GRAINED SOIL**

MORE THAN 50% LARGER THAN 200 SIEVE SIZE

**FINE-GRAINED SOIL**

MORE THAN 50% SMALLER THAN 200 SIEVE SIZE

Symbol	Letter	DESCRIPTION	MAJOR DIVISIONS
	CW	WELL-GRADED GRAVELS OR GRAVEL-SAND MIXTURES, LESS THAN 5% - 200 FINES	GRAVELS More than half of coarse fraction is larger than No. 4 sieve size.
	GP	POORLY-GRADED GRAVELS OR GRAVEL-SAND MIXTURES, LESS THAN 5% - 200 FINES	
	GM	SILTY GRAVELS, GRAVEL-SAND-SILT MIXTURES, MORE THAN 12% - 200 FINES	
	GC	CLAYEY GRAVELS, GRAVEL-SAND-CLAY MIXTURES, MORE THAN 12% - 200 FINES	
	SW	WELL-GRADED SANDS OR GRAVELLY SANDS, LESS THAN 5% - 200 FINES	SANDS More than half of coarse fraction is smaller than No. 4 sieve size.
	SP	POORLY-GRADED SANDS OR GRAVELLY SANDS, LESS THAN 5% - 200 FINES	
	SM	SILTY SANDS, SAND-SILT MIXTURES MORE THAN 12% - 200 FINES	
	SC	CLAYEY SANDS, SAND-CLAY MIXTURES MORE THAN 12% - 200 FINES	

Symbol	Letter	DESCRIPTION	MAJOR DIVISIONS
	ML	INORGANIC SILTS AND VERY FINE SANDS, ROCK FLOUR, SILTY OR CLAYEY FINE SANDS OR CLAYEY SILTS WITH SLIGHT PLASTICITY	SILTS AND CLAYS Liquid limit less than 50
	CL	INORGANIC CLAYS OF LOW TO MEDIUM PLASTICITY, GRAVELLY CLAYS, SANDY CLAYS, SILTY CLAYS, LEAN CLAYS	
	OL	ORGANIC SILTS AND ORGANIC SILT-CLAYS OF LOW PLASTICITY	
	MH	INORGANIC SILTS, MICACEOUS OR DIATOMACEOUS FINE SANDY OR SILTY SOILS, ELASTIC SILTS	SILTS AND CLAYS Liquid limit greater than 50
	CH	INORGANIC CLAYS OF HIGH PLASTICITY, FAT CLAYS	
	OH	ORGANIC CLAYS OF MEDIUM TO HIGH PLASTICITY, ORGANIC SILTS	
	PT	PEAT AND OTHER HIGHLY ORGANIC SOILS	

NOTE — Soils with 5 to 12 percent minus 200 fines should be classified with dual symbols

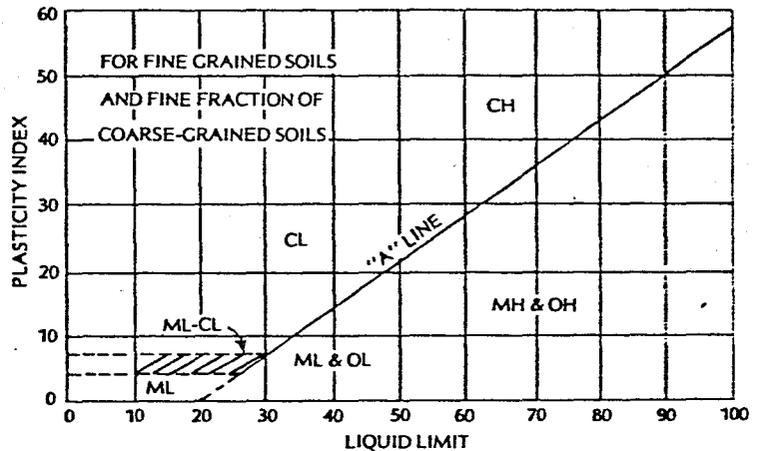
**SOIL FRACTIONS**

Component	Size Range
Boulders	Above 12 in.
Cobbles	3 in to 12 in.
Gravel	3 in. to No. 4 sieve
Coarse Gravel	3 in. to ¾ in.
Fine Gravel	¾ in. to No. 4 sieve
Sand	No. 4 to No. 200
Coarse	No. 4 to No. 10
Medium	No. 10 to No. 40
Fine	No. 40 to No. 200
Fines (silt or clay)	Below No. 200 sieve

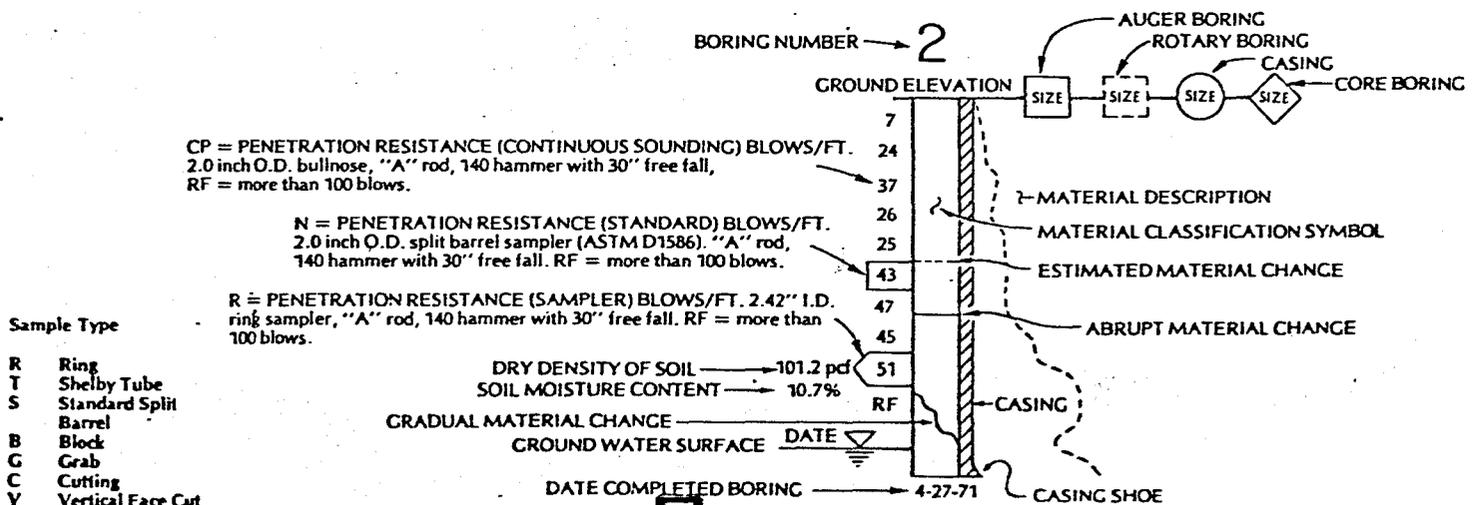
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Classification is visual unless accompanied by mechanical analysis and Atterberg limits. Percentage shown on log denotes visual approximation ± 5%.

**PLASTICITY CHART**



**LEGEND OF BORING OPERATIONS**







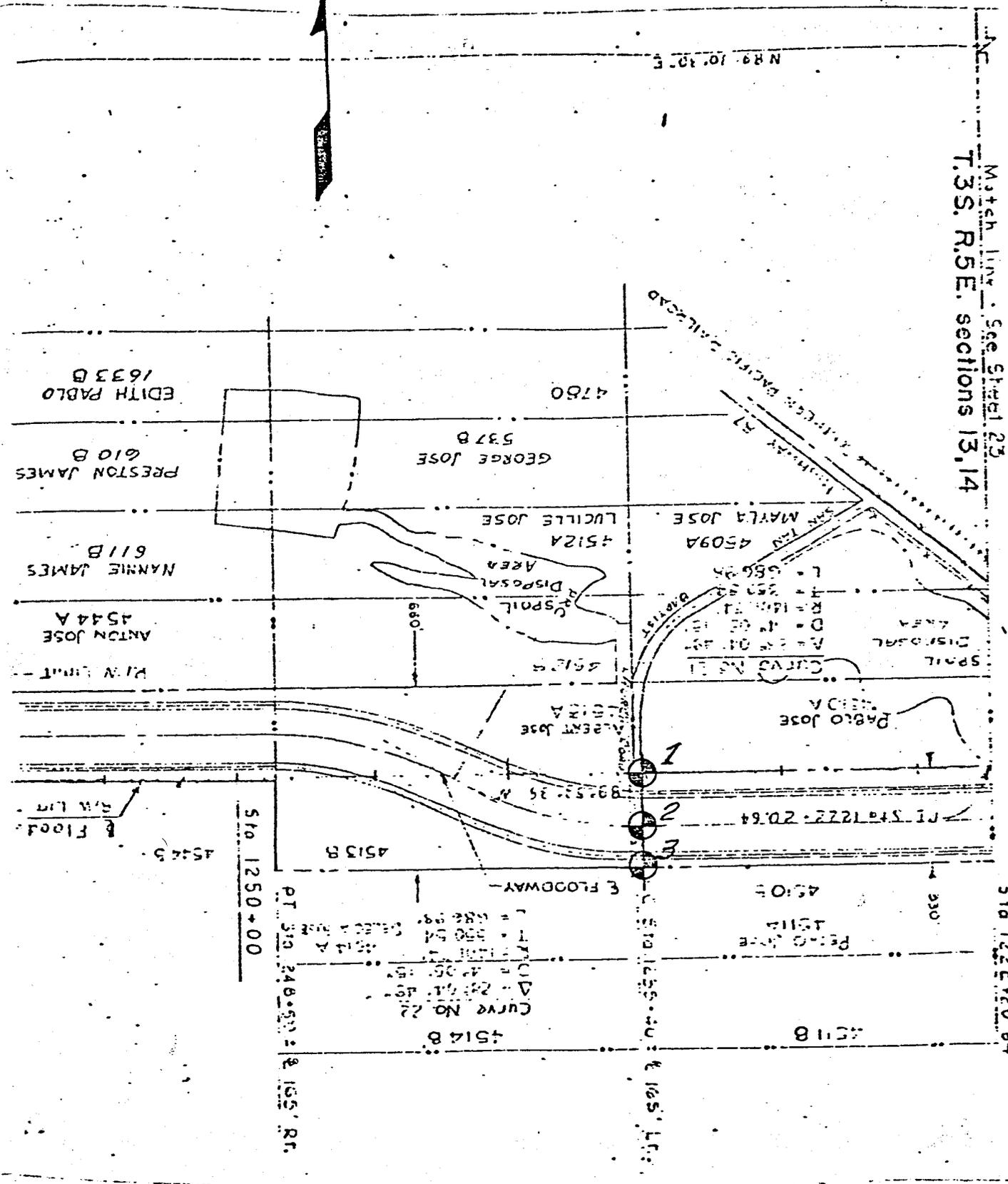


PART IV  
SITE PLAN

BENCH MARK: Brass cap in San Tan  
Road east of Test Boring No. 2  
Elev. - 100.0 ft.  
(assumed)



Match line - See Sheet 23  
T.3S. R.5E. sections 13, 14



510 1250+00

PT STA 240+00 = 2 105' RT

510 1222+20.64



APPENDIX "B"

RWCD FLOODWAY BRIDGE  
SAN TAN ROAD, SECTION 13  
T3S, R5E, PINAL COUNTY  
ARIZONA

PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION  
ON  
FEASIBLE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS  
FOR  
SUPERSTRUCTURE AND SUBSTRUCTURE

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RWCD Floodway Bridge, Santan Road

Preliminary Investigation of Structural Systems

Objective:

This report presents the results of preliminary investigation on the feasible superstructure and substructure systems for the proposed San Tan Road crossing of the RWCD Floodway Canal located in Section 13, T.35, R.5E, Pinal County, Arizona. The objective of this study is to make recommendations as to the type of super and substructure systems that may be adopted to span the floodway.

