SAFE YIELD - MATILIJA RESERVOIR

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Gentlemen:

Herewith is report entitled "Safe Yield - Matilija Reservoir", as authorized by resolutions of your Board dated December 29, 1947 and April 9, 1948.

Yours truly

Harold Conkling

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The cooperation of others has been of great benefit to this report.

R. H. Jamison, Water Surveyor for the County in the office of Robert L. Ryan Engineer, Ventura County Flood Control District, aided in much of the laborious work involved in such a report.

California Forest and Range Experiment Station,
U. S. Forest Service, in both the Berkeley and Glendora
offices have, in advance of publication by that agency,
made available the results of their considerable investigation into the probable erosion from Matilija Creek
watershed.

Mr. Hugh M. Wood, Water Superintendent of the City of Ventura, has made available all records of water production and delivery of the City of Ventura and also reports dated 1941 and 1944 by Taylor and Taylor, Consulting Engineers for the City. These have been studied with interest.

TABLE OF EQUIVALENTS

- l acre foot water required to cover 1 acre 1 foot in depth #43,560 cubic feet # 325,851 gallons.
- 1 second foot = 448.83 gallons per minute.
- 1 second foot flowing for 24 hours = 1.9835 acre feet.
- 1 second foot flowing for 24 hours = 646,317 gallons.
- 1 second foot flowing for 1 year (365 days) = 723.97 acre feet.
- 1 second foot = 50 miner's inches (So. California).
- l acre foot = 605 miner's inch hours = 25.2083 miner's inch days.
- l acre foot per day = 226.29 gallons per minute, average rate of flow
- l cubic foot = 7.4805 gallons

Approximate

- 1 second foot flowing for 24 hours = 2 acre feet.
- 3 acre feet = 1,000,000 gallons.

DEFINITIONS

- Water Year 1945-46 = year beginning October 1, 1945 and ending September 30, 1946.
- Precipitation year 1943-44 = year beginning July 1, 1945 and ending June 30, 1944.

SAFE YIELD - MATILIJA RESERVOIR

Summary - Conclusions - Recommendations

This estimate of safe yield of Matilija Reservoir is based on numerous studies to determine what part of the water reaching the reservoir could be beneficially used by prior rights below, down to and including that of the City of Ventura to divert the water of Ventura River at Casitas Dam.

Because of these prior rights, not all the water which flows through Matilija Reservoir can be retained in it; only that part can be retained which would otherwise go on down river, pass Casitas Dam, and then waste to the ocean.

If 7000 acre feet of usable capacity at Matilija had first been fully occupied by water, and if no reduction in capacity had occurred due to deposition of silt, safe yield during the past 80 years would have been 1800 acre feet. It is believed that an adjudication of the rights, either by agreement or through court action, would result in negligible variation from the foregoing. In effect, this study has necessarily been an anticipation of the results of an adjudication.

The safe yield as estimated above is much lower than that of the previous estimates which have been given

publicity. To show the reason for this, studies have also been made for this report based on the same assumptions as to prior rights used in the reports in question.

Comparison with the Donald R. Warren Coreport entitled "Ventura County Flood Control District, Zone One, Flood Control and Conservation", 1945, pp.113-122.

The Warren analysis does not give the safe yield of the reservoir. Instead, it gives the safe yield of the stream during a 4-year drought, if regulated by a 7000 acre foot reservoir. This is a very different matter.

Safe yield of the stream in the Warren estimate is 4000 acre feet. This corresponds to 4500 acre feet safe yield in a 4-year drought found in this study for the reservoir, if there were no prior rights below.

However, from the stream alone, flowing in its natural regimen without a reservoir, an annual average of 2600 acre feet of water from above Matilija Reservoir could be diverted for beneficial use by prior rights below the reservoir during the 4-year period of the Warren analysis. The reservoir does not add to or subtract from this. Therefore, the safe yield of the reservoir in the case of the Warren estimate would be the difference between 4000 and 2600, which is 1400 acre feet. This figure is comparable to the 1800 acre feet safe yield of this report.

Comparison with Memorandum No. 18 from R. H. Jamison to Robert L. Ryan, Flood Control Engineer, entitled "Probable Safe Yield of Matilija and Casitas Reservoirs".

This estimate takes into consideration the demand by prior gravity rights immediately below Matilija Reservoir and states "there are other water rights farther down the river that may have to be considered later but they are beyond the scope of this memorandum". These are the pumping rights and the right of the City of Ventura considered in the present report.

Jamison estimate of safe yield (if reservoir completely emptied)

2900 ac.ft.

Incidental studies made for this report on same general basis as Jamison's

3000 ac.ft.

While the estimated safe yield is given as 1800 acre feet over the past 80 years, in a preceding paragraph, in order to give a figure comparable to previously published estimates; at no time will it be exactly that. From estimates of probable deposition of sediment its quantity is such that the reservoir would be filled with sediment twice over during the 80 years. The safe yield from the mass of sediment filling the reservoir would be the small amount which could be drained or pumped out.

Based on the conclusions of the U.S. Forest Service, if the runoff and the area burned on the watershed are average, and if nothing is done to prevent the eroded material from reaching the reservoir, its remaining useful capacity by 1958 will be decreased to about 5200 acre feet and the safe yield to less than 1500 acre feet.

Based on the same data from the Forest Service, by the time of the next long dry period, which may occur 20 to 25 years from now, the capacity will be decreased to about 3400 - 2500 acre feet and the safe yield will be decreased to about 1200 - 1000 acre feet.

Even if fires in the watershed could be completely prevented, the Forest Service estimates that deposition would be sufficient to completely fill the reservoir in 80 years and perhaps less.

COMMENT

- 1. Silt might be kept from reaching the reservoir for a time by adequate check dams but this would be more costly than is usually anticipated and it might give only negligible results.
- 2. Capacity of a reservoir and its safe yield can be restored by increasing the height of the dam sufficiently. Although it might be costly this would impose no great difficulties in the case of an earth or rockfill dam, especially if the matter has been given consideration in the original design. Any considerable raise in the height of

- a thin arch dam would also be costly, but more important, it would pose such difficult technical and operational problems that it might not be possible at Matilija.
- J. In other than long drought periods which have comprised 22, or 28%, out of the 80 years considered in this report, there has been a large surplus in Ventura River. It might be possible to sell some of this water regulated by the reservoir. To do so, however, might reduce the safe yield because it could never be known when the last year of surplus was occurring.
- 4. Diversion of this surplus to the debris cones northeast of Ojai is one possibility. Although this possibility dose not promise much benefit, it should be explored. However, as noted in Item 3, safe yield might be decreased if it were done.

RE COMMENDATIONS

- 1. It is recommended that the foregoing four possibilities be explored as opportunity offers.
- 2. It is recommended that an adjudication of the water rights of Ventura River and tributaries under the statutory procedure of the State Water Code, be initiated as soon as possible so that a Water Master may be appointed to control releases from Matilija Reservoir.

the measure of the entire claim of overlying lands below
Matilija to water from above Matilija and the major part
of the claim of the City of Ventura. The percolation measured by the State Division of Water Resources, 1928-1932
(before the floods in the latter year) is used as the basis
of the findings of this report. No applicable measurements
have since been made. Should they be made in the future and
give different values, calculation would result in a different safe yield than found in this report. This, however, is
only one element in the problem and it does not appear probable that there would be sufficient difference to make a
substantial change in computed safe yield.

SECTION 1

Fundamentals of Study of Safe Yield of Matilija Reservoir

For irrigation of general annual farm crops, "safe yield" of a reservoir is often defined as the yield which can be sustained except for occasional deficiencies of about 20%.

For domestic use and for high-class perennials which are the major agricultural crops of Southern California, "safe yield" of a reservoir means the amount of water which can be provided by it in the year of most deficient runoff within the knowledge of man.

Safe yield is not determined only by the amount of discharge physically available at the reservoir site. Legal availability must also be given consideration. In other words, if other entities below the reservoir site have prior rights, none of the water passing the reservoir site, which is needed by those who have the rights, can be impounded in the reservoir. It cannot be considered in the estimate of safe yield. As used in this report, the term "safe yield" means the amount of water which the reservoir can furnish from that which otherwise would waste into the ocean.

A study of precipitation and streamflow records

in the coastal side of Santa Barbara, Ventura and Los Angeles counties shows that the storms are general over the whole region and that the same cyclic character has prevailed during the period of record. Pages 7 and 8 show graphically the annual departures above and below average of principal precipitation records and principal streamflow records in the three counties. The similarity of all is striking.

Precipitation records have been kept since 1868, or for more than 80 years, at Santa Barbara which is less than 20 miles as the crow flies from the most distant portion of the watershed above Matilija Reservoir and about 11 miles from the nearest portion. Precipitation at Santa Barbara has essentially the same variations as that on the watershed, judging by precipitation and runoff records. Therefore, it is concluded that the Santa Barbara record will give information as to the most drastic periods of shortage. It is not the single years of deficient precipitation which have disastrous effect on runoff, because the ground water storage in the mountains drains out into and sustains the stream in such years. It is the long periods of extremely deficient precipitation which occur in the dry phase of the weather cycle that cause trouble.

From records of precipitation at Santa Barbara, the critical periods in water supply appear to have been as follows:

Table 1
Major Periods of Deficient Precipitation

		No.of	Deficiency in % of Avg.An. precipitation during period			
Period	Prec. year	Years	Total	Avg.		
1	1868-69 1873-74	6	174	29		
2	1880-81 1882-83	3	56	19		
3	1893 - 94 1895 - 96	3	91	30		
4	1897-98 1901-02	5	161	34		
5	1922-23 1924-25	3	96	32		
6	1927-28 1930-31	4.	79	26		
7	1944-45 1947-48	4	139	35		

However, precipitation records are only indicative; they are not conclusive. Without considering other information, it might be concluded from the foregoing that Period 7 would have the least stream discharge but actual records of Santa Ynez River above Gibraltar Reservoir and of San Gabriel River at its canyon mouth show that both Periods 5 and 6 gave much less runoff. Records of San Gabriel River show that Periods 3 and 4 also had much less runoff. The records of no other stream in the three counties go so far back as that of San Gabriel which itself began after Period 2.

It is concluded that the runoff of the five years 1897-98 through 1901-02 (Period 4) was more deficient than that of any other period of consecutive years of the 80-year record, and that the safe yield of those 5 years should be considered the safe yield of Matilija Reservoir.

