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Introduction

Since 1931 when funds have permitted, the Texas Board of Water Engineers, in cooperation with the United States Geological Survey, has carried out a program of ground-water studies in the Houston-Galveston areas Texas. The work in Galveston County, until December 1938, had been of a reconnaissance nature, carried on in connection with the more detailed Houston program. In December 1938 the City of Galveston appropriated \$2,500, which was matched with an equal amount by the United States Geological Survey and the Texas Board of Water Engineers for a ground-water investigation of Galveston County and surrounding areas. This was followed by a second appropriation of \$2,500 in September 1940, which was also matched.

An intensive program of field work was carried out from December 1938 until August 1939. As a result of that investigation a test well drilling program was recommended and carried through on funds allotted by the city of Galveston. Test wells were put down as follows: No. 1 in the Alta Loma well field; No. 2, two and one-half miles northwest of Alta Loma; No. 3 at Hitchcock; No. 3a, offset well to No. 3 at Hitchcock. The results of the drilling, with conclusions, are given in a report to the city of Galveston deted April 1, 1941, entitled "Results of Test

Drilling by City of Galveston and conclusions", by B. A. Barnes. The main conclusions in the report having to do with the development of a new water well field are as follows:

- (1) The clays underlying the main water-bearing sand are neither thick nor continuous.
- (2) Salty water has invaded the Alta Loma field and this invasion has been materially expedited by over-pumping in the field itself. The wells should have been more widely spaced and the individual wells should have been more lightly pumped.
- (3) No more pumping should be done in the Alta Loma field or in closely adjacent areas.
- (4) New wells should be located well to the outside of the present field.

 Some locality to the northwest near test well 2, it is believed,

 would be suitable; the indications for obtaining a satisfactory

 supply seem reasonably good also toward the north and west of Alta Loma.
- (5) The new wells in no case should be pumped at more than a rate of one million gallons a day each.
- (6) Before the location of each of the new wells is definitely fixed a small test hole should be drilled and an electrical log obtained.

On that report as a basis a program of well exploration and well development in the area north and northwest of Alta Lome was formulated. As worked out with R. W. Owens, Superintendent of the Calveston Water Department, and George Sager, Jr. of Ford, Bacon and Davis, Consulting

Engineers for the City, the original plan for this program contemplated the drilling of five test wells and five production wells. Four of the test wells were to be drilled as a guide to the production wells at sites tentatively selected for the latter and the fifth was to be drilled as an exploratory well. One of the production wells, it was decided, should be put down at the location of test well num 2 (Galveston County No. 689) of the previous drilling program. The location of the other four was to be determined by the results of the test drilling. The program was started on November 30, 1941 and finished about June 1, 1942, the writer serving in an advisory capacity during this period.

Factors influencing the choice of sites for test drilling

A few of the factors influencing the selection of sites for the developing of a new well field in this area were as follows: The new well field should be located about two miles from the Alta Loma field. The chloride in the water produced from each new production well should be as low as possible. The production wells should be spaced approximately one mile apart, and the yield of each well should not exceed one million gallons a day. The purpose of the last two qualifications is to limit the depth of the cone of depression produced by the combined pumpage from all the wells. The danger of salt water invasion and the pumping costs all should be less than they would be with closer spacing and heavier pumping.

The geological conditions both ereally and in the immediate vicinity of each new production well aust be favorable for development. Information had to be obtained regarding the continuity of the main water-bearing sand, the thickness and permeability of the sand, the character and thickness of the material separating the main water-bearing sand from the salt water sands below and the stratigraphic position and thickness of the sands containing salt water, and the position

and concentration of any selt water encountered in the main water-bearing send itself.

Some of the economic factors that had to be considered included the availability of existing roads, cost of necessary new road construction, length and cost of pipe lines and availability and cost of real estate needed for production well sites.

Twelve test wells were drilled during this program (1-4 to 12-15 1/ inclusive), three of which were cased and screened at selected horizons for use as observation wells and the remainder plugged with cement and abandoned. Test wells 1-4, 3-6, 4-7, and 5-8 were drilled to explore the conditions at sites tentatively selected for production wells which with the development of a well at the location of test well 2 constituted the originally proposed five production wells. Test 2-5 was drilled to establish the continuity and thickness of the main sand and to determine the quality of water contained in the main sand some distance updip from the new well field. Upon the completion of test well 4-7 it was decided to reject this location as unsuitable for well development and because of this rejection the engineers for the city considered as uneconomical the development of a well at test number 2, making two additional production well sites necessary.

Further testing for these additional locations was transferred to the east of the Alta Lome-Dickinson road because of the existence of country roads, near the proposed sites and because of the high chloride found in tests 2-5 and 4-7. The additional sites selected for testing were about 0.7 mile east of test wells 5-8 and 1-4, at the locations of 6-9 and 11-14, respectively.