1.10 Review of Design Criteria:

The structural systems were studied with reference to the following design criteria, as required by Maricopa County Flood Control District, U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs and Soil Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. The structure will be designed according to AASHTO Specifications for Highway Bridges.

1.11 Loads:

The live load the bridge should carry is HS-20 with the necessary impact factor as specified by AASHTO. Necessary provision of 25 lbs per square foot for future wearing surface will be made in the dead load of the deck slab.

1.12 Serviceability:

Apart from the strength requirements, the serviceability of the deck will be maintained by controlling the live load deflections and crack widths in the concrete under ultimate design conditions. The deck will be cambered for dead load deflection.

### 1.13 Channel Section Requirements:

The channel requirements are stipulated by the Soil Conservation Service of U.S. Department of Agriculture in their letter dated May 5, 1978, addressed to Flood Control District of Maricopa County and by the Flood Control District in their letter dated September 22, 1978 to Wheeler, Brooks Coffeen, Inc. The proposed channel cross section at the bridge site has accordingly been established by Wheeler, Brooks, Coffeen, Inc. The profile of the bridge arrived at based on this cross section is shown in the longitudinal section of the roadway on page 10. In adopting this cross section of channel for the bridge, the cost of the spill abutment with 2:1 slope and the additional length of the bridge was compared with the cost of vertical abutment with wing walls and the former was found to be less expensive.

The bridge length center to center of bearings is estimated to be 234 feet or end to end of abutments 237 feet. Accordingly the following combination of number of spans and span lengths provide a guide to make a selection of the number of spans and the corresponding span lengths.

<u>Interior Spans</u>	<u>End Spans</u>
*6 x 30'-0	2 x 27'-0
*5 x 35'-0	2 x 29'-6
*4 x 40'-0	2 x 37'-0
**4 x 39'-0	2 x 39'-0
**2 x 58'-6	2 x 58'-6

\*Continuous deck  
\*\*Simple span deck

### 1.20 Feasibility and Material Selection:

A bridge structure conforming to the criteria stated above is feasible at this site.

The structure, being a permanent one with a channel underneath the roadway, timber is not considered for any part of the structure. Reinforced concrete with  $f_c' = 3,000$  p.s.i. to 4,000 p.s.i. with grade 40 and 60 steel for reinforcement, prestressed concrete up to  $f_c' = 5,000$  p.s.i. and structural steel (A-36) are considered for the material of the structure.

### 1.30 TYPE OF FOUNDATION SYSTEM:

Three types of foundation systems and the corresponding design criteria have been mentioned in the Soil Engineer's report which along with the additional information regarding H piles obtained from them provide adequate information in our opinion. Spread footings were proposed at 3' to 5' depth for abutments and at 5' to 6' depth for piers. The boring logs indicated silty clay up to 12'+ in depth. It is felt, for reasons of settlement problems in this type of soil, spread footings to support the structure are not preferable. The other types of foundations, circular drilled pier or caisson and driven H piles are considered suitable. To achieve the required capacity of driven H piles to support the anticipated loads, the Soil Engineers report that the piles are to be driven to depths of 30' and more below future channel bed. Comparing this with the caisson depth of 10 to 15 feet below scour depth at the pier locations, drilled caisson foundation is found to be less expensive. The final depths of caissons will depend also on the response of the soil due to lateral loads.

#### 1.40 Pier Types:

The feasibility of wall piers, column bents and continuation of H-piles to underneath the superstructure deck were examined. Our inquiries in this regard show that it has been the experience of Arizona Department of Transportation, that the present day seismic design requirements impose use of heavy reinforcement in the wall piers and for that reason the circular column bents are economical and have been found to resist seismic and transverse lateral forces better.

Further, scouring around the piers is minimized with the open piers. Continuation of H piles requires curtain wall around the piles for the width of the bridge and this arrangement along with driving the piles to about 30 feet below grade is found to be more expensive than the circular column bents with drilled in caissons. Approximate cost of piers supported by caissons, ranges from \$5 to \$8 per square foot. Approximate cost of piers supported by piles is \$13 per square foot.

#### 1.50 Deck Types

It is learnt from Wheeler, Brooks, Coffeen, Inc. that the existing roadway profile in relation to the cross section of channel allows the flexibility of considering decks of reasonable depths for the superstructure. The following types are considered.

- 1) Cast in place slab.
- 2) Precast prestressed voided slab.
- 3) Precast prestressed box girders.
- 4) Rolled steel beam with composite or non-composite deck slab.

An approximate cost comparison of these systems along with the overall depth of deck based on our preliminary study is shown below. The prices reflect only the cost of the deck and the substructure based on circular column bents and drilled caisson foundation.

Type	Approximate Cost in \$ Per Sq. Ft.					Depth of Deck (in.)
	Span (ft)					
	30	35	40	45	60	
Cast in Place Slab	22 (14+8)	22 (15+7)	23 (17+6)	24 (19+5)	N.R.	15.5 to 21.4 4 to 6 in. haunch
Voided Slab	22 (14+8)	22 (15+7)	22 (16+6)	23 (18+5)	N.R.	20 to 26
Box Girder	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	23 (19+4)	29
Rolled Steel Beam	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	22 (17 +5)	24 (20+4)	35 to 41

N.R. = Not recommended

First figure within peranthesis = Cost of supersturcture

Second figure within peranthesis = Cost of substructure

Support Data:

Unit Costs: Cast In place formed Concrete: \$200 to \$240/cyd.

Rebar: 35¢/lb. SStructural Steel: 60¢/lb. Caissons: \$70/ft.

Piles: \$25/ft. Prestressed slabs: \$15 to \$18 per sq. ft.

Preliminary Sizes: See Sketches attached.

1.60 Concrete Barrier and Hand Rail:

The standard concrete barrier for the roadway sides adopted by the Arizona Department of Transportation is shown in the cross sections on Pages 8 and 9. On the walkway side, chain link fence 6'-0 high over a concrete curb of 10" x 9", similar to the type adopted by the Arizona Highway Department is proposed.

1.70 Conclusion and Recommendations:

This preliminary study was undertaken to examine the feasible structural systems for the superstructure and substructure for the San Tan Road Bridge with reference to the design criteria regarding loads and channel requirements and the foundation types recommended by the Soils Engineer. As seen in Section 1.50, the systems considered cost about the same assuming the same type of foundation. The cost per square foot of deck area is considered reasonable and hence a suitable bridge structure is feasible at the site.

Considering the existing roadway profile, the required elevation of bottom of superstructure and the required depth of superstructure, solid slab deck or voided slab deck would be a suitable structure resulting in reasonable approach gradients.

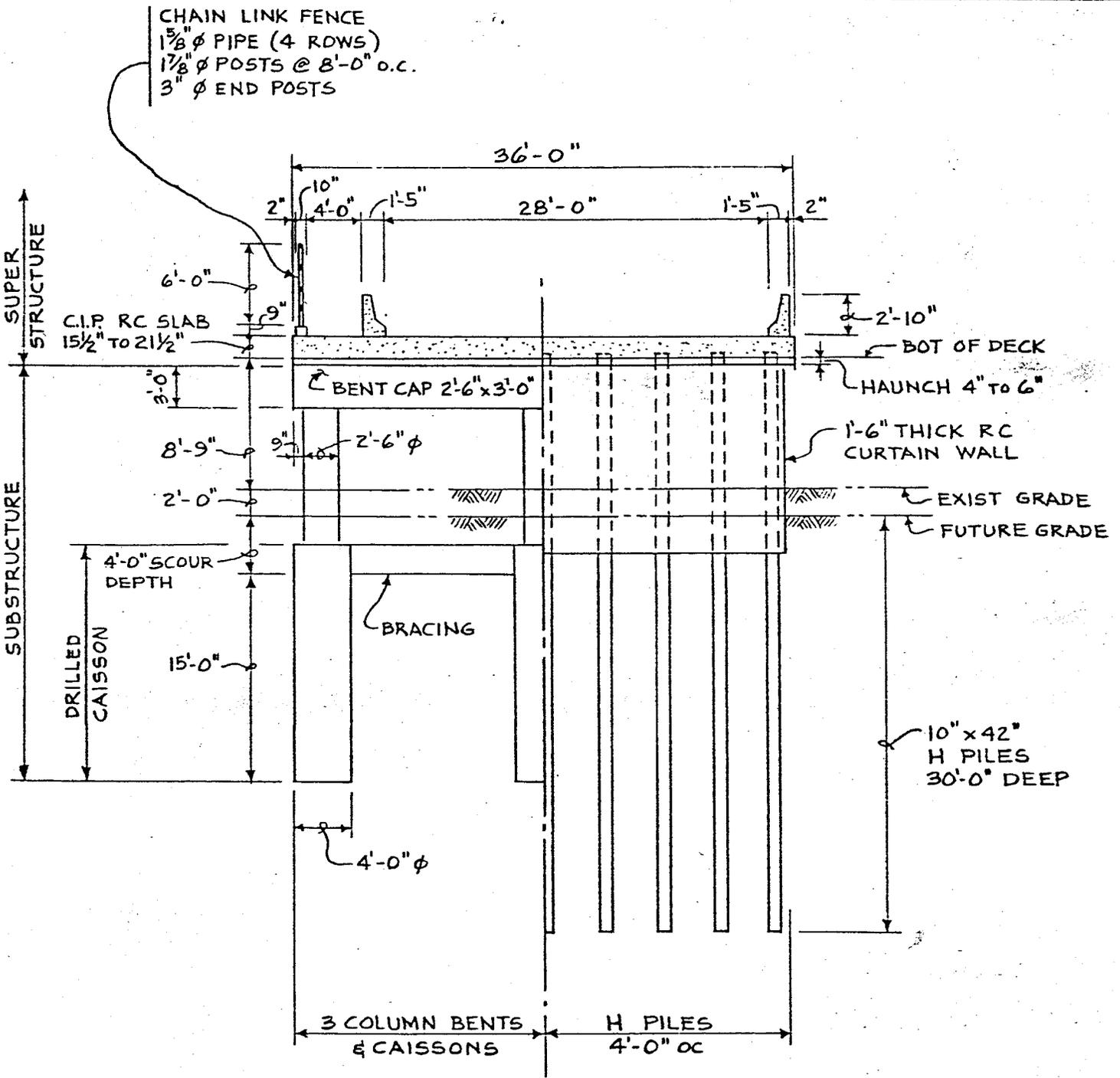
Apart from the competitive cost (Section 1.50), the inspection needs and the construction time are expected to be less for the precast prestressed voided slab deck. The lesser amount of concrete required for the voided slab deck as compared to the solid slab, is also an added advantage in view of cement shortage.