It should be noted that this study is made to determine the safe yield of Matilija Reservoir, i.e., the additional water which has been made available in the driest period of record by its construction, and which is salable by Zone 1.

The study by Donald R. Warren Company dated 1945, entitled "Ventura County Flood Control District, Zone One, Flood Control and Water Conservation", pp. 116-122, did not seek to determine the safe yield of the reservoir; it determined the safe yield of the stream after a reservoir of 7000 acre feet had been built. These are two entirely different matters. As heretofore stated, the water in the stream belongs to prior rights insofar as they have use for it. This water cannot be sold by Zone 1 because it does belong to the prior rights. It cannot become appurtenant to any new right such as that for which the reservoir was built, except by agreement of the prior right.

The study by Mr. Jamison in his Memorandum No. 18 to Robert L. Ryan, Flood Control Engineer, dated November 15, 1947 and entitled "Probable Safe Yield of Matilija and

Casitas Reservoirs" considered the prior rights in part as shown by the following quotation on page 4 of the Memorandum:

"Before any water can be stored in Matilija Reservoir, the Old Water Rights must be satisfied. The rights considered here are those with diversion points on the Matilija Creek, North Fork and Ventura River within a mile or two below the dam. There are other water rights farther down the river that may have to be considered later but they are not within the scope of this memorandum.

"The rights considered here are as follows:

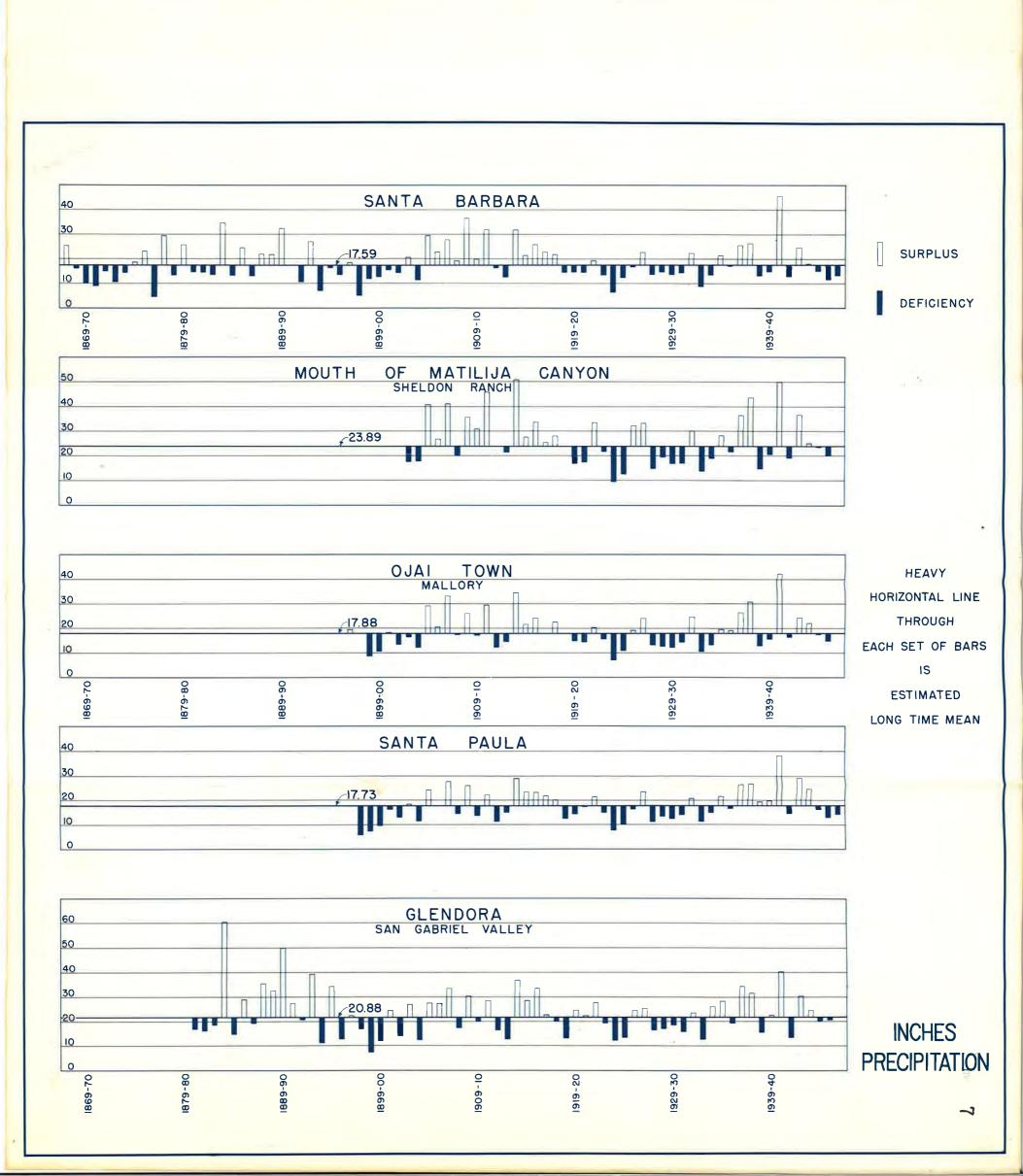
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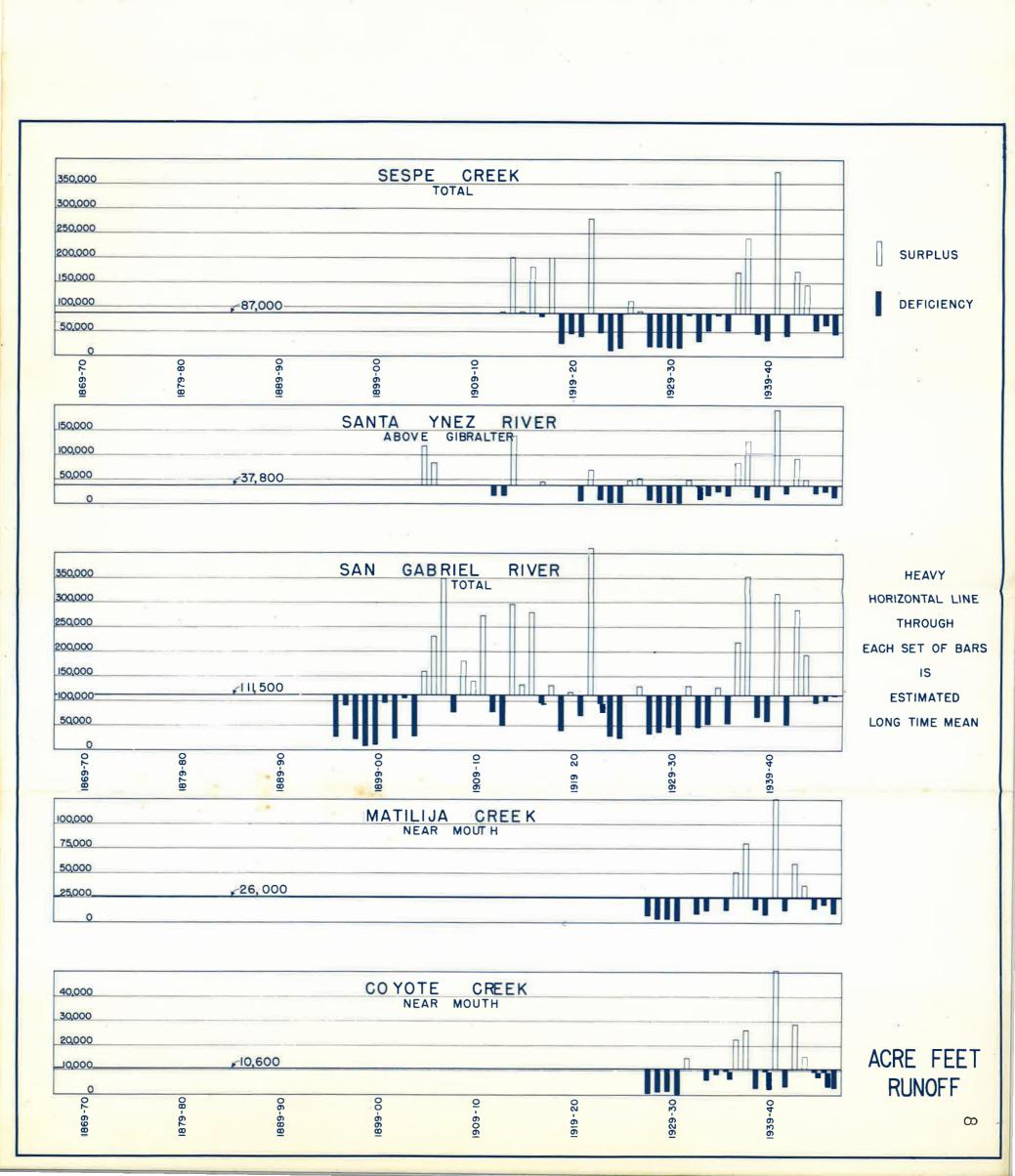
The memorandum served well in drawing attention to the fact that the safe yield of the reservoir is different from the safe yield of the stream on which the Warren Co. reported. The complicated studies necessary to approximate the amount of water belonging to the prior rights below the diversion point of Rancho Matilija were not made.

Runoff records of Matilija Creek and North Fork begin October 1927 and October 1928, respectively. There are no records of the runoff in Period 4 which has been selected as the most deficient of record. It was necessary to estimate the runoff for the period May-September 1927. This is readily done by comparison of runoff of

Santa Ynez River above Gibraltar Reservoir which is about 18 miles northwest of Matilija Reservoir.

For Period 4 it was assumed that the runoff of the first four years was the same as that of the first four years of Period 6 and that the fifth year gave a discharge equal to the average of the last two years of Period 6.





SECTION 2

Prior Water Rights

This is a brief discussion of existing used rights.

All information except that pertaining to the City of

Ventura is from Ventura County Water Survey.