After test well 6-9 had determined the existence of favorable ground-water conditions at that location it was thought that information concerning the contintuity and thickness of the main sand and the quality of water in the sand some distance to the east and southeast was necessary. This was especially needed in

view of the fact that high chloride water was known to exist in the main sand to 1/ Wells are designated 1-4,3-6 etc. The first number in each of these combinations (1 for example) represents the number of the well in the Ford, Bacon and Davis program and the second(4) represents its humber in the combined series starting with the 3 wells of the first program.

the east and southeast. It was for these reasons that test wells 7-10 and 9-12 were drilled. Well 8-11 was drilled about two miles southeast of well 2-5 to determine the southeast extension of the high chloride water that had been encountered in test well 2-5.

In the latter part of the program, due to an estimated increase in the demand for water, both the city and consulting engineers considered it advisable to drill an additional or sixth production well. Because of the additional pipe line required and the estimated higher chloride of the water the location of test well number 2 was considered less desirable than sites either to the north or south of the 5 locations already tentatively selected. Test wells 10-13 and 12-15 were drilled in an effort to find a more suitable location for the sixth production well. Neither of these sites was found to be as favorable for a production well as the site at test well 2, and therefore the sixth production well was drilled at the latter site.

Results of tests with conclusions
(See map for location of wells)

Well 1-4

Location - This well is located # mile south of Dickinson Bayou, about 900 feet east of the Dickinson-Alta Loma road, and 4 miles northwest of the Alta Loma well field.

Main water-bearing sand - According to the electrical log the main sand in this well is 140 feet thick, and is located from about 632 to 772 feet below the surface. The well was cased and cemented. Water samples pumped through screens at 721 to 731 and 760 to 770 feet below the surface contained chlorides of 140 parts per million and 178 parts per million respectively. (See table for complete analyses.)

Sediments below the main water-bearing sands - At 772 to 828 feet below the surface, immediately below the main sand, there is approximately 56 feet of sandy clay and clay. Following this at about 828 to 883 feet is a 55 foot well developed sand. A water sample was obtained from this sand through a screen at 870 to 880 feet below the surface. The chloride in this sample was 770 parts per million. (See table for complete analyses.)

The remainder of the material to the bottom of the test hole at 1,207 feet, consists mainly of sandy clays, sands and clays and from the appearance of the electrical log the water in the sands becomes progressively saltier with depth.

Conclusions - The ground-water conditions encountered in this test well were considered satisfactory for the development of a production well at this locality. The thickness of the sand is sufficient and the quality of the water contained in the sand is considered satisfactory and in addition the 56 feet of material, separating the main sand from the underlying sands containing brackish or salty water, was thought to be sufficiently thick and impermeable.

Location - This test well was drilled 5 miles west of test well 1-4, about 72 miles northwest of the Alta Loma well field and 22 miles north of Algoa.

The first test well drilling program had indicated the possibility of excessive thinning of the main water-bearing sand in the area to the north-west of test well number 2. Due to this possibility test well 2-5 was drilled to determine the continuity of the main water-bearing sand and the quality of the water in the sand several miles up-dip from both the Alta Lona field and the proposed new field north of Alta Lona.

Main water-bearing sand - At this location the main sand is well developed between about 626 and 718 feet below the surface. This thickness, (about 92 feet) however, may not represent the full section of the sand, as the exact position of the top of the sand is somewhat obscure. The sand may extend from about 598 to 718 feet below the surface, which would give a thickness of approximately 120 feet. A water sample obtained by the drill-stem method from 709-714 feet below the surface, or within about four feet of the bottom of the sand, showed 458 parts per million og chloride. (See table for complete analysis.)

Sediments below main water-bearing sand - With the exception of a thin sand from about 760 to 777 feet practically all of the first 100 feet of sediments underlying the main sand appears to be dense clay. The first sand of any importance is a 40 foot sand between about 818 and 858 feet below the surface. The remaining material to the total depth of 1,220 feet is predominantly sand and sendy clays with interbedded clays.

No water samples were obtained below the base of the main sand but from the appearance of the electrical log the quality of the water in the sands is believed to become progressively worse with depth.

Genelusions - The information obtained from this well indicated that the main water-bearing sand, although rather thin, does not pinch-out in this direction. This conclusion is also substantiated by electrical logs of oil tests in the Hastings and League City Oil Fields to the northwest and northeast of this test well.

The high chloride content of 458 perts per million at the base of the sand was very disappointing as it previously had been thought that the sand this far up-dip would contain water much lower in chloride. The electrical log indicates that the water in the top 20 feet of the sand may be slightly better quality, but otherwise it is believed that there is little change throughout the sand.

Well Number 3-6

Location - This well is located 22 miles northwest of the Alta Loma field, and 12 miles south of test well 1-4. This was the second of the original tentatively selected well sites to be explored by test drilling.

Main water-bearing sand - The thickness of the main water-bearing sand in this well is about 106 feet; with the top at about 676 feet and the base at 782 feet below the surface. A drill-stem test water sample, obtained from a sandy section immediately below the base of the main sand, showed 375 parts per million of chloride. However, the sample was contaminated with drilling fluid which was

lower in chloride. It is believed therefore that the actual chloride content of the water in this section is considerably more than 375 parts per million. After the well was cased and cemented another sample of water was pumped from the main sand through a screen at 760 to 770 feet below the surface. The chloride in this sample of water was 380 parts per million.