Accordingly, voided slab deck with six spans of 39'-0 center to center of abutments and piers, is recommended for the superstructure.

For substructure, 3 column bents at each pier location with drilled in caissons are recommended.

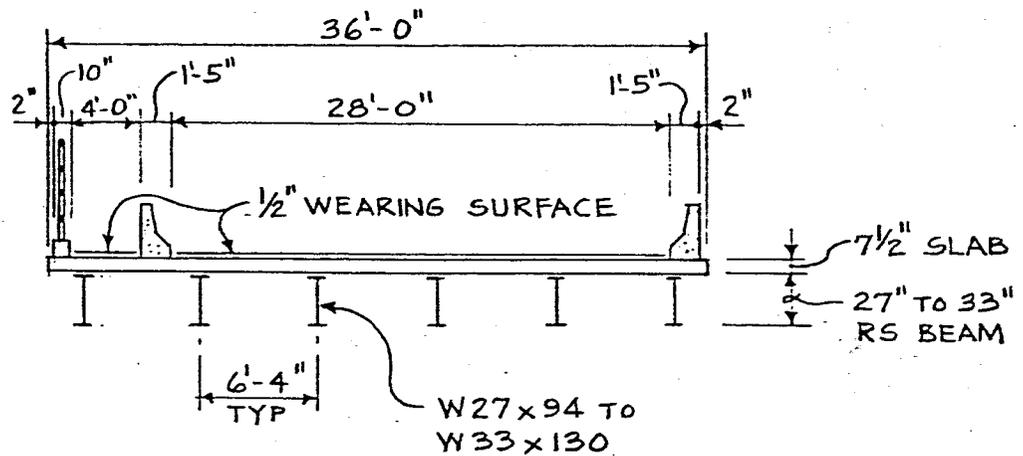
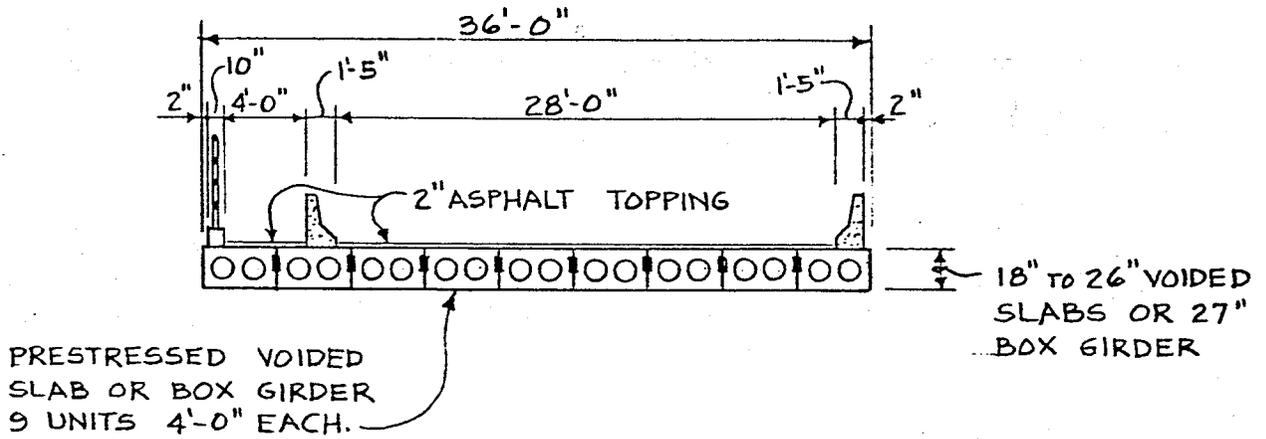
Based on the above recommendations, the cost of super and substructure including barrier and handrail is estimated to be \$205,000. This does not include canal lining, riprap for the canal bed, formation of canal banks, pavement, approaches and over-head charges.

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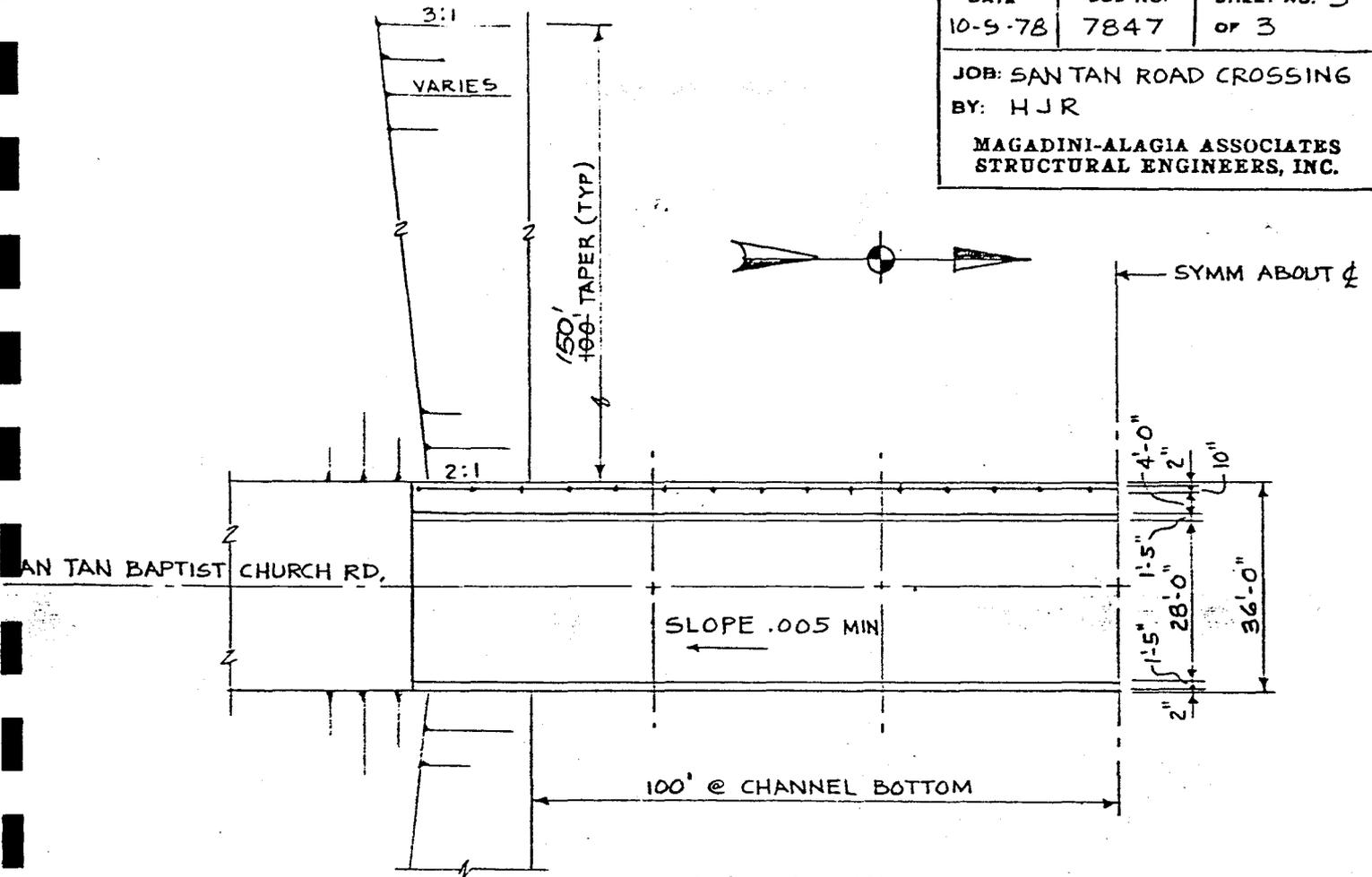
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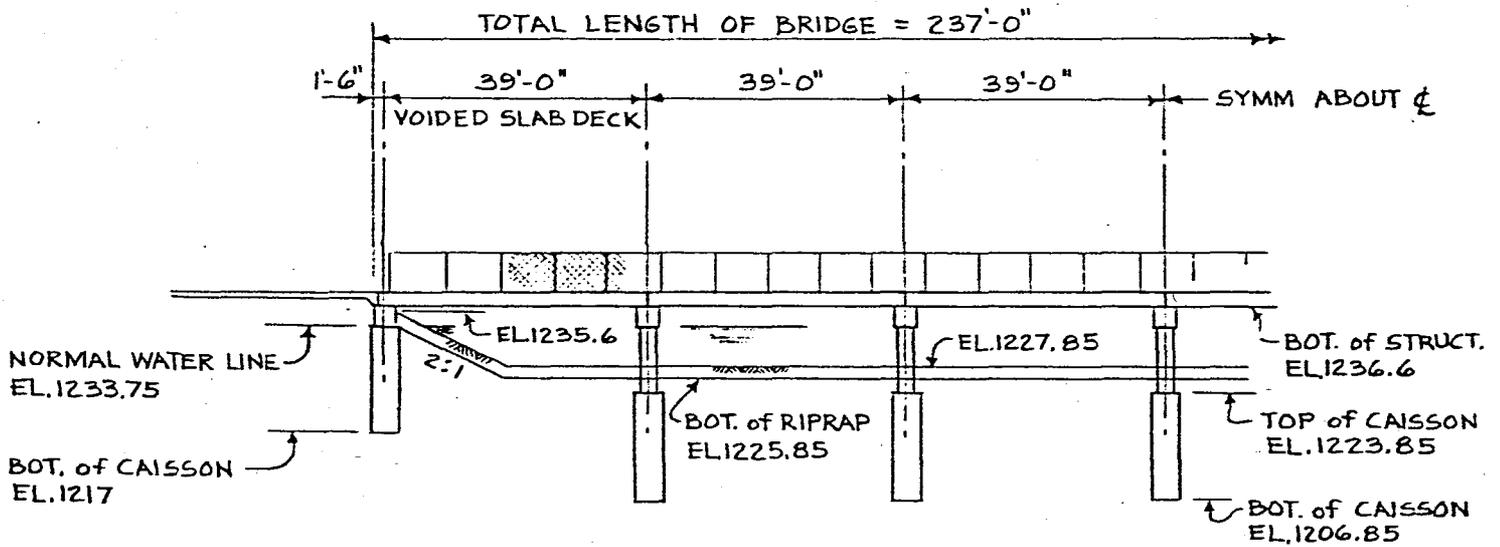