Table 2

Prior Rights to Ventura River Water below Matilija Reservoir

Table 2-A Gravity Rights

Diversion pt. miles below	Gravity Rig							
Matilija Dam	Name	Approx. Acreage	Crop					
0.52	W. A. Rowe	15	Citrus					
N. Fork	L. P. Sheldon	15	Citrus					
0.90	Soper	· · · 5	Truck					
1.35	Rancho Ojai Mutual Water Co. (east side of Ventura River)							
	Total acres			816				
	Acres using wate Domestic Citrus	er (1948) 83 286	369					
	Additional acres		447	816				
	Water Right 231 (Decree of Oct. ble other subs	M.I. = 4.62 and 24, 1902, and sequent decrees	possi-					

Table 2-A contd.

Diversion pt. miles below Matilija

Approx. Dam Name Acreage Crop 1.88 Rancho Matilija (west side of Ventura River) Total acres . Acres using water (1948) Citrus Walnuts 95 Additional acres which could use water 1505 1600

Note: Sheldon's diversion is from North Fork but except in times of high water this has the same effect on water available to Matilija Reservoir as diversion from Matilija Creek would have because an amount equal to that diverted by Sheldon must go down stream to satisfy other rights.

Data from Ventura County Water Survey.

Table 2-B

Overlying and Riparian Rights between Rancho Ojai Diversion and Casitas Diversion Dam of City of Ventura

All of these users pump from wells. The supply is primarily the water of Ventura River which has percolated into the riverbed between Casitas Dam and the junction of Matilija Creek and North Fork.

> In addition to the acreage given in the tabulation, there is an unirrigated area the extent of which is unknown without a detailed survey, which has a vested right in the underground water because it overlies it or adjoins it.

Table 2-B, contd.

Miles below Matilija Da		Name	Acreage using water	Character of use	Additional possible	Total
1.80	east	M. Etchhart	20	Citrus	15	35 40 50
5.25		Ventura Co. farm	40	Truck	0	40
6.12 6.18	west	F. Freaud	0	-	50	50
6.18	**	Live Oak Acres	9	Res.sub-	,	
/ 00				division	41	50 10
6.20	east	A. H. Bahm	0	-	10	10
6.25	11	Linda Vista Knoll	7	Res.sub-		
		11		division	20	27
6.60	west	W. Hoffman	38	Alfalfa &		
				Perm. Past.	100	138
7.20	28	B. Hallyn	5	Alfalfa	10	138 15 78
7•45	11	John Newman	5 70	(Lemons 25	-8	78
		-		(Hay 45		10
7.70	east	Sunset Tract	9	Res.sub-		
*				division	9	18
8.00	east	A. B. Livesy	12	Alf. Orch.	9	12
		7,		Walnuts	•	12
8.30	west	J. C. Hollingsworth	10±	Walliab	0	10
8.90	east	Casitas Spring Tr.	43	Res.sub-	O	10
	Jabo	V.C.W.D. #4	4)	division	7	F0
9.10	east	Casitas Mut.Water Co.	19		7 2	50 21
9.20	west	Nye Estate	10	Res. S.D.	2	21
7.20	West	Nye Estate	10	Walnuts, in-	1.0	
9.70	west	Foster Park Tract		ter cropped	40	50
9.80	Megc	T. Wear	5.5	Res. S.D.	19.5	25
7.00		1. Wear	3-75	Orchard)	0	50 25 3•75
				Truck)		
			701 00	Alfalfa)		-
3.7			301.25		331.5ª	632.75ª

Note: a The columns headed "additional possible" and "total" probably have little significance as to total water rights

Table 2-C

Overlying and Riparian Rights between Rancho Ojai Diversion and Casitas Diversion Dam of City of Ventura

Acreage Using Water

Resid tial divis	sub-	Walnuts	Alfalfa Truck Hay Walnuts	Total	Addi- tional in sub- division
East side 78 West side 14	20 • 5 • 5 45	0 10 10	52.0 87.75 139.75	150. 151.25 301.25	48.5 60.5 109.0

Table 2-D

Use of Water by Overlying and Riparian Rights between Rancho Ojai Diversion and Casitas Diversion Dam of City of Ventura

Use of water by individuals of the group has not been measured. It is estimated that in years when water is fully available during the entire season, consumptive use of ground water is as follows:

	Acres	Cons. use per acre acre feet	Total Acre Feet
Subdivision	92.5	1.25	115.6
Citrus	45.0	1.80	81.0
Walnuts	10.0	1.50	15.0
Alfalfa, etc.	139.75 281.25	2.00	279·5 491·1

Note: Diversion would probably be about 30% more than the above or about 640 acre feet.

Use of Water below Casitas Dam

Most of the rights below Casitas Diversion are supplied from the City's mains. Three users as shown in Table 2-E, however, get their supply from surface flows and wells.

Table 2-E
Used Water Rights Dependent on River below Casitas Dam

p b C	iversion t. miles elow asitas am	Name	Acres	Character of use	Source
	0 3				
	0.1	Williams	8.8	Res. Subdiv.	Wells
	0.6	C. T. Train	15.	Citrus	Surface flow
	0.7	L. W. Achenbach	30.	Walnuts	Surface flow

The City's diversion intervenes between Matilija and Casitas, and takes practically all the water available in droughts. In wet periods, much more than is necessary is available from sources below Matilija.

It is assumed that the rights above noted have no claim on water from above Matilija Reservoir.

Diversion by City of Ventura at Casitas Dam

Diversion is from (1) direct flow of the river; (2) water which has percolated into the river gravels upstream and has come to the surface above the dam, either naturally

or because the dam is carried down to bedrock and extends almost across the gravel channel; (3) ground water pumped from the gravels of Casitas Basin above the dam. Percolation of upriver water into the gravels is the major supply although San Antonio and Coyote Creeks also contribute to the total.

Diversion by the City in each of the 12 months, June 1946 - May 1947, was maximum of record and totalled 6455 acre feet for the year (Table 12). For computation purposes the demand each month in Table 14 was considered as the City's right for that month.

In calculations all the natural percolation was assumed to be a prior right. As stated above, it is the principal source not only of the City's diversion at Casitas but of the group of small ground water upriver users.

SECTION 3

Erosion and Sedimentation

After sufficient lapse of time the capacity of any reservoir must become fully occupied by silt eroded from the watershed above and carried into the reservoir by the stream. It becomes almost useless for the purpose for which it was built. However, there will remain space in the interstices of the deposited material which will absorb water and from which it will slowly drain after the flood season has passed.

The average annual rate at which sediment will be deposited in a reservoir controlling mountain runoff depends primarily on the resistance of the material of the watershed to erosion. Hard rocks will resist better than soft ones. A watershed denuded of vegetable cover by fire is much less resistant to erosion than one fully covered.

General geological conditions, topography, intensity of runoff, incidence of large floods and average runoff per unit of area also affect the situation. The runoff is both the tool which erodes the material and the vehicle which transports it to the reservoir sites.

State, Federal, and other agencies have gathered data on the sedimentation of reservoirs. The U. S. Forest Service and U. S. Soil Conservation Service have been most active in this. The Forest Service has been especially ac-

tive in experimental work on erosion and sedimentation and on the annual incidence of fires on different watersheds.

It is found that sedimentation by erosion from the Sierra Mountains, which are blocks of hard granitics sometimes overlaid with lava, is and will be minor - 0.11 to 0.70 acre feet per square mile annually. The reservoirs are large so that it is concluded that "the rates of sedimentation are so low that they need not be considered a determining factor in the total capacity to be provided".

On the contrary, the rocks of the mountain ranges of Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties are soft and easily eroded. The sites for reservoirs generally afford small capacity except at large cost per unit of safe yield. In this region sedimentation of reservoirs is a matter which must be considered in any project planning and in reservoir design.

Table 3 gives the actual experience in sedimentation in Gibraltar Reservoir and Lake Jameson (Juncal Dam) on Santa Ynez watershed, adjacent and similar geologically, etc., to Matilija Creek watershed. These reservoirs were built in 1920 and 1930, respectively. In 1923 and 1933, a large area of the watershed above Gibraltar was burned.

o. Special Report No. 10, U.S. Soil Conservation Service, 1947, "Reservoir Sedimentation in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Drainage Basins, California", Carl B. Brown and Eldon M. Thorp.

Jameson Lake is in the watershed above but information as to the area burned above it is not readily available for the present report.

Following the burn of 1933 check dams were built in the watershed above and the burned area was sowed to mustard seed. Precipitation and runoff were below average in the next several years until 1936-37.

Long-time average runoff from the watershed above Matilija Reservoir is estimated to be 2.8 times as much per square mile as that from the entire watershed above Gilbraltar and about 1.4 times as much as that from the watershed above Jameson Lake during the 11 years 1931-1941, during which period 428 acre feet of sediment accumulated in the lake.

It is believed that experience above Jameson Lake is the best criterion available as to the probable rate of sedimentation of Matilija Reservoir. The California Forest and Range Experiment Station has made a special study of the rate of erosion and deposition of sediment in the Matilija Creek watershed in connection with the report of the Federal Government on flood control in Ventura County. Its conclusion is that the probable average annual area of the watershed which will be burned over is 2% and that the probable average annual rate of sedimentation of a reservoir at Matilija would be 3.26 acre feet per square mile of watershed, or

a total of 179 acre feet.

This is a larger rate than the total which has arrived at Jameson Lake but the larger runoff per unit of area in Matilija would account for the greater estimated deposition. Likewise, the mustard plant growth must have aided materially in the Juncal watershed.

The above percentage of burn is long-time annual average to be expected with present protection of forest but with no assistance after a fire to prevent erosion. Rate of sedimentation would be much greater after a large fire and much less in periods of small or no fires. If protection were increased the percentage should lower.

At the above rate Matilija Reservoir would be completely filled in 39 years. In 10 years its capacity would be reduced to 5200 acre feet and the safe yield to 1480 acre feet.

There is no complete remedy for this. Check dams have been constructed to hold back sediment in some cases but it is not considered that in the long run these will be effective unless conditions are peculiarly favorable.

It might be possible to increase the height of Matilija Dam after the capacity has been decreased by some amount to be later decided. However, to raise a thin arch dam any considerable amount poses difficult technical and operational problems which would not exist with an earth or rockfill dam.