Sediments below the main water-bearing sand - With the exception of several minor sandy clay members the sediments below the main sand from 782 to 905 feet appear from the electrical log to be fairly dense clays. The first sand of any importance occurs between about 905 and 1,007 feet below the surface. The remainder of the material encountered to the total depth of 1,200 feet consists chiefly of sandy clay and clay.

Conclusions - The water-bearing sand at this location although thinner than was hoped for was considered sufficient for production well development. The thickness of the section of clays and sandy clays separating the main water-bearing sand from the sands below containing highly mineralized water is 123 feet, which was considered satisfactory.

The quality of water at the base of the main sand (380 parts per million) is high for municipal use but from the appearance of the electrical log, the quality of the water materially improves toward the top of the formation. It was believed, therefore, the sand as a whole will yield water containing considerably less than the 380 parts per million of chloride.

Well Number 4-7

Location - This test well was drilled 2 miles southwest of test well
1-4. This was the third of the original tentatively selected production
well sites to be tested.

Main water-bearing sand - The thickness of the main sand at this location, 108 feet, is practically the same as in test well 3-6. The top
occurs at about 657 feet and the base at 765 feet below the surface. A drillstem sample of water obtained from the sand between 738 and 749 feet contained
360 arts per million of chloride.

Sediments below the main water-bearing sand - The main sand is underlain by a bod of clay only 8 feet thick (from 765 to 773 feet). Below this is a sand section 82 feet thick (773 to 855 feet) which, from the appearance of the electrical log, is believed to contain water that is rather highly mineralized. The remainder of the material to the bottom at 1,190 feet is chiefly sandy clay, sand and thin clays.

Gonclusions - The thickness of the main water-bearing sand (108 feet)
was considered satisfactory but the absence of an adequate separating clay
between the main sand and the sand below, which apparently contains highly
mineralized water, was thought sufficient to condemn this location as unsatisfactory for production well development. The electrical log further indicates
that there is not sufficient improvements in the quality of the water toward the
top of the sand to greatly reduce the chloride of the average water from the
full sand section below that obtained in the drill-stem test.

Well Number 5-8

Location - This well is about 1 mile south of test well 1-4 and 3 miles northwest of Alta Loma, at the fourth and last of the sites originally selected for test drilling for a production well.

Main water-bearing sand - The top of the main sand occurs here at about 665 feet and the bottom at about 773 feet below the surface; a section about 108 feet thick. Two thin beds of clay are present, one at about 700 and the other at about 750 feet. A water sample was obtained by the drill stem method near the base of the sand, between 758 and 764 feet below the surface. This sample contained 284 parts per million of chloride.

Sediments below main water-bearing send - Immediately below the base of the main sand is 10 feet of clay and then about 12 feet of sand, indicated by the electrical log to contain salt water, and below this thin sand is about 32 feet of clay. The highest sand of any importance lies between about 354 and 395 feet below the surface. The remainder of the material encountered in the test well to the total depth of 1,205 feet consisted chiefly of sand interbedded with sandy clay and some clay.

Electrical log interpretation indicates that each successively deeper sand contains seltier water.

Conclusions - The thickness of the main send in this test well (108 feet) is probably sufficient for permanent well development although according to the electrical log the basal 20 feet appears to be less permeable than the

remainder of the sand.

Although a thin salt water sand occurs about 10 feet below the base of the main sand it was believed that it is not thick enough to warrant the rejection of this site as a permanent production well.

From interpretation of the electrical log it appeared probable that the full section of the main sand would yield water slightly lower in chloride than the 284 parts per million of the drill stem sample.

Well Number 6-9

Location - This well is 1 mile southeast of test well 1-4 and 3 miles north of the Alta Loma well field. This is the first of the supplementary test wells made necessary by the rejection of site of test well 4-7 for production well development.

Main water-bearing sands - The top of the main sand in this test well was encountered at about 655 feet and the base at about 786 feet below the surface; a total thickness of about 131 feet. A drill-stem sample of water obtained from the sand between 762 and 769 feet contained 154 parts per million of chloride. (See table for complete analysis).

sand is a clay about 35 feet thick from 786 to 821 feet below the surface.

This in turn is underlain by a salt water sand about 70 feet thick containing minor clays. The remainder of the sediments to the bottom at 1,195 feet is chiefly sandy clay, with interbedded sands and clays.

Conclusions - Both the thickness of the main fresh water sand and the clay separating it from the salt water sands below appear to be favorable for the development of a production well at this site.

It appears from the electrical log that the water from the full sand section will be somewhat lower in chloride than the 154 parts per million recorded in the drill-stem sample between 762 and 769 feet below the surface.

Well Number 7-10

Location - This test well was drilled 2 siles east-southeast of number 1-4 and So miles northeast of the Alta Loss well field.

The data obtained from the tests made up to this time indicated that it would be desirable to shift several units of the well field about 0.7 mile to the east of the Alta Loma-Dickinson road. This well was the first of two tests that were drilled to obtain information concerning the continuity, thickness and character of the main water-bearing sand. As wells to the east and scutheast of this location yield water high in chloride, this well was also drilled to determine whether such water is present at the site of well 7-10.