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LOCATION PLAN



LONGITUDINAL SECTION ON  $\phi$  ROADWAY

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APPENDIX "C"

SAN TAN BAPTIST CHURCH ROAD BRIDGE

HYDRAULIC & HYDROLOGY REPORT

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## 1. The Design Criteria and Basic Information

The hydraulic design of the bridge is based on criteria, data and information furnished by the U.S. Department of Agriculture - Soil Conservation Service which can be summarized as follows:

### 1.1 The Channel Bottom Elevation (Based on Table 3A, SCS, dated August 1977)

#### - Going Down Station

$$1193.3 + (145823.00 - 123539.27) 0.00155 = 1227.84\text{ft.}$$

#### - Going Up Station

$$1239.5 - (123539.27 - 116029.00) 0.00155 = 1227.86\text{ft.}$$

#### - Design Channel Bottom Elevation

$$\text{EL} = \frac{1227.84 + 1227.86}{2} = \underline{1227.85\text{ft.}}$$

### 1.2 Water Surface Elevation (Based on Table 3A, SCS)

#### - Going Down Station

$$1199.3 + (145823.00 - 123539.27) 0.00155 = 1233.84\text{ft.}$$

#### - Going Up Station

$$1245.4 - (123539.27 - 116029.00) 0.00155 = 1233.76\text{ft.}$$

#### - Design Water Surface Elevation

$$\text{EL} = \frac{1233.84 + 1233.76}{2} = \underline{1233.80\text{ft.}}$$

### 1.3 Mean Normal Water Depth

$$d_n = 1233.80 - 1227.85 = \underline{5.95\text{ft.}}$$

### 1.4 Water Cross Section Area

Assuming channel side slopes at 3:1

$$A = \frac{(b + 6d_n + b) \times d_n}{2} = (b + 3d_n) d_n$$

Where

b - Channel bottom width = 200'

$d_n$  - Mean normal water depth = 5.95'

A = (200+3x5.95)=1296.21 sq. ft.

### 1.5 Mean Water Velocity

Assuming Q = 8700 cfs

$$v = \frac{Q}{A} = \frac{8700}{1296.21} = \underline{6.71 \text{ cfs}}$$

### 1.6 Verify Critical Depth (for unconfined channel)

$$d_c = \frac{4zH_o - 3b + \sqrt{16z^2H_o^2 + 16zH_ob + gb^2}}{10z}$$

Where

z - Channel side slope = 3:1 = 3

b - Channel bottom width = 600'

$H_o$  - Specific head  $H_o = d + \frac{v^2}{2g} = 6.65'$

$$d_c = \frac{4 \times 3 \times 6.65 - 3 \times 200 + \sqrt{16 \times 3^2 \times 6.65^2 + 16 \times 3 \times 6.65 \times 200 + 9 \times 200^2}}{10 \times 3}$$

$d_c = 4.52 < d_n = 5.95$  Therefore the flow in the channel remains subcritical

### 1.7 The Channel Bottom Roughness

Based on the preceding data, we can re-create the Mannings "n" factor used by the SCS Design.

$$\begin{aligned} n &= \frac{1.486}{8700} \times A \times R^{2/3} \times S^{1/2} = \\ &= \frac{1.486}{8700} \times 1296.21 \times 5.455^{2/3} \times 0.00155^{1/2} = 0.027 \end{aligned}$$

Where

$$R = \frac{A}{P}; \quad P = 200 + 2 \sqrt{3 \times 5.95^2 + 5.95^2} = 237.63 \text{ ft.}$$

## 2. The Water Depth Analysis

The flow of water in wide and relatively shallow channels is highly influenced by the roughness of its wetted perimeter.

The actual value of Manning's "n" will depend upon two factors:

- a. Maintenance of the channel
- b. The rate of vegetative growth

The flat channel bottom will encourage vegetative growth. therefore the maintenance of the channel to the extent that the average roughness of its bottom will remain below assumed value of Manning's "n" = 0.027 may prove to be costly and difficult. Assuming substantial vegetative growth from limited maintenance conditions, the roughness "n" may tend to reach the values shown on sketch #1. Under this likely condition, the water depth in the channel was calculated by trial and error. For the assumed peak flow of 8700 cfs, the water depth would reach 6.9 feet or 1.0 feet above the normal depth of 5.95 feet.

Water depth was determined by trial and error.

### - Check of the Flow Capacity

$$Q = 2Q_1 + 2Q_2 + 2Q_3 + 2Q_4 + 2Q_5$$

$$Q_1 = \frac{1.486}{0.045} \left( \frac{3 \times 6.9 \times 6.9}{2} \right) \left[ \frac{3 \times 6.9 \times 6.9}{2 \times \sqrt{(3 \times 6.9)^2 \times 6.9^2}} \right] 0.00155^{1/2} = 204.9 \text{ cfs}$$

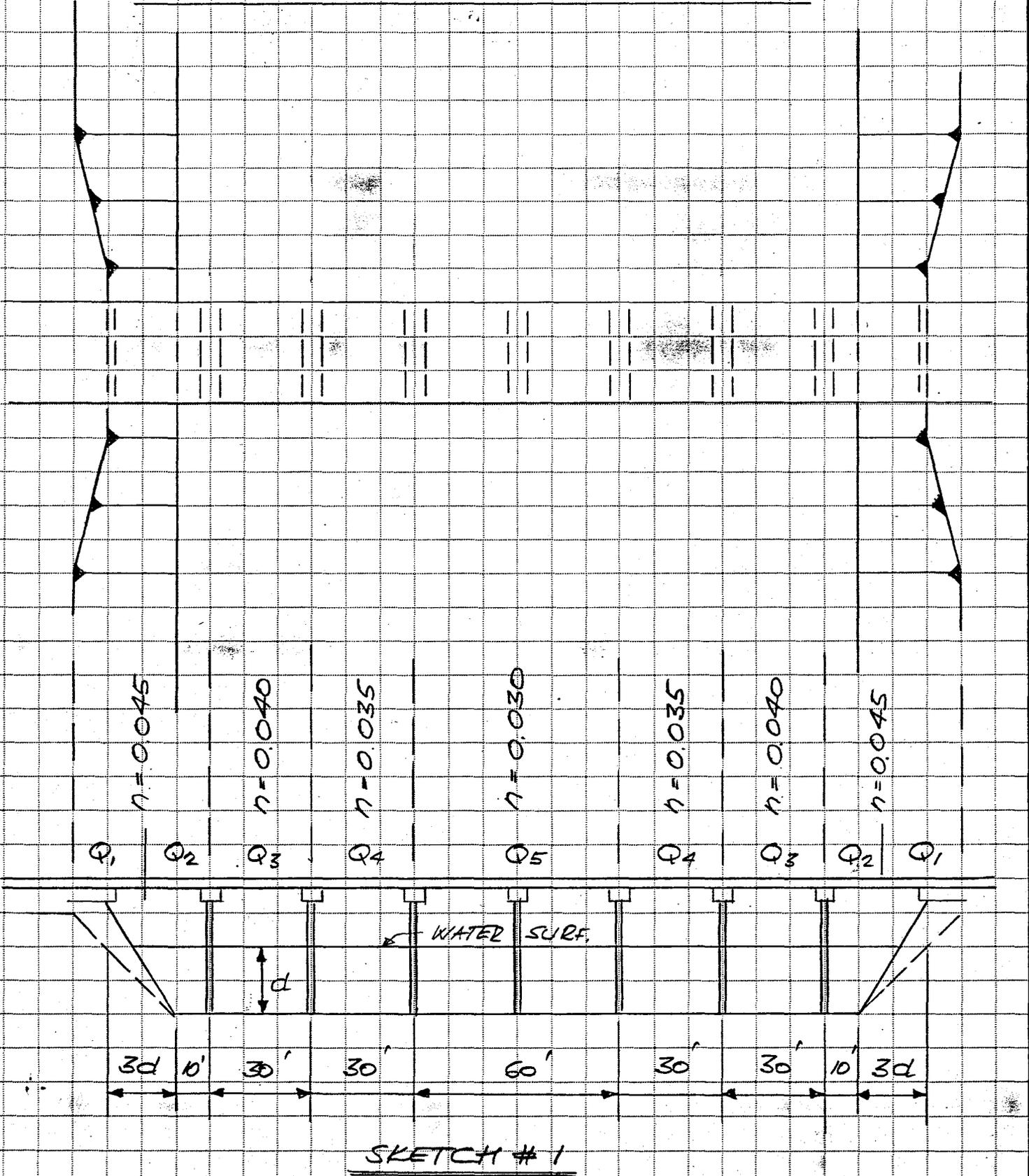
$$Q_2 = \frac{1.486}{0.045} (10 \times 6.9) \left( \frac{10 \times 6.9}{10} \right)^{2/3} 0.00155^{1/2} = 325.1 \text{ cfs}$$

$$Q_3 = \frac{1.486}{0.040} (30 \times 6.9) \left( \frac{30 \times 6.9}{30} \right)^{2/3} 0.00155^{1/2} = 1097.2 \text{ cfs}$$

$$Q_4 = \frac{1.486}{0.035} (30 \times 6.9) \left( \frac{30 \times 6.9}{30} \right)^{2/3} 0.00155^{1/2} = 1254.0 \text{ cfs}$$

$$Q_5 = \frac{1.486}{0.035} (30 \times 6.9) \left( \frac{30 \times 6.9}{30} \right)^{2/3} 0.00155^{1/2} = 1462.8 \text{ cfs}$$