TABLE 3
Sedimentation in Reservoirs - Santa Ynez River Watershed

Reservoir	Avg.An. % of water shed burned Fistorical	Original capacity ac.ft.	Water- shed above. square miles	Period	Total Years	Stream I into Re avg.an. ac.ft. during period	Discharge eservoir Per sq. mi. of water- shed	Avg. ann. ac.ft.	Total in Period	In % of stream disch.	Avg.An. ac. ft. per sq. mi. of water- shed
Cibraltar (1)	4.63	15400	219	1920 - 1936	16.25	20000	91	264	4300	1.32	1.20
Gibraltar	N=	15400	219	1920-	27.00	36000	164	350	9500(2	0.97	1.59
Juncal(3)	-	7100	13.9	1947 1931- 1941	11.00	5490	343	38.6	428	0.70	3.50
		Est	imated S in any	edimenta future l	tion - O years	Matilija of avera	Reservoir ge runoff	(4)			
From data and Analyses of U.S. Forest Service California Forest Range and Experiment Station Berkeley and Glendora											
	0 2	7000 -	55	•	Ξ	26000	475	88.5 179	885 1790	0.34	1.61 3.26

- (1) From Technical Bulletin No. 524, Silting of Reservoirs, pg. 15, U.S. Soil Conservation Service, issued 1936, revised 1939, Henry M. Eakin and Carl B. Brown, except area of watershed and discharge which are taken from U.S.G.S. Water Supply Papers.
- (2) From Raymond A. Hill as to silt in reservoir. Plus data on pg. 7 of report of U.S. Reclemation Bureau "Comprehensive Basin Plan, Santa Farbara County", 1945. This states that Mono and Caliente Debris Resins in the watershed above Gibraltar had held back 1000 acre feet and that Juncal Dam (Jameson Reservoir) also in the watershed and above Gibraltar had held back 428 acre feet (by the end of 1941). The sum of these two was rounded off to 1500 acre feet to allow for additional sedimentation through 1947. It is assumed that this additional amount would have been deposited in Gibraltar had these barriers not existed in the watershed above. Average annual discharge during this period was almost the same as estimated long-time average.
- (3) The reservoir called Jameson Lake was completed in late 1930. A great fire in the general watershed occurred in 1933. Mustard was sown in the watershed after the fire. Check dams were also built. They may have assisted in holding back eroded material from the reservoir. The first succeeding year of heavy runoff was 1936-37. Data as to watershed from State Div. of Water Resources. Deposit of material in reservoir from U.S.R.B. report referred to in Note 2.
- (4) Based on unpublished information in letters from officials of the U.S. Forest Service, Calif. Forest Range and Experiment Station to Harold Conkling. These values are based on exhaustive study of erosion and sedimentation on nearby watersheds. From experience on these it is assumed by the Service that 2% of Matilija Creek watershed will be burned each year on the average, but even if no burning occurred, sedimentation would go forward at about half, or more, of the rate estimated for an annual average burn of 2% of the watershed. Values for sediment from 2% burn may be reduced 10-15% before publication by the Forest Service. The quantities of sedimentation from a 2% burn are based on assumption that no steps to prevent erosion would be taken. If mustard seed were sown after the fire, sedimentation from a burned area would be reduced to some smaller quantity than given in the table but would evidently be more than for an unburned area.

SECTION 4

Method of Study of Safe Yield

A little more than two miles below Matilija Reservoir the Ventura River bottoms broaden and for the next approximately 8 miles the river wanders over an absorbent gravel bed. This overlies bedrock and is about 30 to 40 feet deep over the upper six miles of its length. Farther down in Casitas Basin it deepens and is about 200 feet at deepest.

The slope of the river bottom from north to south is about 80 feet to the mile. Percolation from the stream at flood time soon fills the shallow depth of the gravels. Their permeability and steep slope allow the water which has been absorbed into them, to drain out rapidly to the south so, at least as far as La Crosse, they are not a good source to tide over the long droughts for the overlying and abutting lands whose water is pumped from them.

Below La Crosse the Casitas Basin, with its deeper gravels, makes a much better source of ground water. From it the City of Ventura is by far the largest user.

San Antonio Creek from the east and Coyote Creek from the west enter Ventura River above Casitas dam which the City of Ventura has constructed across the river. Below the dam the City serves agricultural and other water

rights, except the three mentioned in Table 2.

The watershed above Casitas is 187 square miles while above Matilija it is 55 square miles. Because of the very considerable inflow below the reservoir, and other conditions, it is assumed that the rights below Casitas Dam can demand no water from above Matilija.

The river flow is flashy and in only a few days of the period investigated, or of any extended drought period, does water from above Matilija pass Casitas Dam. Such water is all that can be retained in the reservoir.

The gravity canals immediately below have first chance at the water passing Matilija. The surplus goes on down river and percolates in considerable amount (page 31) If the flow is of sufficient volume it does not all percolate; some is still in the river at Casitas and thus water directly from the mountains can be diverted by the City.

With the data available in this situation it ordinarily would be impossible to make a reasonably accurate approximation of the amount of water belonging to prior rights but under the conditions in Ventura River Basin it is possible.

A sufficient number of studies were completed as a basis for this report so that comparison with results of studies by others could be made and also to make reasonably certain that future conclusions of others as to amount of

water belonging to prior rights would not materially change the estimates of safe yield herein made.

The gravity rights immediately below the reservoir divert large quantities of water which are considerably in excess of consumptive use of crops on acreage using the rights. It can be assumed that the excess goes into the ground water and supplies others below, but primarily Ventura City. If the diversions of the gravity rights were reduced to a more nearly usual amount it would give little benefit to Matilija Reservoir because, on most days, the water not diverted would be appurtenant to other rights below, principally Ventura City. The exceptions are the occasional days of rain when gravity diversions are temporarily discontinued because of muddy water or because they do not need to irrigate, and the days of sustained flow after the peak of the rise has passed.

The various major steps in the study were as follows:

- 1. The annual discharge of Matilija Creek in the water year 1926-27 was estimated by comparison with Santa Ynez River above Gibraltar Dam (page 29). Monthly distribution of the annual discharge for that year was made from study of precipitation records. For the remaining years studied in detail, records are available.
- 2. Annual discharge of North Fork was estimated for 1926-27 and 1927-28 by comparison with Santa Ynez River

above Gibraltar Dam and with Matilija Creek. Monthly distribution was made in the same way as for Matilija Creek. Records are available for the remaining years.

- 3. The estimated and recorded discharges of North Fork were studied in detail to determine the amount of prior rights, whether gravity or percolating, which they would serve, thus decreasing the demand for Matilija Creek water.
- 4. Records of isolated measurements of Ventura River at various points were studied to determine percolation in the riverbed from Matilija to Casitas (page 31).
- 5. Spot measurements and later records of discharge of Ventura River at Casitas were studied, together with the records of diversions by City of Ventura (page 30 and Tables 6 and 12) to determine what effect the large subsequent increase in use by the City would have on the historical amount of water wasted past Casitas.
- 6. A schedule of diversions by the gravity rights below the dam, in accord with a normal duty for culture served, was used for one study. (Table 16).
- 7. For another study it was assumed that the owners of the gravity rights would use 50% of their rights for a combined domestic and irrigation service, with regimen of monthly demand similar to historical experience of Thermal Belt Mutual Water Co., Santa Paula, and with full utilization of that portion of the rights during the month of

maximum demand only. Under the remaining 50% of rights water would be used for irrigation only, with continuous diversion of all the water available to the 50% during entire year, unless precipitation made it unnecessary or diversions under the other 50% of rights were deemed sufficient. Actual diversions that would be made under these assumptions would be limited during most months by the amount of water available at the intakes (Tables 17 and 19). These assumptions are extreme but in the computations safe yield was found to be only 100 acre feet per year less than the results of the assumption of normal diversion used in Item 6 (Table 16).

8. In the period studied, water from above Matilija reached Casitas in sharp peaks at the beginning of periods of storm runoff. Study of the situation was made to determine whether it was probable that any diversion would be made at such times by the gravity users or by the City of Ventura. In most of such cases it was decided that, because the rain which produced the increase in flow would decrease the need for irrigation, because the water was probably muddy, and because the diversion works might be washed out, small or no gravity diversions would be made and that all or most of the water could be retained in Matilija Reservoir except that which would have percolated under natural regimen of stream discharge. It was further found that there were a few periods, each of several days! dura-

tion, when discharge at Matilija would waste past Casitas, even after diversion by upper gravity rights and present demand by City of Ventura. During such periods the excess over requirements of upper gravity rights and City of Ventura, plus natural streambed percolation, could be retained in Matilija.

The study on which the conclusions are based is, therefore, not only a study of prior rights but of necessity, also a study of reservoir operation.

The more detailed assumptions and the results of the major studies are given in Table 4.

The safe yield is considered to be 1800 acre feet with present reservoir capacity. After 25 years of average silt deposition capacity will be reduced to about 2500, based on studies of the U.S. Forest Service.

Table 4

Safe Yield of Matilija Reservoir

Results of Major Studies made in Present Investigation

Assumptions

- 1. Full capacity of 7000 acre feet is to be utilized; 250 acre feet of storage below outlet elevation is to be drawn upon by pumping.
- 2. No allowance has been made for possible inflow from springs between old gaging station and dam site. If such inflow occurs in the future it will add to the safe yield but it is anticipated that

said flow will not take place with the reservoir full or partly full.

- 3. Regimen of demand on safe yield is the same as that of historical experience of Thermal Belt Mutual Water Co.
- 4. Allowance for net effect of evaporation from reservoir equals 1.9 ac. ft. per year.
- No allowance for seepage from reservoir has been made. Should seepage occur, it is anticipated that it will appear in stream channel downstream and will be recoverable by pumping or will be utilized to partly satisfy downstream rights.
- 6. No allowance has been made for inflow to Matilija Creek below the dam site. Such inflow, if it occurs, will satisfy the downstream water rights in part.
- 7. Prior rights as discussed elsewhere in report.

		Acre Feet	per Year
Assume	d Conditions	4-year drought period ^a	5-year drought period ^b
l.	No downstream rights considered (same as Warren studies)	4500	4100
2.	All present rights downstream considered - Demand by upper gravity rights in approximately past regimen	1900	1700
3•	All present rights downstream considered - Normal demand by upper gravity rights	2100	1800

Notes: a. Similar to historical period from July 1927 to December 1931, inclusive.

b. Similar to historical period from July 1927 to December 1931, inclusive, but with a hypothetical runoff year added between Sept. 1930 and Oct. 1931. Monthly values of runoff for hypothetical year averages of runoff for corresponding months in 1929-30 and 1930-31. Addition of one drought year is to approximate the situation 1898-1902 in which extreme drought was 5 years in duration.