Main water-bearing sand - At this point the main sand is only 84 feet thick with the top at about 687 and the base at 771 feet below the surface. A drill stem sample of water obtained near the base of the sand between 756 and 763 feet contained 134 parts per million of chloride.

Sediments below the main water-bearing sand - In this well there is about 16 feet of clay separating the main fresh-water sand from a broken sandy section between 787 and 813 feet below the surface. A water sample, collected from this sandy section between 793 and 800 feet, contained 237 parts per million of

chloride, but the fluid recovered in each of the three attempts at a drill-stem test was contaminated with drilling fluid containing fresher water. It is believed, therefore, that the actual chloride content of the mater in this section is somewhat higher than 237 parts per million. The remainder of the material encountered in the well to the bottom at 1,199 feet, was chiefly sandy clays and sands.

Conclusions - This test well furnishes information in an area where previously no reliable data had been available. Although the main sand section is thin at this location, electrical logs in League City oil field about 4 miles northwest and test well 9-12 about 3 miles southeast indicate that this condition may be local.

The water near the base of the main sand in this well is exceptionally low in chloride.

Wall Number 8-11

Location - This test is 35 miles west of test well 1-4 and 52 miles northwest of the Alta Loma well field, and was drilled to determine the eastward extent of the high chloride water encountered in test well 2-5.

Main water-bearing sand - The main sand here has a thickness of about 88 feet, from 633 to about 721 feet below the surface. Two water samples were collected from the sand, one by the drill-stem method, between 706 and 717 feet, and the other by pumping after the well had been cased and cemented and a screen set from 669 to 677 feet below the surface. The first sample contained 420 and the other 300 parts per million of chloride.

sandy clay members. Immediately below this clay, from about 752 to 812 feet, is a well developed sand section. The remainder of the material to the bottom of the well at 1,201 feet, with the exception of one rather thick sand at about 870 to 897 feet, appears to be predominantly sandy clay and clay.

Conclusions - Near the base of the sand at 706 to 717 feet the water contains 420 parts per million of chloride, only 38 parts less chloride than was found in test well 2-5, at approximately the same relative position in the sand. The chloride is 300 parts per million about 40 feet higher in the sand at 669 to 677 feet, and according to the electrical log this rather rapid improvement in the quality of the water continues to the top of the sand. Conditions here as regards the quality of the water therefore are believed to be materially better than those conditions encountered in test well 2-5.

Well Number 9-12

Location - This test well was drilled 2th miles north of Hitchcock and 3th miles east-northeast of the Alta Loma well field.

In test well 3 at Hitchcock water containing 1,380 parts per million of chloride was obtained in a drill-stem test at 1,021 to 1,023 feet and in addition, the electrical log indicates that the basal 50 to 75 feet of the sand contains high chloride water. At LaWarque the G.H. and H. railroad well (Calveston County No. 205), 914 feet deep, and screened from 875 to 914 feet yields water having 750 parts per million of chloride. Well 9-12 was drilled to determine whether the high chloride water in the lower part of the sand extends into the area north of Hitchcock, and went of LaWarque.

Main water-bearing sand - The main sand in this test is about 152 feet

thick, the top being encountered at about 744 feet and the base at about 896 feet below the surface.

Two water samples were obtained by the drill-stem method, one at 825 to 855 feet, and the other, near the base of the sand, at 377 to 888 feet below the surface. The upper sample contained 158 and the lower one 295 parts per million of chloride.

Sediments below the main water-bearing sand - Below the base of the main sand is a 16 foot clay which in turn is underlain by a six foot sand that, according to the electric log, contains salt water. This clay in turn is followed by interbedded clay and sandy clay to the top of a 17 foot salt water and at 959 feet. The remaining material to the bottom of the well at 1,202 feet is predominantly sand interbedded with sandy clay and clay. The electrical log indicates that the water in the sands becomes progressively saltier with depth.

Conclusions - The thick sand section encountered in this well is probably not exceptional, as the general tendency of the sand is to become thicker to the south and southeast. The chloride content of the water in the sand at this location is encouraging and seems to indicate that the unfavorable conditions which were encountered in test well 3 at Hitchcock and salty water comparable to that yielded by the Lawarque well do not extend this far north and west. The favorable ground-water conditions encountered in this test well indicate this is an additional area for consideration in any further well development.

Well Number 10-13

and 1 miles northwest of the Alta Lome well field. (See map).

Prior to the drilling of this well tentative locations had been selected for the drilling of 5 production wells. Due to an estimated increase in the demands for water it was thought advisable, both by the city and consulting engineers, to drill an additional or 6th production well. A considerable saving in pipe line cost could be effected if a suitable location for this additional well could be found near the pipe line serving the other five wells. It was for these reasons that this test and test well 12-15 were drilled, one to explore the area to the south and the other the area to the north of the 5 locations already selected.

Main water-bearing sand - At this location the well developed section of the main send is about 92 feet thick, the top occurs at about 728 and the base at about 820 feet below the surface. A water sample obtained by the drill-stem method from the base of the sand between 812 and 825 feet contained 450 parts per million of chloride.