ASSUMED CHANNEL BOTTOM ROUGHNESS



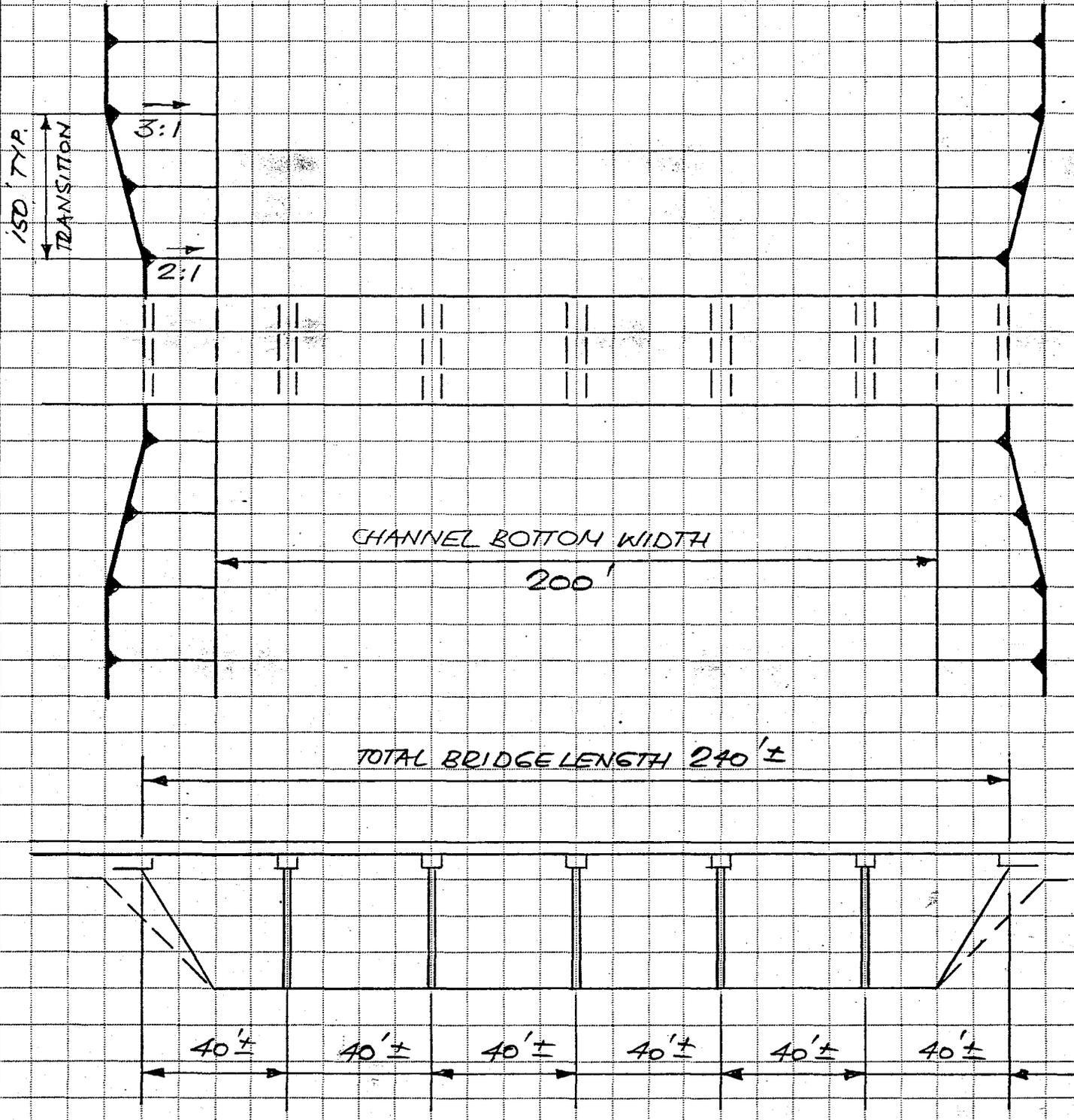
$$Q=2 \times 204.6 + 2 \times 325.1 + 2 \times 1097.2 + 2 \times 1254.0 + 2 \times 1462.8 = 8687.4$$

$$\underline{Q=8687.4 \text{ cfs} \sim 8700 \text{ cfs}}$$

3. Hydraulic Analysis of the Selected Structural Alternative

The selected bridge structure is as follows:

- Span  $\frac{+}{-}$  40 feet
- Deck - precast, prestressed voided slab
- Substructure - drilled caisson foundation



CHANNEL BOTTOM WIDTH  
200'

TOTAL BRIDGE LENGTH 240'±

40'± 40'± 40'± 40'± 40'± 40'±

SKETCH #2

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SUB SECTION	n	$\frac{1.486}{n}$	CL	P	r	$r^{2/3}$	k	Q	V	$QV^2$
			SO. FT.	FT.	FT.			CF.S	FPS	
QA	0-11	0.045	33.02	19.08	11.28	1.69	1.420	894	352	119
QB	11-31	0.045	33.02	121.34	20.54	5.91	3.268	13092	5154	9300
	31-61	0.040	37.15	207.0	30.00	6.90	3.624	27871	1097.3	30834
	61-91	0.035	42.46	207.0	30.00	6.90	3.624	31855	1254.1	46035
	91-121	0.030	49.53	207.0	30.00	6.90	3.624	37159	1462.9	73070
	121-151	0.030	49.53	207.0	30.00	6.90	3.624	37159	1462.9	73070
	151-181	0.035	42.46	207.0	30.00	6.90	3.624	31855	1254.1	46035
	181-211	0.040	37.15	207.0	30.00	6.90	3.624	27871	1097.3	30834
	211-231	0.045	33.02	121.34	20.54	5.91	3.268	13092	515.4	9300
QC	231-242	0.045	33.02	19.08	11.28	1.69	1.420	894	35.2	119

$A_{T1} = 1523.0$   
 $A_{T2} = 1485.0$

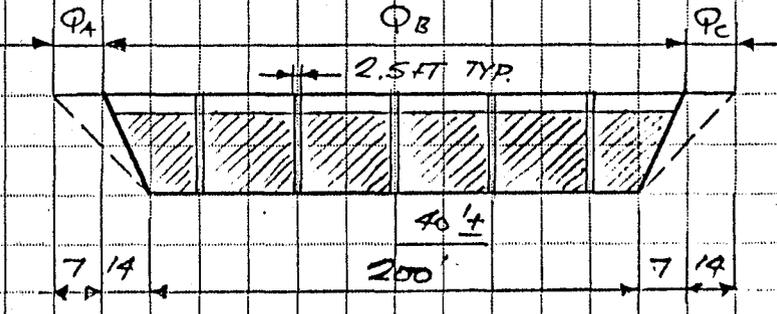
$K_1 = \sum k = 221742$      $\sum Q = 8730$      $\sum QV^2 = 318716$

WHERE:

$r = \frac{Q}{P}$

$k = \frac{1.486}{n} Q r^{2/3}$

$Q = k \times S_0^{1/2}$  ;     $V = \frac{Q}{A}$



### 3.1 Velocity Head Coefficient at Section 1 ( $\alpha_1$ )

$$\alpha_1 = \frac{qv^2}{Qv_n^2}$$

Where

$$v_{n1} = \frac{Q}{A_{n1}} = \frac{8730}{1523} = 5.73 \text{fps.} ; \quad qv^2 = 318,716 \text{ (Page 9)}$$