Above figures are to nearest 100 acre feet.

SECTION 5

Percolation in Ventura River between Matilija and Casitas

Measurements of the river at strategic points, to determine the amount of percolation and its location, were begun in early 1928 by the State Division of Water Resources and were continued by that organization through the winter of 1931-32. The State's investigation ceased in 1932. The work has been continued by the Ventura County Water Survey to the present day.

It was found by the Division that practically all the percolation occurred in the reach of the river between Rancho Matilija Intake and Oak View Road, a distance of 5.15 miles. Percolation occurred also immediately below Oak View Road and above the rim of rising water but measurements were not made. It is presumed that the rising water rim moved up and down stream with variation in stream discharge and that therefore percolation below Oak View was inconsistent and small.

Aside from its variation with stream flow, amount of percolation in the reach varies with changes in streambed and underground conditions. In turn, these vary with the weather cycle.

Major historic conditions have been as follows:

Condition 1. No immediately antecedent floods - Water-table under river low.

This condition prevailed from May (probably) 1927 through November 1931. The percolation in that period is used in this report as the measure of the prior rights of the underground water users above Casitas, including the City of Ventura, to Matilija Creek water during the critical period. The curve of relationship of flow at Rancho Matilija Intake to percolation below that point is shown on the graph on Page 31.

Condition 2. Immediately antecedent floods - Water-table under river low.

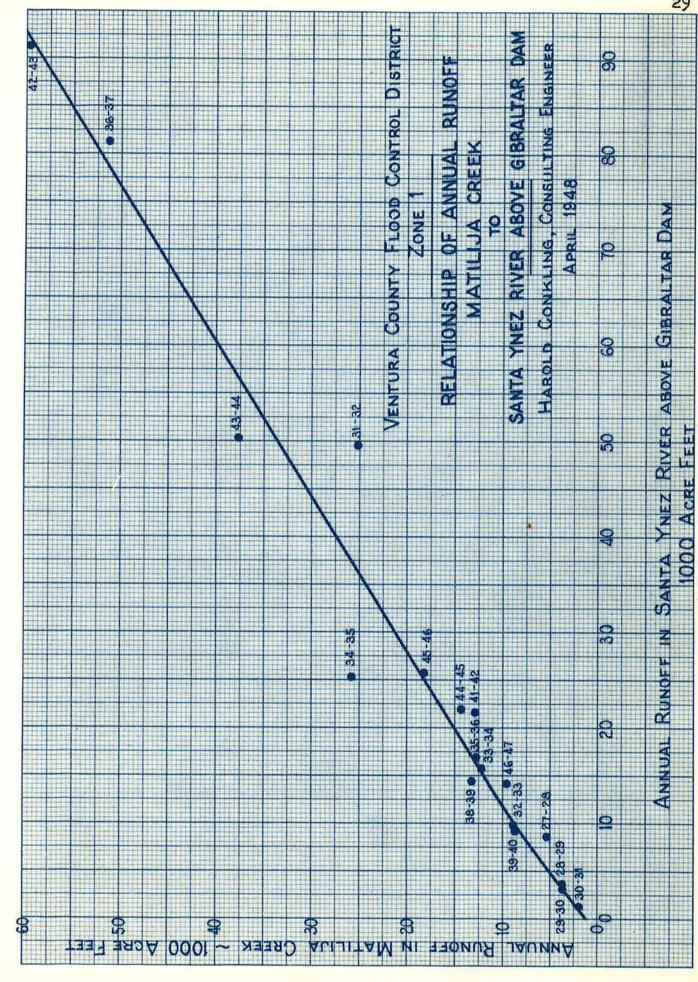
This condition prevailed during January 1932. Percolation in that period was much larger than in Condition 1.
The curve of relationship between flow at Rancho Matilija
Intake and percolation below is also shown on the graph on
Page 31. A similar condition probably existed in February
1927 but percolation rates of that period are not pertinent
to this study because flows were sufficient to fill Matilija
Reservoir and supply all rights below.

Conditions 3. Water-table under river high.

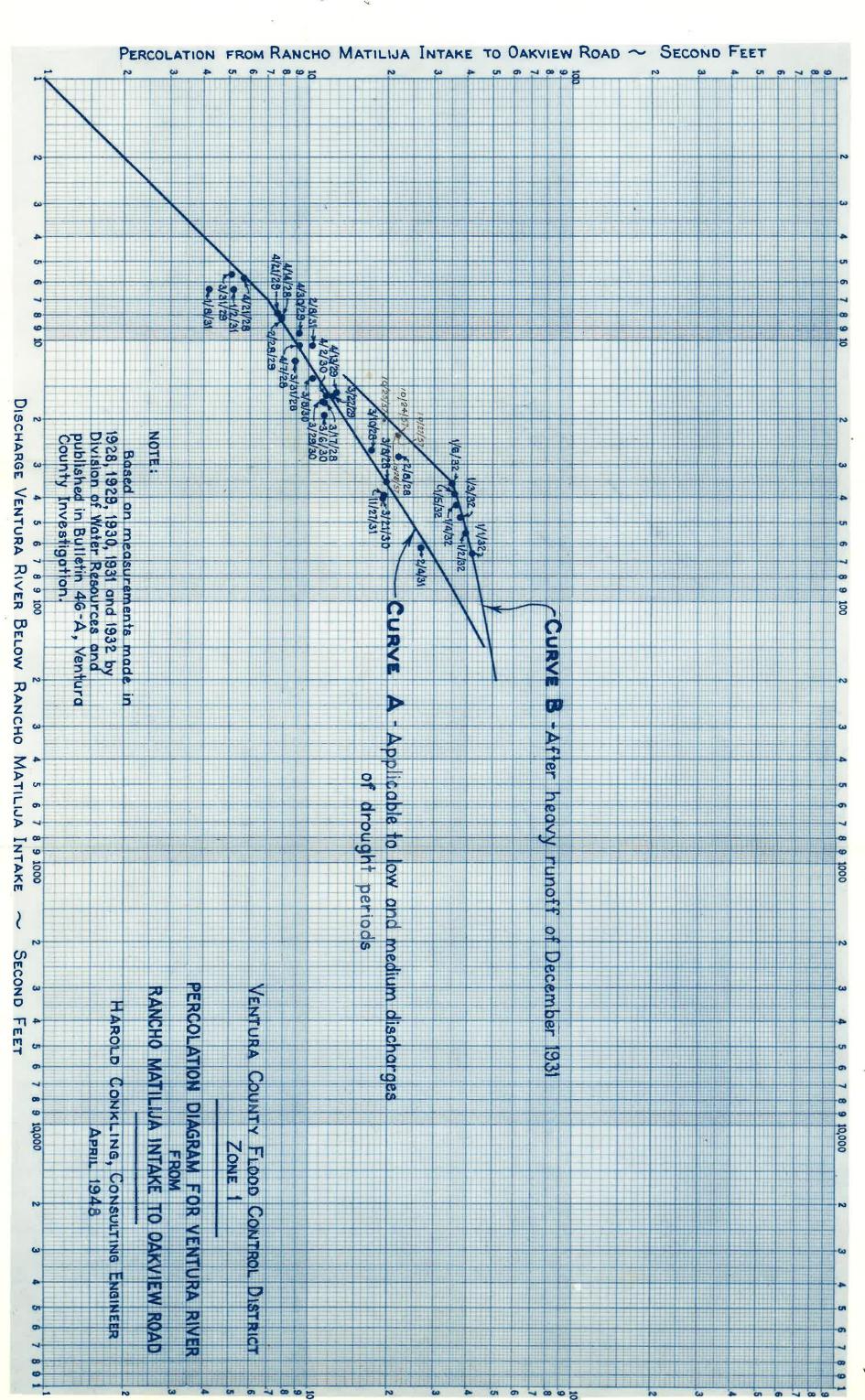
This condition prevailed February-May (first part) 1932. Percolation was much less than in Condition 1 but increased from time to time, presumably as the water-table fell between storms. By May 20, date of last measurement,

percolation was approximately the same as in Condition 1. This condition has existed during most of the time since 1932 through 1946.

At no time since 1932 have measurements of percolation been made when conditions existed suitable for checking the rate of percolation found in the critical drought period.



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TABLES

BASIC DATA

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RESULTS OF PRINCIPAL ANALYSES

Ventura County Flood Control District
Zone 1

Monthly Runoff in Ventura River near Ojai

Acre Feet

Season	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Total
1911-12 12-13 13-14 14-15	257 165 564	726 270 303 -	904 322 707	793 1090 - -	662 6050	4380 4390 -	2730 1540 5280	1350 978 3210	714 595 1760	398 367 1160	271 275 848	249 176 595	16300
1921-22 22-23 23-24	523 191	1290 223	6580 257	2510 329	2440 326	9780 1960 916	5250 1580 869	2830 762 254	1280 487 149	904 257	526 191	379 205	18800

Note: Data from U.S.G.S. Water Supply Papers.

Gaging station located in N 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec. 28, T5N, R23W, SBB&M, just below junction of Matilija Creek and North Fork of Matilija Creek.

Diversions above gaging station are not included.