Sediments below the base of the main sand - With the exception of several minor sandy sections the sixty feet of material immediately underlying the main sand appears to be a dense clay. Below this to the top of the first sand of any importance, at 1,005 to 1,034 feet, the material is mainly clay and sandy clay. With the exception of a sand at about 1,002 to 1,125 feet the material from 1,034 to the bettom at 1,197 feet is practically all sandy clay and clay. No water samples were collected below the main sand but from the appearance of the electrical log all the sands are believed to contain highly mineralized water.

Conclusions - The send at this location is relatively thin and the quality of the water in the basal 28 feet of the sand (450 parts per million of chloride)

is very high. According to the electrical log the quality of the water improves toward the top but there is not a sufficient amount of this better quality water to warrant production well development at this location.

Well Number 11-14

Location - This well is about 2 mile east of test well 1-4, and 4 miles north of Alta Lome. The location was one of those tentatively chosen as a site for a production well and the test was drilled to determine its suitability.

Main water-bearing sand - The main water-bearing sand in this well, according to the electrical log extends from about 638 to about 807 feet below the surface, a total thickness of about 169 feet. A water sample obtained from the base of the sand at 794 to 805 feet contained 445 parts per million of chloride.

Sediments below the main water-bearing send - The first 55 feet of material underlying the main send consists of clay and sandy clay. Below this between 862 and 886 feet is the first well developed salt water send. From 886 to the bottom of the well at 1,194 feet the sediments encountered were chiefly sand, sandy clay and clay.

Conclusions - Several conflicting factors influenced the selection of this location for a production well. The thickness of the main send, thickness of the material separating the main send from the selt water sends below it are both favorable for well development. The chloride content of the water at the base of the send is high, but interpretation of the electrical log indicates a rather rapid improvement in the quality of the water toward the top of the send which would cause the quality of the average water to be acceptable. It would not be advisable however to screen the basel 32 feet of send. Moreover, addi-

tional tentative well sites were limited by economy of pipe line, length of access roads and the available property.

Well Number 12-15

Location - This well is located a mile northeast of test well 1-4, & mile south of Dickinson Bayou and 4 miles north of the Alta Lome well field, and was drilled at an alternate site for an additional or sixth production well.

Main water-bearing sand - Although not very plainly indicated in the electrical log the top of the main sand is assumed to be at about 632 feet, and the base at about 783 feet below the surface, which indicates a thickness of about 151 feet. However, the top 25 feet from 632 to 657 does not appear to be as well developed as the remaining 126 feet of the sand. Two samples of water were obtained in this well; one from 732 to 742 feet centained 238 parts per million of chloride and one from 773 to 783 feet centained 460 parts per million of chloride.

Sediments below the main water-bearing sand - At this location there is practically no separating clay between the main sand and underlying sands containing salt water. The electrical log indicates a 5 to 4 foot clay below the base of the main sand which in turn is underlain by sandy clays and sands to a depth of about 867 feet. The remainder of the material encountered in this test well to a total depth of 1,180 feet is mainly sandy clay and sands with a few interbedded clays.

Conclusions - Similar to the nearby test wells 1-4 and 11-14. A thick sand section was encountered in this well. According to the electrical log the

basel 30 to 35 feet of the sand probably contains water of about the same chloride content at that obtained in the drill-stem test or about 450 parts per million. Because of this and the absence of an adequate separating clay between the main sand and the underlying selt water sands the location was not considered satisfactory for a production well.

Summary

This test drilling program has disclosed conditions that were not heretofore known and confirmed much of the indicative data that was obtained from the
first test drilling program. One of the most surprising conditions revealed by
this program is the wide veriation of the quality of the water in the main sand.
Some of the more important facts concerning the main water-bearing sand and its
relation to the underlying material are as follows:

The continuity of the main water-bearing sand is one of its outstanding characteristics. Although the thickness ranges between rather wide limits, the sand is not known to pinch out anywhere in Galveston County. Thicknesses encountered during this test drilling program ranged from 84 feet in well 7-10 to 169 feet in well 11-14. In the first test drilling sand sections of 140, 120 and over 250 feet were found in test wells 1, 2 and 3, respectively. Electrical logs of oil tests show sections of sand as thick as 218 feet in the Hitchcock oil field and 337 feet in the Greens Lake Oil field, seven miles southeast and seven miles south of the Alta Loma well field. Thick sand sections are also encountered in the Texas City area. These thick sands at Hitchcock, Greens Lake Oil field and Texas City all indicate a general thickening down the dip at least in the southeastern part of Calveston County.

Permeability figures are not yet available for the new well field, but the specific capacities of the new wells compare favorably with those of the Alta Loma field. The specific capacities of the new wells range from about 20 gallons per minute per foot of drawdown, in well 9, to about 31 gallons per minute per foot of drawdown in well 12.

wide variations were found in the amount of chloride in the water of the main send, both laterally and vertically. The chloride in water samples from near the base of the main send ranged from 458 and 460 parts per million in test wells 2-5 and 12-15 to 134 parts per million in well 7-10. Although water of high chloride was found in test well 2-5, which is updip from the other test wells, it is not believed that this refutes the theory of decreasing chlorides toward the outcrop, but rather stresses the fact that greater variation of chloride in local areas are found then was heretofore thought probable.