$$\alpha_1 = \frac{318,716}{8730 \times 5.73^2} = 1.11$$

### 3.2 Bridge Opening Ratio (M)

$$M = \frac{Q_B}{Q}$$

$$M = \frac{Q_B}{Q_A + Q_B + Q_C} = \frac{8659.6}{8730} = 0.99$$

### 3.3 Velocity Head Coefficient for Constriction ( $\alpha_2$ )

For  $\alpha_1 = 1.11$  and  $M = 0.99$

$$\alpha_2 = 1.10 \quad (\text{See Figure 1})$$

### 3.4 Backwater Coefficient ( $K_b$ )

For  $M = 0.99$  and spillthrough abutments

$$K_b = 0.01 \quad (\text{See figure 2})$$

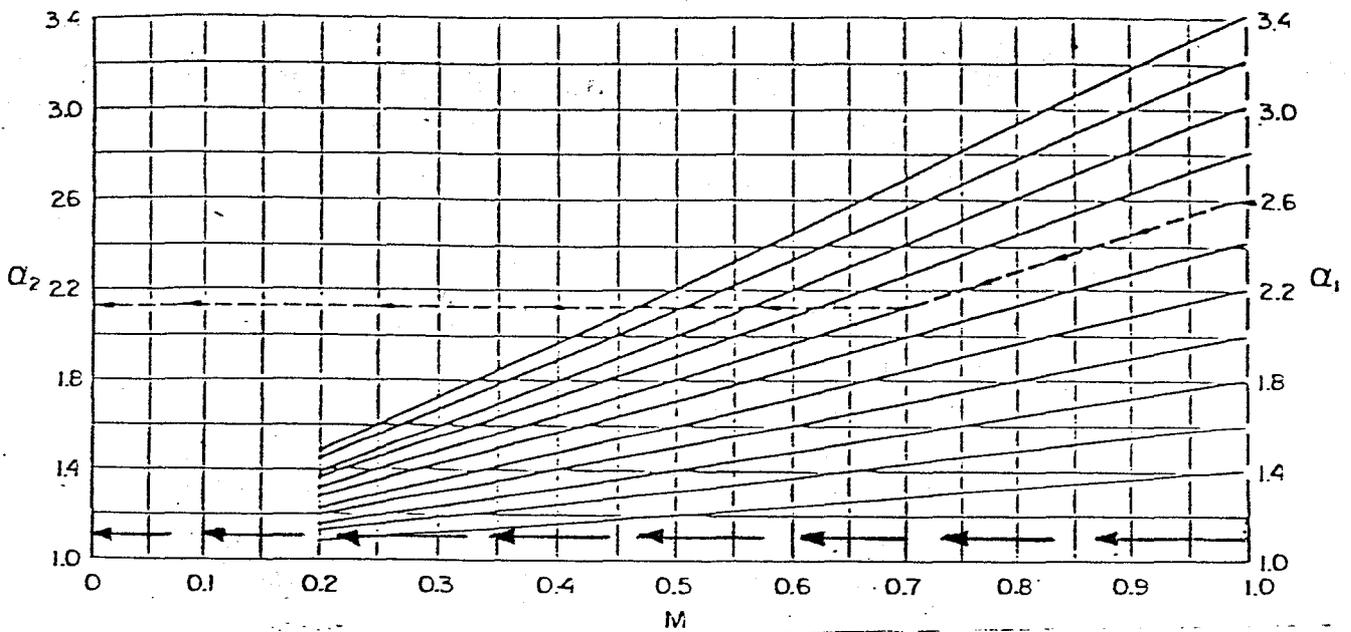


Figure 1 - Aid for Estimating  $\alpha_2$

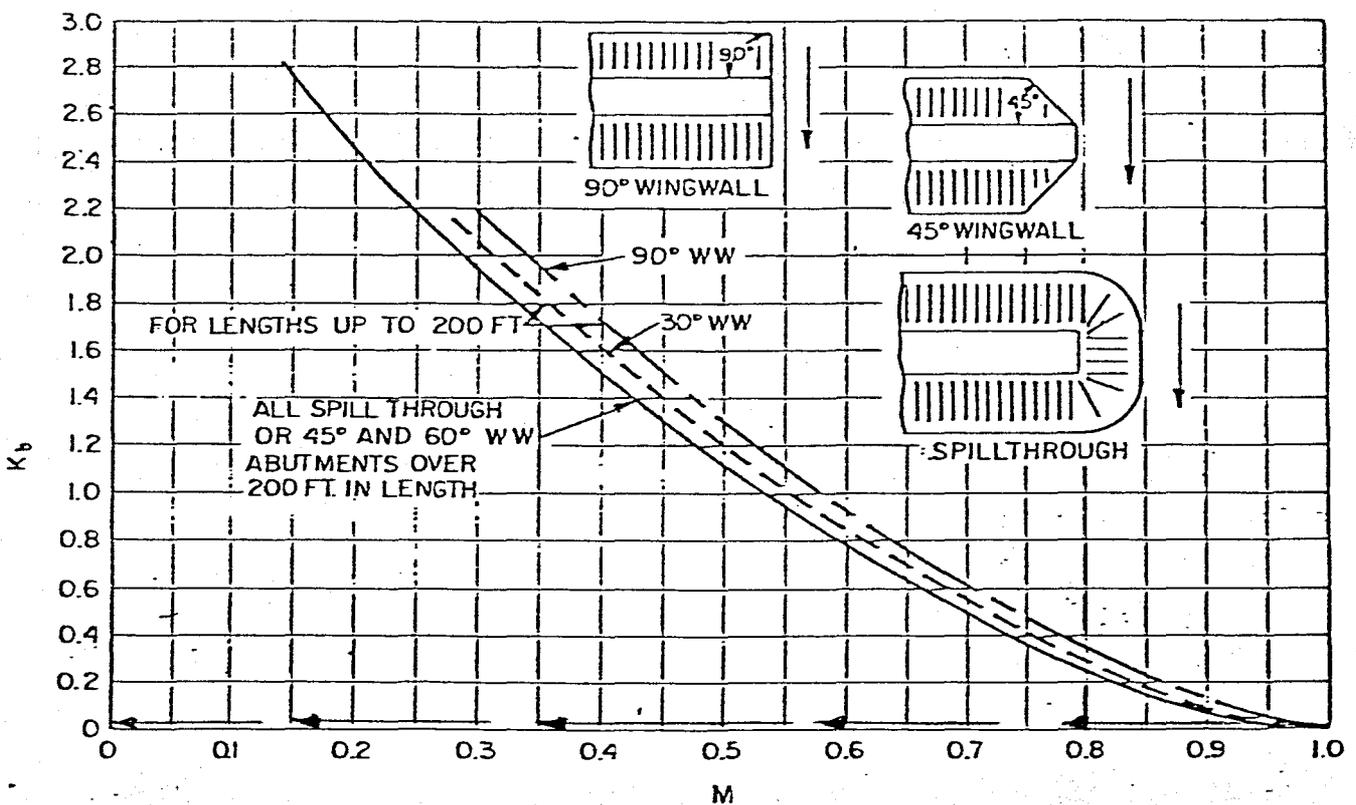


Figure 2 - Backwater Coefficient Base Curves (Subcritical Flow)

3.5 Projected Area Obstructed by Piers Normal to Flow ( $A_p$ )

$$A_p = 5 \times 2.5 \times 1.5 \times 6.9 = 129.38 \text{ sq. ft.}$$

3.6 Ratio of Area Obstructed by Piers to Gross Area of Bridge Waterways at Section 2 (J)

$$J = \frac{A_p}{A_{n2}} = \frac{129.38}{1485} = 0.087$$

3.7 Incremental Backwater Coefficient for Piers ( $\Delta K_p$ )

For  $J=0.087$  & solid piers  $\Delta K=0.351$  (See figure 3A)

For  $M=0.99$  & solid piers, the correction factor  $C=0.99$  (See figure 3B)

$$\Delta K_p = \Delta K \times C = 0.351 \times 0.99 = 0.35$$

3.8 The Total Backwater Coefficient ( $K^*$ )

$$K^* = K_b + \Delta K_p = 0.01 + 0.35 = 0.36$$

3.9 Average Velocity in Constriction for Flow at Normal Stage ( $V_{n2}$ )

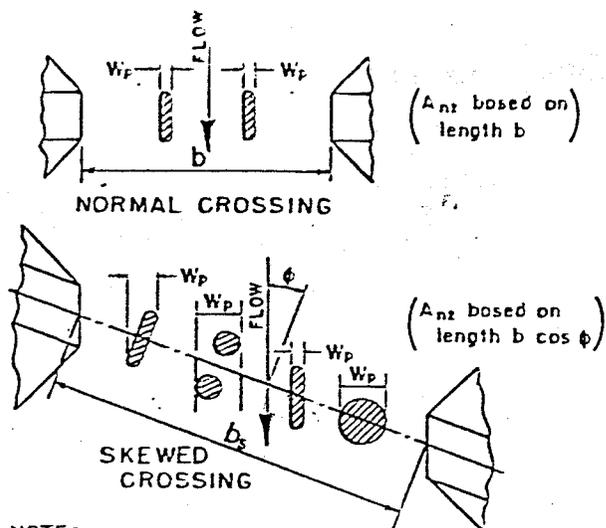
$$V_{n2} = \frac{Q}{A_{n2} - A_p} = \frac{8730}{1485 - 129.38} = 6.44 \text{ fps}$$

3.10 First Approximation of Backwater

$$h_1 = K^* \frac{V_{n2}^2}{2g}$$

$$h_1 = 0.36 \times 1.10 \times \frac{6.44^2}{2 \times 32.2} = 0.248 \text{ ft.}$$

\* Debris Factor = 1.5 (assumed)



- $W_p$  - Width of pier normal to flow - feet
- $h_{nz}$  - Height of pier exposed to flow - feet
- $N$  - Number of piers
- $A_p = \sum^N W_p h_{nz}$  - total projected area of piers normal to flow - square feet
- $A_{nz}$  - Gross water cross section in constriction based on normal water surface. (Use projected bridge length normal to flow for skew crossings)
- $J = \frac{A_p}{A_{nz}}$

NOTE:- Sway bracing should be included in width of pile bents.

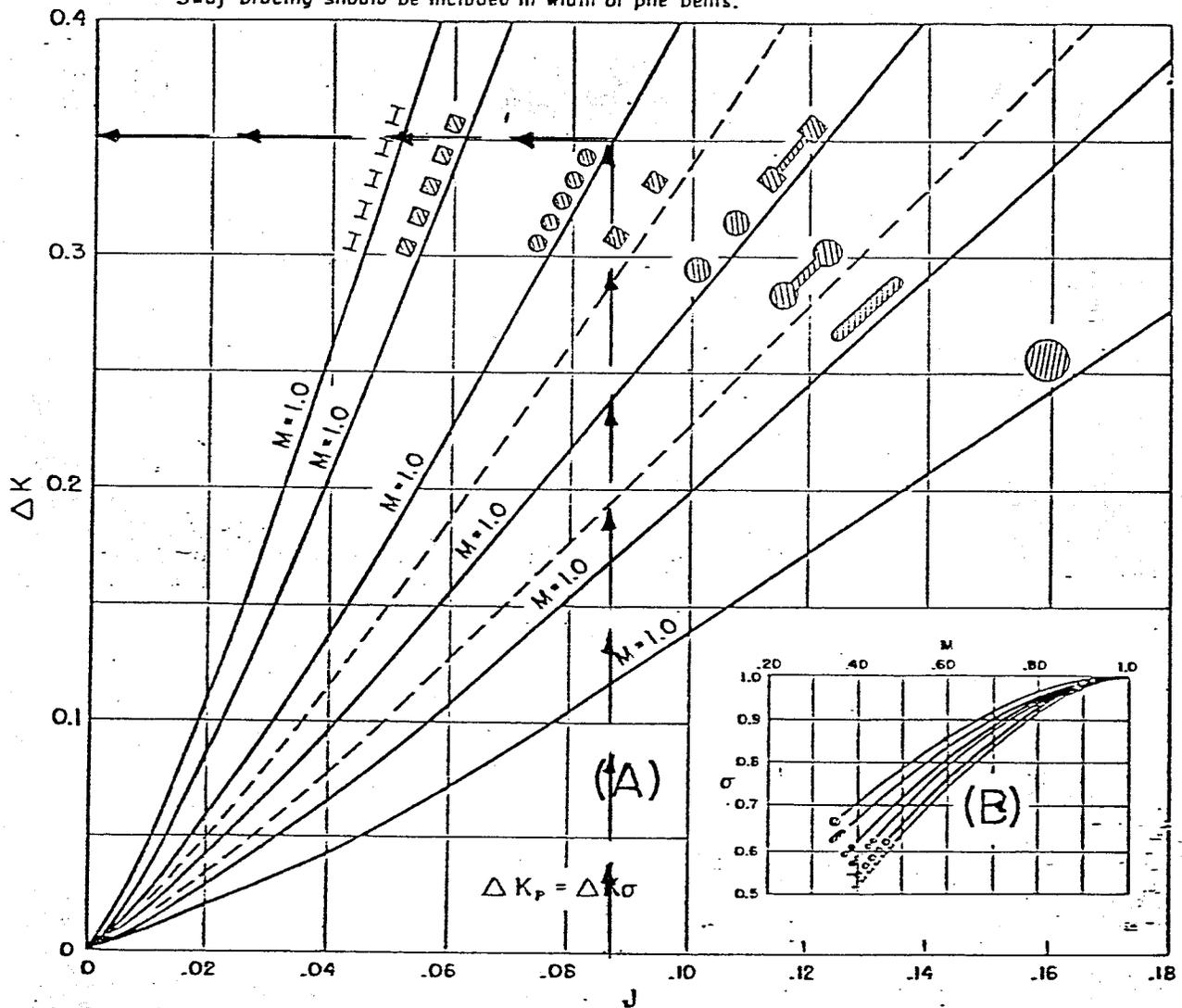


Figure 3 - Incremental Backwater Coefficient for Piers

3.11 Area of Flow at Section 4 (Down Stream from the Bridge) (A<sub>4</sub>)

$$A_4 = A_{n1} = 1523 \text{ sq. ft.}$$

3.12 Area of Flow Including Backwater at Section 1 (A<sub>1</sub>)

$$A_1 = A_{n1} + 0.248 [200 + 2 \times 3 (6.9 + 0.248)] = 1523 + 60.2 = \underline{1583.2 \text{ sq ft}}$$

3.13 Total Backwater Produced by the Bridge at Section 1 (h\*<sub>1</sub>)

$$h^*_1 = K \alpha_2 \frac{V_{n2}^2}{2g} + \alpha_1 \left[ \left( \frac{A_{n2}}{A_4} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{A_{n2}}{A_1} \right)^2 \right] \frac{V_{n2}^2}{2g}$$

$$h^*_1 = 0.248 + 1.11 \left[ \left( \frac{1485}{1523} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{1485}{1583.2} \right)^2 \right] \times \frac{6.44^2}{2 \times 32.2}$$

$$= 0.248 + 0.050 = \underline{0.30 \text{ ft.}}$$

3.14 Distance from Point of Maximum Backwater to the Water Surface on the Down Stream Side of Roadway Embankment (L)

$$b = \frac{200 + 200 + 2 \times 2 (6.90 + 0.30)}{2} = 214.4 \text{ ft.}$$

Where

b = width of constriction

$$\bar{y} = \frac{A_{n2}}{b} = \frac{1485}{214.4} = 6.93 \text{ ft.}$$

Assuming  $\Delta h = 0.5$  ft.