TABLE 6

Ventura County Flood Control District
Zone 1

Monthly Runoff in Ventura River near Ventura

Acre Feet

					-								
Season	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Total
1911-12 12-13 13-14	1280. 246. 298.	1250. 298. 469.	1520. 258. 351.	1370. 1390.	869. 15600.	7010. 5120.	4180. 1830.	1580. 1080.	726. 625.	403. 738.	280. 480.	163. 339.	20100. 28000.
1929-30	0	0	0	263.	0	2270.	261.	12.3	11.9	10.7	0	0	2830.
1930-31 31-32 32-33 33-34 34-35	0 54•2 0 1080•	0 30.5 0 539.	0 10700. 8.5 8140. 4610.	0 2100. 11700. 14300. 12530.	233. 38000. 2370. 3910. 2790.	1.4 4160. 1060. 1850. 5510	18.6 1270. 372. 345. 9700.	10.7 599. 83.6 0	7.7 300. 108. 0 831.	238. 0 0 122.	0 153. 0 0 23.	0 28. 0 0 14.	271. 57500. 15800. 28500. 40090.
1935-36 36-37 37-38 38-39 39-40	24. 446. 465. 833. 76.	45. 17. 474. 647.	167. 7100. 2000. 3420. 4.4	251. 4890. 1170. 3930. 196.	17530. 43610. 40910. 2540. 6410.	3480. 33180. 120100. 4810. 2120.	2040. 11180. 11960. 1300. 1110.	610. 4100. 5950. 796. 580.	98. 1880. 3200. 305. 306.	57. 785. 2030 184. 108.	26. 451. 1050. 87. 21.	0 470. 891. 107.	24330. 108100. 190100. 18960. 10940.
1940-41 41-42 42-43 43-44 44-45	0 1320. 58. 376. 406.	7.3 1270. 81. 351. 1810.	5830. 4550. 105. 1660. 853.	18620. 3110. 50520. 1950. 835.	58790. 1910. 23320. 29690. 14710.	94130. 1920. 46630. 27180. 5580.	52020. 4,660. 8000. 6280. 3090.	13920. 1880. 3650. 3400. 1380.	6120. 851. 2020. 1830. 615.	3450. 383. 1070. 970. 477.	2200. 208. 650. 615. 227.	1260. 144. 400. 466. 97.	256300. 22210. 136500. 74770. 30080.
1945-46	101.	94.	5940.	609.	1380.	7810.	5160.	1480.	390.	190.	140.	46	23340.

Note: Data from U.S.G.S. Water Supply Papers
Diversions above gaging station are not included

TABLE 7

Ventura County Flood Control District
Zone 1

Monthly Runoff in Matilija Creek near Matilija

						Acre	Feet	54.					
Season	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Total
1927-28 28-29 29-30	263. 69. 31.	387. 110. 38.	5 75 • 2 21 • 54•	498. 279. 283.	1213. 659. 296.	1104. 857. 1620.	500. 747. 649.	382. 335. 381.	210. 206. 149.	116. 84. 58.	73. 53. 35.	61. 34. 33.	5380. 3650. 3630.
1930 - 31 31 - 32 32-33 33-34 34-35	39. 34.7 215. 207. 552.	59. 126. 257. 171. 296.	93. 2840. 282. 2750. 1900.	153. 1570. 3840. 4360. 7360.	507. 15300. 1530. 1600. 2290.	262. 2410. 928. 1310. 3350.	184. 1150. 549. 622. 5520.	296. 742. 438. 393. 2070.	203. 443. 342. 302. 1000.	67. 250. 225. 200. 678.	39. 151. 168. 134. 490.	47. 120. 156. 142. 339.	1950. 25100. 8930. 12200. 25840.
1935-36 36-37 37-38 38-39 39-40	327. 446. 404. 612. 340.	383. 319. 405. 581. 324.	419. 2100. 1050. 1940. 400.	370. 2450. 716. 2020. 761.	6680. 14510. 16260. 1610. ² 2930.	1930. 18360. 48170. 2990. 1750.	1160. 6850. 6150. 1210.	632. 2810. 3460. 765. 522.	361. 1490. 1900. 423. 306.	217. 932. 1240. 400. 176.	150. 563. 821. 307. 131.	155. 402. 586. 339. 121.	12780. 51230. 81160. 13200. 8660.
1940-41 41-42 42-43 43-44 44-45	118. 891. 220. 382. 437.	193. 778. 270. 421. 1090.	2930. 2190. 315. 1120. 698.	8970. 1690. 17670. 1190. 616.	29450. 938. 12610. 10780. 4990.	144780. 1020. 19740. 14500. 2380.	25040. 2600. 3720. 3880. 1700.	6520. 1290. 2280. 2220. 1030.	3020. 660. 1190. 1370. 615.	2040. 361. 778. 829. 364.	1300. 257. 514. 497. 239.	914. 222. 355. 427. 193.	125280. 12950. 59660. 37620. 14350.
1945-46	223.	303.	4040.	1140.	950. 865.	5 1 50.	3470 ·	1380.	706.	361. 165.	231.	180.	18130. 95/10.

Note: a. Gaging station moved 0.6 mile downstream on 11 Feb. 1939. Previous location was a short distance above dam site.

Data from U.S.G.S. Water Supply Papers

TABLE 8

Ventura County Flood Control District Zone 1

Monthly Runoff in North Fork of Matilija Creek at Matilija

Acre Feet

Season	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Total
1928 -29 29 - 30	26.8 25.2	50.0 25.6	34.1 24.6	113. 136.	260. 72.2	291. 562.	255. 149.	93·2 89·	44.8	22.8 16.1	12.5 12.3	13.7 17.3	1270. 1160.
1930-31 31-32 32-33	17.8 12.3	26.2 52.4	55.1 869.	101.	173. 4640.	49.4 611. No reco	90. 254.	108. 178.	39.7 119.	16.9 67.6	9.1 47.6	11.9	698. 7380.
33 - 34 34 - 35	26.8 129.	33·9 70·	875. 6 36.	1130. 1690.	427· 347·	235. 866.	117. 965.	71.6 408.	55.7 186.	41.9	30.7 61.	35·3 60.	3080. 55 1 0.
1935-36 36-37 37-38 38-39 39-40	63. 106. 139. 179.	62. 76. 150. 167. 65.	87. 915. 377. 468. 86.	88. 828. 236. 424. 193.	1830. 3750. 4960. 276. 872.	484. 4390. 12630. 510. 374.	296. 1720. 1930. 234. 234.	160. 813. 996. 172. 154.	102. 437. 646. 108.	72. 249. 400. 81. 5.2.	48. 170. 273. 63. 36.	40. 135. 182. 59. 32.	3330. 13590. 22920. 2740. 2250.
1940-41 41-42 42-43 43-44 44-45	47. 328. 75. 136.	54. 297. 81. 142. 631.	761. 812. 99. 490. 203.	2150. 513. 3710. 388. 193.	5990. 340. 3440. 2890. 1 470.	10710. 376. 5660. 3500. 815.	6740. 788. 1220. 871. 550.	2100. 372. 711. 553. 327.	1110. 224. 447. 366. 217.	783. 109. 213. 243. 126.	503. 74. 176. 155. 82.	342. 69. 142. 135. 72.	31290. 4300. 15970. 9870. 4820.
1945-46	92.	მ6.	1190.	317.	304.	1440.	963.	353•	159.	102.	30.	61.	5150.

Note: Data from U.S.G.S. Water Supply Papers

TABLE 9

Ventura County Flood Control District
Zone 1

Monthly Runoff in San Antonio Creek near Ojai

						Acre .	Feet						
Season	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Total
1927-28 28-29 29-30	53.3 9.1 0	93.8 55.5 0	145. 56.7 0	120. 39.7 58.1	129. 54.5 27.4	154. 54.3 207.	54.5 34.3 13.6	43.8 10.9 16.4	24.6 14.1 2.8	9.5 1.6 0	6.1 0 0	5•9 0	840. 337. 330.
1930-31 31-32	0	42.6	0 1920.	113. 270.	103. 4080.	12.3 192.	11.9	8.5 59.9	3.0 27.8	0 7 .1	0 9•3	0 8.1	257 6700

Note: Data are from U.S.G.S. Water Supply Papers

Ventura County Flood Control District
Zone 1

Monthly Runoff in Coyote Creek near Ventura

Acre Feet

Season	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Total
1927-28 28-29 29-30	6.1 12.3 6.1	11.9 43.5 5.9	50.7 65.4 6.1	61.5 107. 219.	140. 466. 42.8	389. 442. 1280.	58.3 190. 93.2	35.3 62.3 29.7	17.3 27.8 11.9	13.1 9.3 9.9	12.3 3.6 6.1	11.9 2.4 5.9	808. 1430. 1720.
1930-31 31-32	6.1	6.7 6.5	12.3 4370.	26.4 886.	245.	39.9 576.	119. 148.	87.8 96.6	7.9 52.9	3.1 37.3	4.6 35.3	4.5 37.3	563. 15000.
32 -33 33 - 34 34 -3 5	6.1 235.	6.0 128.	2660. 1330.	2350. 2780.	670. 377.	No recon 265. 933.	60.9	17.3 289.	9.7 70.	4.6	3.1	2.4	606 0. 869 0.
1935-36 36-37 37-38 38-39 39-40	12. 10. 14. 35. 2.7	3.1 7.7 13. 49.	23. 1670. 430. 440. 3.4	47. 1300. 224. 769. 20.	5560. 11800. 6870. 445. 1600.	676. 5340. 16740. 920. 483.	367. 1450. 1310. 189. 184.	68. 473. 531. 85. 73.	28. 147. 247. 43. 30.	14. 36. 101. 14.	6.1 21. 47. 7.5 4.9	6.0 21. 29. 5.5	6820. 22280. 26560. 3000. 2430.
1940-41 41-42 42-43 43-44 44-45	3.5 132. 13. 18. 20.	3.6 131. 12. 19. 262.	2570. 1020. 16. 366. 115,	5760. 498. 14090. 257. 118.	11540. 295. 4300. 8260. 4390.	18490. 332. 8640. 5060. 1600.	9310. 790. 1070. 612. 485.	1760. 286. 468. 307. 151.	678. 90. 166. 174.	29. 80. 62. 35.	202. 14. 32. 35. 15.	130. 12. 19. 23. 11.	50890. 3630. 28910. 15190. 7270.
1945-46	10.	8•5 997•	1200. 1070.	172. 338.	271. 153.	1190. 118.	571. 85.	118. 34.	36. 17.	16. 7.5	16. 3.5	6.5 3.0	3600. 28 30 .