In eight wells one sample of water was obtained from the main sand and in test wells 1-4, 5-11, 9-12, and 12-15, two samples were obtained. In each case where two samples were taken the water from near the base of the sand contained the higher chloride. Electrical logs indicate that in all test wells there exists a vertical gradient in the concentration of chloride in the water in the main sand. In some cases this difference from the top to the bottom of the sand is estimated to be small, while in other cases the change is probably several hundred parts per million. The vertical gradient of the chloride concentration found in all the test wells is probably characteristic of the main sand in this locality although the chloride in the basal few feet is partially controlled by local conditions.

The maximum chloride at the base of the sand was not necessarily the deciding factor for selecting sites for the production wells. The estimated rate of change in chlorides and the total change from bottom to top and thickness of the sand had to be considered in selecting sites. The exploratory drilling showed that the clays underlying the main waterbearing send are neither thick nor continuous. The interval between the base of
the main send and the top of the first well developed send containing selt water
ranged from 3 or 4 feet in test well 12-15 to about 186 feet in test well 10-13.

In fact, further study may indicate that the basel few feet of the send section in
some of the test wells may not belong to main water-bearing send but to the lenticular section below the main send in which the separating clays are entirely absent.

All of the sediments below the main water-bearing send to a depth of about 1,200 feet are lenticular in this area. Nowhere in the area was there encountered a thick sand comparable to the main water-bearing sand and all of the sands below the main sand contain water high in chloride. In test well 1-4 a water sample obtained from near the base (870 to 580 feet) of the 55 foot sand which lies between 528 and 583 feet below the surface contained 770 parts per million of chloride. Information concerning the quality of the water below the main water-bearing sand was obtained in test wells 2 and 3 of the first drilling program. In test well 2 samples of water from 853 to 873 and 1,177 to 1,226 feet contained 1,030 and 1,860 parts per million of chloride, respectively. In test well 3 a water sample from 1,130 to 1,150 feet contained 3,820 parts per million of chloride. In all cases the electrical logs indicated that the water contained in the sends below the base of the main sand is highly mineralized.

The variable thicknesses of sands and concentration of chlorides encountered during this program confirms the advisebility of the exploratory drilling as a control measure in locating production wells in this area. During this program three undesirable production well sites were eliminated by advance information furnished by the test drilling, thereby saving the cost of production well develop-

ment at those locations.

The wider well spacing in the new field and the recomended maximum yield of one million gallons per day per well are designed to limit the depth of the come of depression. The resulting higher water levels will reduce the pumping cost and will retard salt water intrusion.

The low chloride found in the water in test wells 7-10 and 9-12 indicates that possibilities exist for the development of additional ground water to the east and southeast of the new well field. Additional testing in this area would be advisable if further development were contemplated.

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	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet)		feet)	Depth (feet)				
Test Well	1-4		Test Well 1-4Continued						
6011	5	5	Sand	30	888				
Red and yellow clay	14	19	Clay	4	892				
led clay	31	50	Sand	10	902				
andy clay	24	74	Clay	84	986				
and	28	108	Sandy clay	9	995				
led clay	48	150	Clay	9	1004				
and	21	171	Sandy clay and clay	24	1028				
andy clay	7	178	Clay	15	1043				
lay	34	212	Sandy clay and clay	19	1062				
andy clay and shells	56	268	Sand	18	1080				
lay and shells	28	296	Hard clay	17	1097				
lay, sandy clay and			Sandy clay	40	1137				
shells	90	396	Clay and shells	38	1175				
and	8	395	Clay and sandy clay	21	1196				
lay and sandy clay	18	418	Sand	14	1210				
lue clay	25	437	Clay	2	1212				
and	17	454	NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY O		-				
andy clay	18	472	Test Well 2-5						
andy clay and sand	28	500	of Control in a second Control of						
lue clay and layers		Al and	Clay and sandy clay,						
of shell	52	552	sticky	56	56				
lay and shells	33	585	Clay and sandy clay	2.0					
and and clay	19	604	streaks	19	75				
lay and shells	31	650	Sand and sandy clay	14	89				
lay and sand	18	653	Clay and sandy clay						
and	114	767	with sand streaks	76	165				
lay and boulders	3	770	Sand (fair)	13	178				
ley and thin sand			Clay and sandy clay	60	258				
layers	6	776	Clay, streaks of sand	33	271				
lay and sandy clay	9	785	Sand (poor)	7	278				
andy clay	5	790	Shale, some shell	60	338				
lay, few shells and			Shale	40	378				
lime rocks	20	810	Sand and shale	6	384				
andy clay	12	822	Sand and blue clay	54	438				
lay	14	836	Clay and sandy clay	35	473				
and	18	854	Sand (hard)	27	500				
lay	4	858	(Continued on next page						