$$\frac{\Delta h}{\bar{y}} = \frac{0.50}{6.93} = 0.072$$

For  $\frac{\Delta h}{\bar{y}} = 0.072$  and  $\bar{y} = 6.93$

$$\frac{L}{b} = 0.41 \quad (\text{See Figure 4})$$

$$L = 0.41 \times 214.4 = 87.9 \text{ ft.}$$

3.15 Vertical Difference in Water Surface Elevation  
Across Roadway Embankment ( $\Delta h$ )

$$h^*_b = K_b \times \alpha \frac{V^2 n^2}{2g} = 0.01 \times 1.1 \frac{6.44^2}{2 \times 32.2} = 0.0071 \text{ ft.}$$

For  $M = 0.99$

$$D_b = 0.030 \quad (\text{See Figure 5})$$

$$\Delta h = h^*_1 + h^*_3 + S_0 L_{1-3}$$

$$h^*_3 = h^*_b \left( \frac{1}{D_b} - 1 \right) = 0.0071 \left( \frac{1}{0.030} - 1 \right) = 0.23 \text{ ft.}$$

$$\Delta h = 0.248 + 0.23 + 36 \times 0.00155 = \underline{0.53 \text{ ft.}}$$

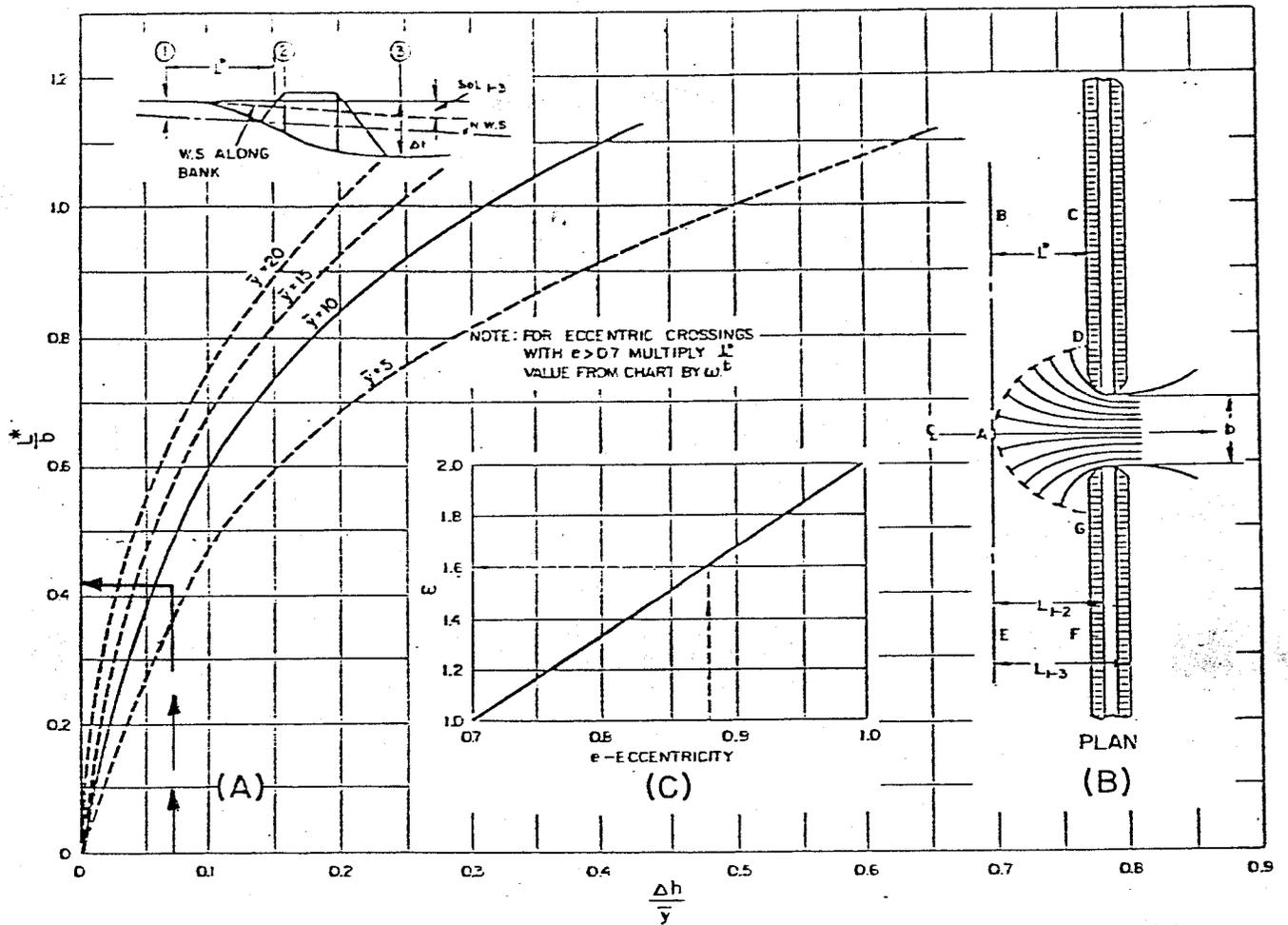


Figure 4 - Distance to Maximum Backwater

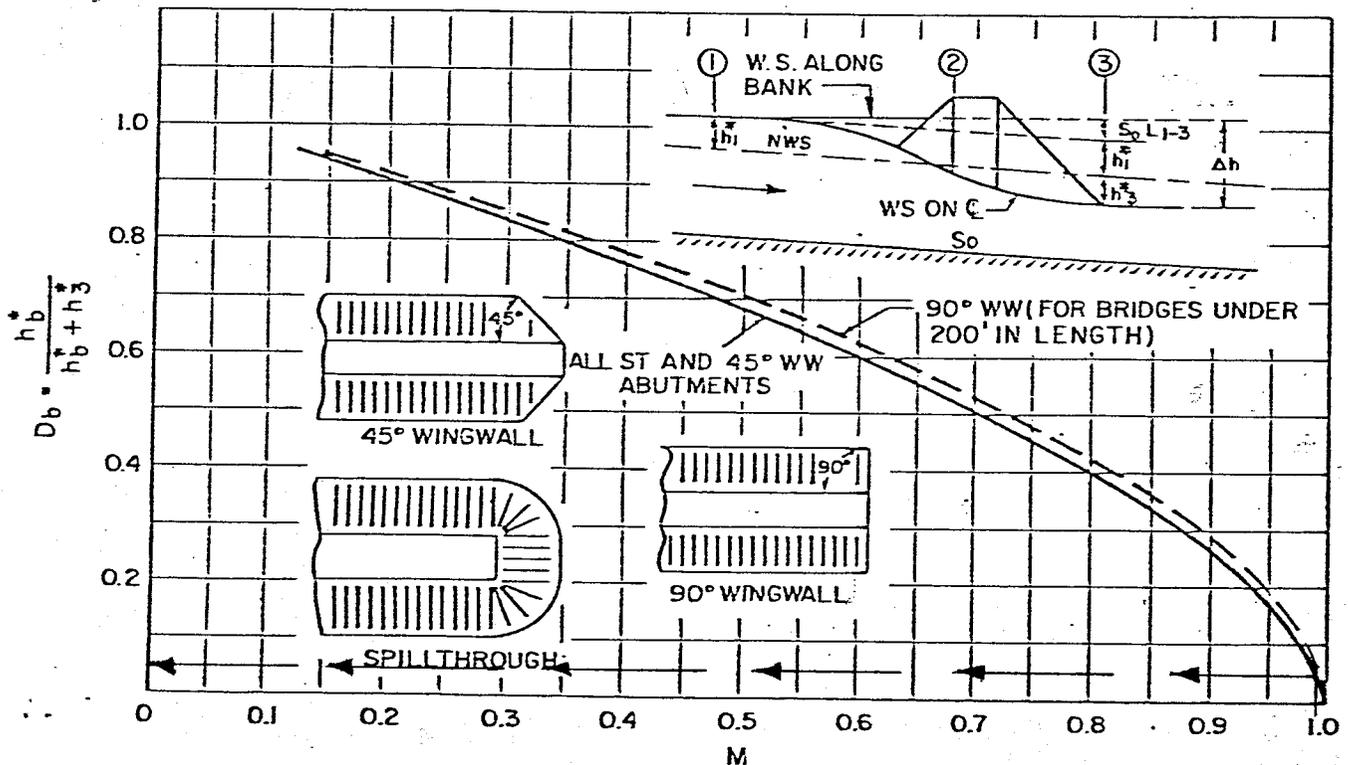


Figure 5 - Differential Water Land Ratio Base Curves

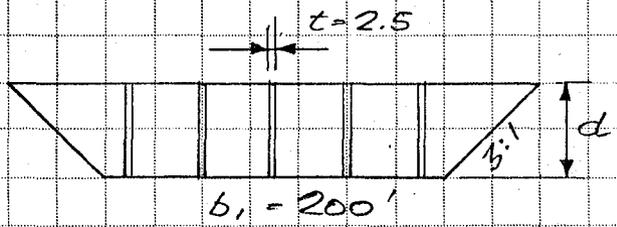
#### 4. The Bridge Pier Loss

The pier loss at the bridge was determined by the momentum method. A curve for each section of the channel was plotted using the depth as the ordinate and values from Column I, II, and III as the abscissa. A vertical line passed through the curves represents a line of equal momentum for the corresponding depths of the flow at the bridge. Therefore, by locating the normal depth of flow ( $d=5.95'$ ), and the hypothetical high water flow ( $d=6.90'$ ) on the curve #II, the solution was found for the pier loss at the bridge. (Graph. #1) which is less than the desired 3.5' maximum allowable head loss.

d	A <sub>1</sub>	Y <sub>1</sub>	M <sub>1</sub>	A <sub>0</sub>	Y <sub>0</sub>	M <sub>0</sub>	A <sub>2</sub>	M <sub>2</sub>	$\frac{Q^2}{gA_1^2}$	$\frac{Q^2 A_2}{gA_1^2}$	$\frac{Q^2}{gA_2}$	$\frac{Q^2}{gA_3}$	I	II	III
			2x3			5x6	2-5	4-7					9+11	9+12	9+13
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
4	848	1.962	1664	91.00	1.883	171.3	757.0	1492.7	3.271	2476.5	3107.7	2774.2	3969.2	4600.4	4266.9
5	1075	2.442	2625	118.75	2.325	276.0	953.3	2349.0	2.036	1946.8	2468.0	2188.4	4295.8	4817.0	4537.4
6	1308	2.917	3816	148.50	2.758	409.5	1159.5	3406.5	1.375	1594.4	2028.9	1798.6	5000.9	5435.4	5205.1
7	1547	3.389	5243	180.25	3.183	573.7	1366.8	4669.3	0.983	1343.6	1721.2	1520.7	6012.9	6390.5	6190.0
8	1792	3.857	6912	214.00	3.601	770.7	1578.0	6141.3	0.733	1156.0	1490.8	1312.8	7297.3	7632.1	7454.1
9	2043	4.322	8829	249.75	4.014	1002.4	1793.3	7826.6	0.564	1010.8	1311.8	1151.5	8837.4	9138.4	8978.1
10	2300	4.783	11000	287.50	4.420	1270.8	2012.5	9729.2	0.445	895.0	1169.0	1022.8	10624.2	10898.2	10752