Note: Data from U.S.G.S. Water Supply Papers

TABLE 11
Ventura County Flood Control District
Zone 1

Full Natural Monthly Runoff in Santa Ynez River above Gibraltar Dam near Santa Barbara

						Acre F	eet						
Season	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Total
1903-04 04-05	541.	381.	430.	4544.	690. 50260.	1882. 49 010.	1137. 8509.	424 3 1 48.	42. 946.	234.	0 160.	11425. 83.	118000
1905-06 06-07 07-08	61. 61. 885.	125 . 83. 161.	246. 3210. 344.	916. 90400. 16400.	1520. 27200. -	64600. 93500. -	9400. 14100.	4140. -	1420. - -	357• - -	86.	60. - -	82900 - -
1910-11 11-12 12-13 13-14 14-15	357· 20. 6. 140.	619. 33. 1070. 159.	812. 49. 486. 1080.	916. 503. 49000. 3950.	684. 8720. 57000. 28200.	7190. 4760. 18200. 10400.	13760. 3910. 1550. 5840.	5620. 1690. 769. 3040.	2620. 553. 1449. 1430.	1040. 160. 76. 585.	420. 40. 85. 213.	240. 18.4 15. 121.	16900. 17000 137000
1915-16 16-17 17-18	400.	- 357•	7560.	6760. a	16700. 21900.	- a 7930. 57200.	2740. 9520.	1450. 3460.	690. 472. 12 30 .	181. 81.8 343.	65. 33.8 183.	12. 14.9 316.	44 <u>5</u> 00
1919-20	-	-	-	-	-	-	268 0.	924.	179.	60.3	27.2	21.0	-
1920-21 21-22 22-23 23-24 24-25	18.4 32.7 23.8 20.4 53.	21.0 26.8 96.4 55.9 43.	24.6 11310. 3424. 202. 80.9	1146. 7561. 1025. 178. 92.	1517. 28205. 1488. 140. 95.	2136. 12306. 914. 1178. 653.	657. 5294. 776. 381. 1626.	631. 5477• 597• 117• 303•	192. 899. 218. 44. 99.	73.8 258. 67.4 34.7 20.	47.2 48. 37.1 31. 12.9	36.5 19. 28.2 45. 20.	6500 68400 8690 2430 3100
1925-26 26-27 27-28 28-29 29-30	18. 20. 59.5 17. 0	85. 4566. 155. 102. 0	266. 1230. 355. 307. 0	204. 926. 290. 192. 187.	8402. 31633. 4691. 780. 64.	976. 9435. 1902. 1375. 2186.	36215. 3493. 670. 799. 353.	1057. 504. 266. 68. 224.	369. 242. 100. 46.6 54.7	100. 137. 40. 10.7 12.9	50. 63.4 20.4 0.4 2.22	35.1 67.4 20. 0 2.56	47800 52 3 00 8570 3700 3090
1930-31 31-32 32-33 33-34 34-35	2.5 15.0 10.7 7.7 438.	14.9 107. 23.2 6.0 740.	7•7 7380. 10•9 1470. 1960.	83.6 2680. 5550. 10110. 8250.	567. 33690. 2180. 2380. 1600.	174. 3080. 1090. 1230. 3380.	176. 1520. 561. 325. 6900.	146. 754. 311. 93.8 1620.	60.1 265. 145. 122. 351.	36.3 69.8 29.0 18.2 62.	22.2 32.7 11.3 8.3 29.	11.3 22.5 7.7 6.3 21.	1300 49620 9930 15780 25350
1935-36 36-37 37-38 38-39 39-40	22. 34. 38. 59. 22.	23. 22. 34. 128. 23.	24. 3700. 762. 1550. 31.	30. 3530. 448. 2570. 1070.	11540. 29730. 27580. 2450. 4070.	2520. 28270. 78910. 5120. 2320.	2100. 11550. 9610. 1280. 1080.	498. 3310. 5130. 555. 370.	92. 1020. 1720. 141. 80.	36. 99. 493. 23. 12.	24. 30. 99. 13. 22.	21. 28. 49. 538. 12.	16930 81320 124870 14430 9110
1940-41 41-42 42-43 43-44 44-45	11. 345. 21. 30. 45.	12. 499. 23. 21. 1010.	502 0. 3 200. 27. 696. 394.	12170. 3430. 35100. 838. 458.	35650. 2370. 14940. 18580. 11100.	72160. 2940. 29270. 22950. 5100.	46400. 5850. 7630. 4390. 2530.	11310. 2310. 2930. 1880. 804.	4660. 521. 1050. 758. 297.	1860. 46. 198. 132. 55.	819. 22. 34. 9.9 43.	378. 21. 39. 6.9 58.	190450 21550 91260 50290 21890
1945-46 46-47	36. 3.3	21. 2170.	7 030. 5380.	952. 3130.	1260. 1410.	8520. 1170.	65 20. 595.	911. 153.	265 . 20.	96. 12.	55• 11.	51. 10.	25 72 0 1 4 0 60

Notes: a. Partial record available.

For period from April 1920, when Gibraltar Dam was completed, to Dec. 1930, when Juncal Dam was completed upstream, data are from U.S.G.S. Water Supply Papers and represent reconstructed full natural runoff at dam site computed from reservoir operation records corrected for diversion, change in storage, precipitation, and evaporation.

For period from Dec. 1930, when Juncal Dam was completed, to date, data given herein represent reconstructed full natural runoff at Gibraltar Dam site and are based upon data given in U.S.G.S. Water Supply Papers corrected for effect of operation of Juncal Reservoir (Jameson Lake) upon inflow to Gibraltar Reservoir. Operation records for Juncal Reservoir were furnished by Montecito County Water District.

Ventura County Flood Control District
Zone 1

Diversion by City of San Buenaventura from Ventura River at Casitas including Water Pumped above Submerged Dam

Acre Feet

	-				a Ri la V								Cal- endar	Runoff Year Oct.l-	
Year	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Year Total	Sep. 30	Total
1920		_	223.	233.	349.	503.	361.	390.	376.	288.	233.	237•			
1921 22 23 24 25	178. 115. 144. 285.	108. 110. 129. 207.	165. 124. 276. 309.	275. 141. 328. 366.	255. 259. 337. 410.	237• 324• 370• 377•	355. 328. 401. 340. 235.	333. 348. 400. 254. 233.	278. 353. 322. 239. 177.	223• 251• 333• 229• 176•	197. 170. 325. 148.	183. 123. 276.	2787. 2646. 3641.	1920-21 21-22 22-23 23-24 24-25	2942. 2705. 3251. 3721.
1926	174.	103.	148.	236.	343.	364.	-	-	- 3			1.0	- 1	.1925-26	
1932 33 34 35	185.5 152.8 144.6	173.3 177.4 191.2	309.8 143.6 204.1	365.1 287.3 226.9	313.5 299.0 290.9	293.1 271.6 337.7	265.8 224.9 428.9	234,1 191.6 421.1	220.7 199.6 328.5	158.7 174.6 351.1	246.3 176.3 191.7 284.9	237.6 186.8 174.0 286.6	2882.7 2488.1 3496.5	1931-32 32-33 33-34 34-35	2469.6 3114.2
1936 37 38 39 40	275.7 225.7 223.3 263.5 269.1	206.5 186.1 193.9 249.5 302.7	285.3 256.7 162.3 259.7 273.4	272.1 289.8 277.8 293.6 296.9	356.0 338.5 334.0 344.8 376.0	412.7 418.4 432.9 506.1 475.4	432.2 447.0 427.9 517.8 458.4	343.6 440.6 391.1 479.5 412.8	315.4 359.5 329.9 422.8 382.5	278.8 379.6 365.5 413.4 365.9	270.7 268.1 336.6 364.1 301.0	238.3 232.5 271.1 297.3 227.2	3687.3 3842.5 3746.3 4442.1 4141.3	1935-36 36-37 37-38 38-39 39-40	3822.1 3750.1 3653.3 4310.5 4322.0
1941 42 43 44 45	249.4 267.2 258.6 315.2 389.7	225.0 223.5 245.1 299.0 379.0	277•7 229•4 270•8 345•0 358•3	271.3 21.7.3 257.7 399.7 371.1	319.3 319.3 323.9 308.7 426.4	405.9 445.1 576.0 533.3 648.2	545.5 400.7 559.5 521.2 516.5	453.5 440.0 524.3 540.7 589.3	442.0 360.1 466.9 495.6 390.5	352.6 365.5 412.6 483.6 490.0	328.3 257.6 371.1 352.4 387.1	281.8 260.9 327.3 353.5 355.4	4152.3 3816.6 4593.8 4947.9 5301.5	1940-41 41-42 42-43 43-44 44-45	4083.7 3895.3 4366.8 4869.4 5258.5
1946 47	412.4	375·9 418·2	422.7 536.1	4 3 9•2 582•2	457·3 662·8	655.9 588.6	624.1	620.7 464.2	539·3 369·7	504.2	387.9	406.2	5845.8	1945-46	5780.0 6017.1

Note: Data for 1920 to 1926 inclusive, are from Report to City of San Buenaventura by J. B. Lippincott, May 1934, Table 2.

Data for 1932 and after were obtained from City records.

TABLE 13

Ventura County Flood Control District Zone 1

Total Water Production by City of San Buenaventura

Acre Feet

Year	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	De c.	Cal- endar Year Total	Runoff Year Oct.1- Sep.30	<u> Total</u>
1932 33 34 35	245.0 295.3 284.5	208.4 239.2 248.8	309.8 278.3 265.3	365.1 362.9 256.2	313.5 457.0 290.9	306.9 406.0 337.7	325.1 373.9 443.9	345.1 421.6 423.8	368.1 422.5 329.1	293.4 347.2 386.5	267.8 267.3 309.0 284.9	237.6 254.5 289.0 286.6	3602.2 4201.9 3838.2	1932-33 33-34 34-35	4071.9 3825.4
1936 37 38 39 40	275.8 271.3 233.7 263.5 269.3	243.2 244.8 224.2 249.5 302.7	285.3 298.8 294.5 259.7 273.4	272.1 289.8 281.0 293.6 296.9	356.0 339.6 334.0 344.8 376.0	412.7 424.3 432.9 506.1 475.4	467.2 447.0 427.9 517.8 458.4	376.3 140.6 391.1 1479.5 1412.8	460.2 359.5 329.9 449.0 382.5	333.5 379.6 365.5 441.6 376.4	329.3 275.9 359.4 403.9 320.3	311.2 232.5 289.7 297.3 306.9	4122.8 4003.7 3963.8 4506.3 4251.0	1935-36 36-37 37-38 38-39 39-40	4106.8 4089.7 3837.2 4378.1 4390.2
1941 42 43 44 45	249.4 268.3 259.7 315.2 389.7	225.0 223.5 245.1 299.0 379.0	277.7 229.4 270.8 345.0 358.3	271.3 247.3 257.7 399.7 371.1	319.3 319.3 323.9 308.7 426.4	405.9 445.1 576.0 533.3 648.2	545.5 400.7 559.5 521.2 516.5	453.5 440.0 524.3 540.7 589.3	442.0 360.1 466.9 495.6 390.5	352.6 365.5 412.6 483.6 490.0	328.3 257.6 371.1 352.4 398.1	281.8 260.9 327.3 353.5 363.3	4152.3 3817.7 4594.9 4947.9 5320.4	1940-41 41-42 42-43 43-44 44-45	4193.2 3896.4 4367.9 4869.4 5258.5
1946	412.4	378.1 448.2	422.7 536.1	439.2 582.2	457.3	655.9 588.6	624.1 579.5	620.7	539·3 369·7	504.2	387.9	429.0	58 70.8	1945=46 46-47	58 01.1 6039.9

Note: Data were obtained from City records.