	ickness feet)	Depth (feet)		Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet)				
Test Well 2-5 0	ontinued		Test Well 3-6						
Clay and shells	53	553	Clay	88	85				
Sand and shells	25	578	Fine sand	40	125				
Sand	1	579	Broken clay with shall	65	190				
Shale	29	608	Fine sand	5	195				
Broken sand, shale			Broken shale, sand						
and shell	17	625	streaks	8	203				
Sand (good)	92	717	Sticky shale	15	218				
Clay	25	720	Sand and shale-breaks	9	227				
Sticky shale	36	756	Tough shale and shall	104	331				
Sand (good)	17	773	Broken shele and sand	17	348				
Sticky shale	37	810	Sandy shale	48	396				
Sand (broken)			Shale (sticky)	17	413				
(clay lense)	7	817	Fine sand	15	428				
Sand (out good)	34	851	Shale	19	447				
Sticky shale	47	898	Sand (good)	26	473				
Sticky shale and			Sand (fair)	28	501				
layer of rock	2	800	Sand, shell and shale						
Sticky shale, some			breaks	7	508				
shell	22	922	Sticky shale	53	561				
Broken send and shale	6	928	Sandy shale	6	567				
Sand, few shale stroaks	23	951	Sticky shale	3	570				
Layers of shale and san		984	Sand, shale	14	584				
Sand, fine, soft streak	8		Sand (fine)	10	594				
shale	22	1006	Sandy shale	12	606				
end, shale and shell	17	1023	Sticky shale	9	615				
Shell and small streaks		4	Sandy shale	49	664				
shale	33	1056	Sand	2	666				
and with shell	15	1071	Sand and shell	117	763				
fard shale	7	1078	Shale	3	786				
lard shale and shells	90	1168	Sand	10	796				
Shale, few thin send			Shale, sticky	4	890				
breaks	11	1179	Sticky shale	31	831				
fard shale and shell	11	1190	Sandy layers shale	3	834				
Sand (out good)	20	1210	Soft sticky shale	25	859				
erd sand and shale,			Tough sticky shale	28	887				
some shell	8	1218	Sticky shale	19	906				
Drill stem test at 709-	714 feet	The second second	(Continued on next ;	-					

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Ed. 444.450.000	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet)	T	hickness (feet)	Depth (feet)
Test Well 3-6	Continued		Test Well 4-70	ontinued	
Sandy shale	15	921	Sand and clay layers	4	670
Fine sand	58	979	Sand	95	765
Sandy shale	69	1048	Clay	10	778
Sand	14	1062	Hard shale	20	795
Sandy and shale	25	1085	Sandy shale	45	840
Sand	30	1115	Sandy clay	2	842
Sand and shale	52	1147	Sand	11	853
Hard sand	1	1148	Clay	18	868
Sand	41	1189	Clay, sandy clay and		
Boulder	1	1190	shell	17	882
Sticky shale	10	1200	Clay and shell	64	946
Drill stem test 791-	-794 feet.		Clay, sandy clay and		
Test by screen 760-	-770 feet.		shell	46	992
	The same of the sa	The state of the s	Clay and shell	46	1038
Test Wel	1 4-7		Fine send	51	1089
***************************************			Clay	7	1096
Soil	4	4	Sandy shale	64	1160
Red and yellow clay	6	10	Sand, shell and some		
Sandy clay	10	20	shale	11	1171
Sandy clay	2	22	Sandy clay	21	1192
Sand	16	38	Clay	8	1200
Sandy Clay	27	65	THE RESERVE THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF THE	The second second second	- Annual Control of Control
Clay and sandy clay	15	80	Test Well	5-8	
Clay	6	86			
Sandy clay and sand	14	100	Not reported	39	39
Clay	6	106	Clay, sticky	53	92
Sandy clay	24	130	Sandy clay	61	153
Clay	95	225	Sand	13	166
Sandy clay	30	255	Tough sticky shale	83	249
Clay and layers of s	hell 35	290	Sandy clay	112	361
Clay and shell layer		315	Tough blue shale	35	396
Clay and saidy clay	23	338	Sand	4	400
Clay	42	380	Shale and sandy shale		430
Sandy clay and clay	30	410	Sand (good)	39	469
Sandy clay and sand	63	430	Hard sticky clay	68	537
Send	43	473	Hard sticky shale	9	546
Clay	84	557	Sand	6	552
Sand and sandy clay	10	567	Sticky shale	14	566
Clay and sandy clay	90	657	Sand	13	579
Sendy clay	9	666	(Continued on next		-