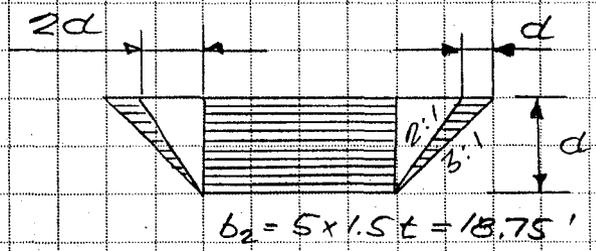
$$A_1 = \frac{(b_1 + b_1 + 6d)d}{2} = (b_1 + 3d)d$$

$$Y_1 = \frac{d(b_1 + 6d + 2b_1)}{3(b_1 + 6d + b_1)} = \frac{d(b_1 + 2d)}{2(b_1 + 3d)}$$

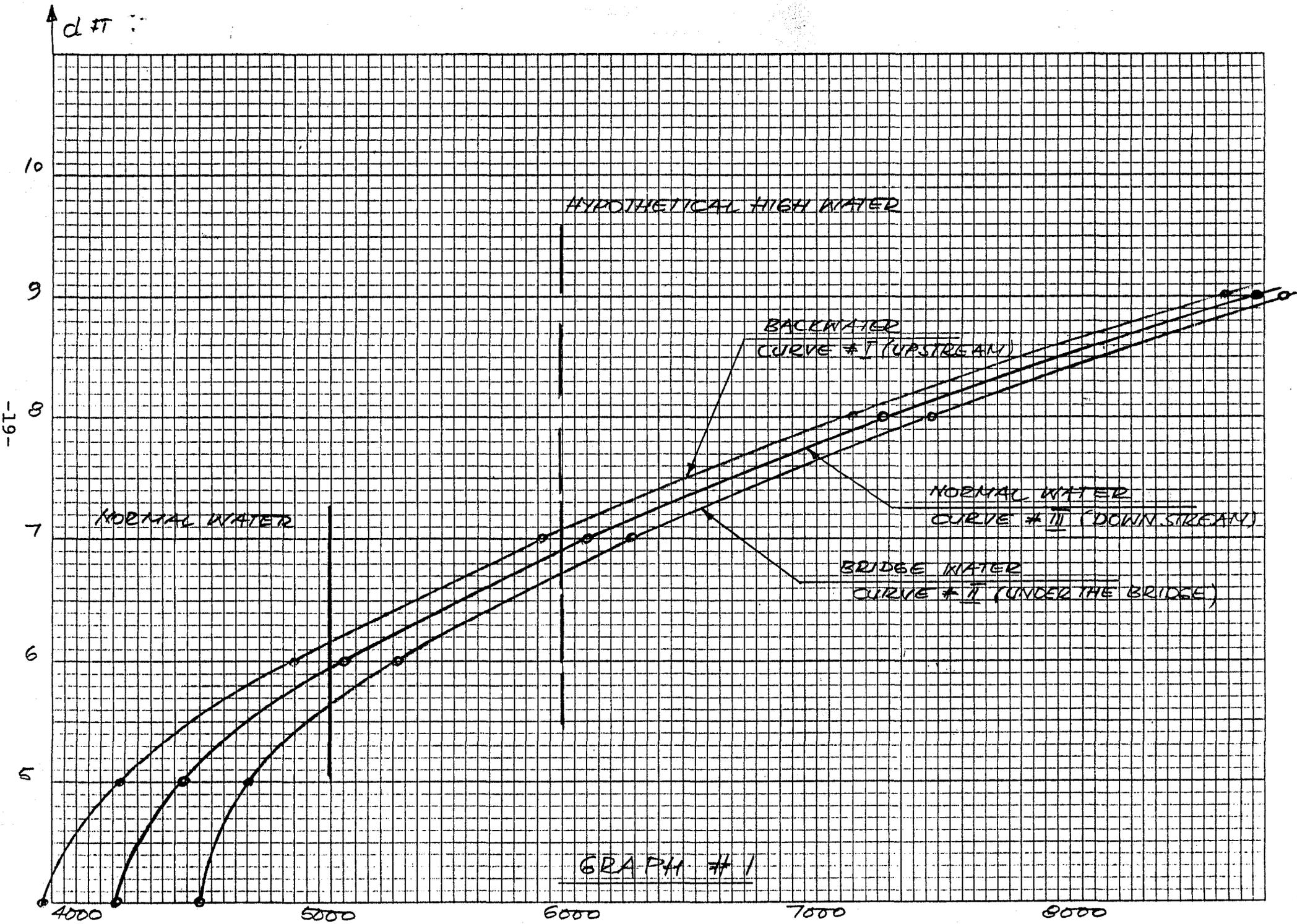


$$A_0 = \left( \frac{d \times 3d}{2} - \frac{d \times 2d}{2} \right) 2 + 5d \times 1.5t = d^2 18.75d$$

$$Y_0 = \frac{d(b_2 + 2d + 2b_2)}{3(b_2 + 2d)} = \frac{d(1.5b_2 + d)}{3(b_2 + d)}$$



$$M_1 = A_1 \times Y_1; \quad M_0 = A_0 \times Y_0; \quad A_2 = A_1 - A_0; \quad M_2 = M_1 - M_0$$



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GRAPH # 1

## 5. The Scour and Channel Protection

According to the preliminary soils report by ETL - Job # 812-467, the materials to be exposed at the channel bottom (silty medium and fine sands) will be subjected to erosion and scour if the water velocity is greater than 1 FPS.

The mean velocity of the water in the proximity of the bridge will be in the range of 6 - 7 FPS. This indicates that the scour could be extensive and therefore the channel bottom and side slopes should be protected.

### 5.1 Stone Size Selection

For the velocity of 7 FPS

$D_{50} = 0.43$  ft (See Figure 6) Use 6" min.

The maximum stone diameter

$D_{100} = 1.0$  ft.

### 5.2 Thickness of Riprap

Preliminary investigation indicates that the necessary thickness of riprap for embankment protection should be within the range of 1'-6" to 2'-0"

### 5.3 Length of Riprap

Based on preliminary investigation it is recommended that the riprap should be placed from about 100 ft. upstream to 100 ft. downstream of the bridge.

### 5.4 Type of Riprap

Based on the design flow of 8600 CFS and the velocity of 7 FPS, it is felt that the grouted riprap with cut-off walls would be better for the long term stability and to minimize maintenance.

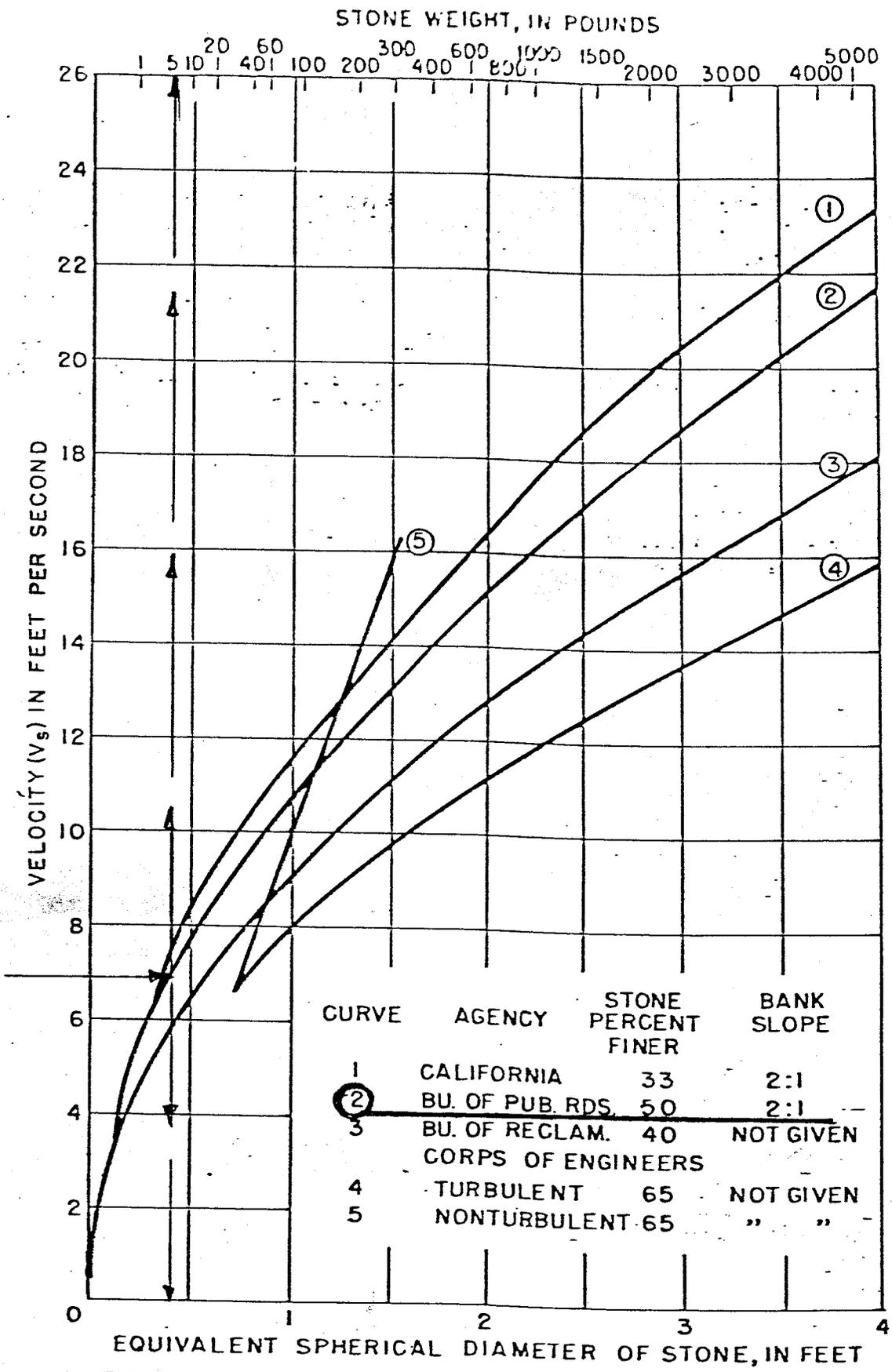


FIG. 9-COMPARISON OF SIZE BY VARIOUS METHODS

Figure 6

5.5 Cost of Riprap

For an assumed thickness of 2'-0", the cost of riprap will be

$$250 \times 236 \times 2.0 \times \frac{\$30.00}{27} = \$131,000$$

Where

250' - width

100' - length one each side of the proposed bridge =  
236' total length of riprap

2' - thickness (assumed)

\$30 - unit cost per c. yard

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