TABLE 14

Estimated Maximum Monthly Demand upon Ventura River by City of San Buenaventura

Month	Acre Feet	0/0
Jan.	488	7,6
Feb.	7178	6.9
March	536	8,3
April	582	9.0
May	663	10.3
June	656	10.2
July	624	9.7
Aug.	621	9.6
Sept.	539	8.3
Oct.	504	7.8
Nov.	388	6.6
Dec.	406	6,3
Total	6455	100,0

Note: Each value equals maximum historical diversion for corresponding month for five year period, Oct. 1942 through Sept. 1927. See Table 12. Includes water pumped from ground water above Casitas submerged dam.

TABLE 15

Estimated Average Net Effect of Evaporation from Matilija Reservoir on Stream Flow

Feet Depth Estimated Estimated evapora- original consump-

	evapora- tion from reservoir water	original consumptive use	Not loss
Month	surface a	in reser- voir site	Net loss of water
Jan.	.08	• 04	• 04
Feb.	.08	. 04	.04
Mar.	.18	.08	.10
Apr.	•26	.12	. 14
May	• 34	.15	.19
June	•43	.19	. 24
July	•49	•22	•27
Aug.	• 52	• 24	.28
Sept.	• 50	•23	•27
Oct.	• 35	.16	.19
Nov.	.16	.07	.09
Dec.	.09	-04	.05
Total	3.48	1.58	1.90

Note: a. Based on average evaporation from a U. S. Weather Bureau evaporation pan located at Jameson Lake, 1932 through 1945, corrected by factors given in Table 10, Division of Water Resources Bulletin No. 54, "Evaporation from Water Surfaces in California", to obtain evaporation from reservoir surface.

TABLE 16'
Estimated Maximum Demand on Ventura River by Upper Gravity Rights
Assuming Normal Duty of Water for Present Culture Served

(Physical Availability of Water for Diversion not considered)

1.	Priority	Owner	Culture	Present Acreage	Estimated Duty Feet	Acre Feet Required
	1	Sheldon Rowe Soper	Citrus Citrus Truck	15 15 5	2.35 2.35 3.3	35 35 16 86
	2	Rancho Ojai Mutual Water Company	Subdiv. Citrus	83 286	1.75 2.35	145 672 817
	3	Rancho Matilija	Citrus Walnuts	51 44	2.35 1.90	120 8¼ <u>20¼</u> 1107
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2. Estimated Percent Distribution of Demand by Months

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Citrus Truck Walnuts Subdivision	3 0 6	3 0 6	3 3 9 7	4 9 7	8 8 11 8	11 11 17 10	12 12 19 11	14 14 19 11	13 13 11 10	11 11 5 9	10 10 0 8	8 0 7	100 100 100 100

Table 16, contd.

3. Estimated Demand by Months

Citrus

Matilija Walnuts

Rancho

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Owner	Culture	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Sheldon Rowe Soper	Citrus Citrus Truck	1 0 2	1 0 2	1 1 <u>1</u> 3	2 2 1 5	3 1 7	14 2 10	4 2 10	5 2 12	10	4 2 10	3 3 2 8	3 1 7	35 35 16 86
Rancho Ojai Mut Water Co		9 20 29	20 29	10 20 30	10 27 37	12 54 66	14 74 88	16 81 97	16 94 110	1/ ₄ 87 101	13 74 87	12 67 79	10 54 60	145 672

13 14 27

Acre Feet

Note: Data concerning present culture are from Ventura County Water Survey.

Percent distribution by months is based upon experience of other water service organizations and of City of San Buenaventura.

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TABLE 17

Estimated Maximum Demand on Ventura River by Upper Gravity Rights
Assuming 50% combined Irrigation and Domestic Culture with
Normal Demand and 50% entirely Irrigation Culture with
Demand approximating present practice

(Physical Availability of Water for Diversion not considered)

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1927 Combined se Irrigation Total		- :	-	-	202 326 528	315 315 630	296 326 622	224 326 550	287 315 602	211 263 474	98 0 98	138 0 138	-
1928 Combined se Irrigation Total	rvice 172 service 0 172	175 0 175	135 0 135	286 263 549	326 284 610	270 315 585	288 3 26 6 1 4	272 326 598	278 315 593	199 326 525	170 116 286	124 0 124	4966
1929 Combined se Trrigation Total	rvice 139 service 0 139	38 0 38	132 95 227	106 221 327	218 326 544	291 315 606	326 326 652	278 326 604	258 315 573	260 326 586	245 315 560	238 326 564	5420
1930 Combined se Irrigation Total		83 0 83	91 0 91	210 305 515	265 274 539	315 315 630	326 326 652	320 326 646	293 315 608	310 326 636	243 158 401	221 1 221 1 445	r 5 32 6
1931 Combined se Irrigation Total	rvice 51 service 0	13 0 13	150 326 476	252 231 483	89 168 257	197 315 512	326 326 652	288 326 614	246 315 561	252 326 578	190 137 327	64	4588

Note: It is assumed that 50% of gravity rights, or 265 miner's inches, are to be used for combined domestic and irrigation service with regimen of monthly demand the same as historical experience of Thermal Belt Mutual Water Co. with continuous utilization of full right in maximum month. Remaining 50% of rights is assumed to be used solely for irrigation service with continuous utilization of that amount of water during irrigation season as determined by regimen of rainfall.

TABLE 18

Distribution of Monthly Inflow to Matilija Reservoir

- 1. All downstream rights considered.
- 2. Use by Upper Gravity Rights based upon normal duty of water for present culture served. See Table 16.

Acre Feet

Year	Month	Inflow to Reservoir	Estimated r from rese required upper gravity users	rvoir for all users below	Estimated amount available for storage
1927	July ^a Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec. Total fo	860b 520b 350b 263 387 575 2955	14 55 14 33 54	622 515 325 249 384 463 2558	23/4 0 0 0 0 109 3/43
1928	Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec. Total	498 1213 1104 500 382 210 116 73 61 69 110 221 4557	1 1 2 8 5 10 7 6 19 149 26 481	421 548 594 427 376 125 90 0 61 195 2756	76 664 509 71 0 0 0 0

Year	Month	Inflow to Reservoir	Estimated r from rese required upper gravity users	release rvoir for all users below	Estimated amount available for storage
1929	Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Now. Dec. Total	279 659 857 745 847 330 84 541 331 341 377	1 1 2 12 80 84 53 4 39 1 39 1	278 481 527 500 315 126 0 0 0 0	0 177 329 245 0 0 0 0 0
1930	Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Deĉ. Total	283 296 1620 649 381 149 55 33 59 593 3695	211243855339963 363	256 295 759 499 356 0 0 0 67 2289	25 0 860 148 10 0 0 0 0
1931	Jan Feb Mar Apr May June July Aug Sept Oct. Nov a Dec.a Total	153 507 262 184 296 203 67 39 435 1240 14759	1 14 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18	152 420 258 127 254 118 0 0 0 55 509 1893	0 86 0 33 24 0 0 0 18 2323 2484

Note: a. For calculations of safe yield, reservoir was assumed full on 1 July 1927 and empty on 30 Nov. 1931.
b. Estimated.

TABLE 19

Distribution of Monthly Inflow to Matilija Reservoir

- 1. All downstream rights considered.
- 2. Upper gravity rights assumed to be devoted 50% to combined Domestic and Irrigation Service, and 50% to Irrigation Service. See Table 17.

Acre Feet

Year	Month	Inflow to Reservoir	Estimated : from rescretized required upper gravity users	ervoir	Estimated amount available for storage
1927	July ^a Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec. Total for	860b 520b 350b 263 387 575	392 380 350 222 0 0	1450 140 0 41 387 470 1488	18 0 0 0 0 105
1928	Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec. Total	498 1213 1104 500 382 210 116 73 61 69 110 221 4557	4 0 377 371 210 116 73 61 69 100 54	473 678 647 116 11 0 0 0 0 10 167 2102	21 534 457 7 0 0 0 0 0

Year	Month	Inflow to Reservoir	Estimated of from reservative required upper gravity users	release ervoir for lower users	Estimated amount available for storage
1929	Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec. Total	279 659 747 747 7306 814 534 337 737	47 0 89 166 3206 8 4 534 38 54 1124	232 485 483 453 10 00 00 00 00 1666	0 174 285 128 0 0 0 0 0 0
1930	Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec. Total	283 296 1620 649 381 149 58 355 39 593 3695	7 17 0 363 307 149 58 35 39 59 93 1160	250 279 781 274 74 0 0 0 0 0	26 0 839 12 0 0 0 0 0
1931	Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec. Total	153 507 262 1846 296 203 67 347 326 2840 4759	0 0 262 99 1203 267 397 397 391 945	153 419 0 60 149 0 0 0 0 39 490 1310	0 88 0 25 24 0 0 0 0 0 18 25 49 25 24

Note: a. For calculations of safe yield, reservoir was assumed full on 1 July 1927 and empty on 30 Nov. 1931.
b. Estimated.

TABLE 20

Estimated Deficiency in Supply for Upper Gravity
Rights from Natural Runoff in Ventura River
System Assuming Normal Duty of Water
for Present Culture Served
(See Table 16)

	Acre Feet									
	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931					
January	0	0	O	` O	0					
February	0	0	0	0	0					
March	0	0	0	0	0					
April	0	0	0	0	0					
May	0	0	0	0	0					
June	0	0	0	0	0					
July	0	0	30	63	53					
August	0	62	90	108	107					
Sept.	0	54	87	85	76					
Oct.	0	18	58	57	67					
Nov.	0	0	35	14	0					
Dec.	0	0	_2	0	0					
	0	134	302	327	303					