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	Phickness (feet)	Depth (feet)		Thickness (fest)	Depth (feet)			
Test Well 5-8	Continued	37-1	Test Well 6-9Continued					
Sticky shale	20	599	Clay and shell	25	612			
Sandy shale	8	607	Sandy clay	3	615			
Send	5	612	Send	11	626			
ticky shale	16	628	Clay and shells	11	637			
landy shale	27	655	Clay and sandy clay	5	642			
Sticky shale	3	658	Sandy clay	6	648			
Sandy shale	15	673	Clay and sandy clay	18	666			
Sand	91	764	Clay and sand layers	3	669			
Sticky shale	3	767	Send	13	682			
Sand	2	769	Clay	2	684			
Sticky shale	3	772	Sand	108	792			
Sticky shale	8	780	Clay	35	827			
Shell and sand	7	787	Clay and sand layers	6	833			
Sticky shale	7	794	Send	7	840			
Soft sticky shale and	3		Sandy shale	20	860			
layers of shell	78	872	Sticky shale	6	866			
Sandy shale	43	915	Sandy shale	32	898			
oft sticky shale	95	1010	Sticky shale	46	944			
end	26	1036	Sendy shale	37	981			
oft shale	23	1059	Shale	34	1015			
Sand, fine	47	1106	Sandy shale	35	1050			
Shale, soft and sandy	7 69	1175	Fine sand and shell	67	1117			
and	2	1177	Shale and shell	5	1122			
Shale, soft and sandy	7 6	1183	Sand, shale and shell	49	1171			
and and sticky shale		1201	Sticky shale	15	1186			
		Color Stationard	Sandy shale	6	1192			
Test Well	6-9		Sticky shale	8	1200			
	Market Mark		Drill Stem Test 762 t	o 768 feet.				
Surface soil	3	3						
lay and gravel	5	8	Test Well	7-10				
ed send	7	15						
Clay and sandy clay	77	92	Surface soil	3	3			
Fine white sand	24	116	Clay	5	8			
Sandy clay and shell	29	145	Sandy clay	10	18			
Clay and sandy clay	315	469	Clay and shells	15	33			
Sandy clay	10	470	Red clay	38	71			
Clay	30	500	Blue clay	11	88			
lay, shell and sandy			Send	19	101			
clay	18	518	Sand and sandy clay	15	116			
Clay and shells	60	578	Clay and shells	74	190			
Sandy clay	9	587	(Continued on nex					

	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet)		Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet)
Test Well 7-10	Continu	ed	Test Well 8-11	Continued	
Clay and sandy clay	26	216	Sandy clay	20	296
Sand and sandy clay	10	226	Clay, and shell	54	350
Soft clay and shells	54	280	Sand	30	380
Clay and layers of			Clay	24	404
sandy clay and shell	1 290	570	Sand and sendy clay	11	415
Sand	9	579	Sand	48	463
Clay, sand layers	55	634	Hard clay	27	490
Cley	43	677	Sandy clay and shell	15	508
Clay and sandy clay	11	688	Clay and layers of sh		585
Clay and sandy layers	2	690	Sticky clay	35	560
Sand	82	772	Clay	20	580
Clay	86	798	Sandy clay and sand	20	600
Clay and sandy clay	10	808	Sand	4	604
Sand	5	813	Clay	6	610
Clay and sandy clay	15	828	Clay and thin sand le	-	633
Sandy clay and shell	14	842	Sand	87	720
Clay	16	958	Clay	14	734
Sand and shell	10	969	Sandy clay	1	735
Cley	28	896	Clay	12	747
Sandy clay and shell	14	910	Sandy clay	8	755
Sandy shale	30	940	Sand	5	760
Shale	70	1010	Sandy clay	7	767
	50		Soft clay	6	773
Shale and sandy shale	50	1060	Sandy clay	35	808
Clay, sendy clay and	0.0	1009	Shale	34	842
sand	25	1085	Sandy shale	8	850
Sand, fine	56	1141	Shale	20	870
Clay and shells	43	1184	Sand	25	895
Clay, sandy clay and			Shale	12	907
shells	16	1200	Sandy shale	11	918
			Shale	2	920
Test Well	8-11		Sandy shale	17	937
73			Sandy clay and shell	28	965
Clay	26	26	Fine sand	3	968
Red sand	4	30	Sandy shale	11	979
Clay	7	37	Shale and shell	16	995
Send	5 6	43	Shale with sandy stre		1060
Clay	34	77	Sandy shale and sand	30	1090
Sandy clay, shell and			Sand, sendy shale and		
sand	33	110	shell	40	1130
Clay, shele and shell	90	200	Sandy shale and shell		1164
Clay and layers of			Shale	16	1180
shell	76	276	Sandy shale and shell	20	1200

1	hickness (feet)	Depth (feet)		Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet)
Test Well	9-12		Test Well 9-12-Co	ontinued	
Soil	4	4	Clay, sandy clay, and		
Soft clay	11	15	sand	30	1080
Bandy clay	12	27	Sand	25	1108
oft clay	8	35	Sandy clay	5	1110
Not reported	46	81	Sand	15	1125
and	33	114	Sandy clay and sand	25	1150
Clay	16	130	Sandy clay and sand	14	1164
lay, shell and grave		230	Clay	66	1200
lay	10	240			1113
Sandy clay	17	257	Test Well 10	-13	
Sandy shale and shell	28	285			
Shale shale and shell	27	312	Not reported	20	20
inale Fine sand	8	320	Red and yellow clay	9	29
man a management	74	394	Red sand	. 9	38
Bandy shale	36	430	Blue clay	47	85
Shale Slue shale	23	453	Fine white send	88	113
Contract of Contra	63		Sand and clay layers	8	121
Sand		516	Clay	15	136
hale	6	522	Sand	8	144
land, hard	22	544	Sandy clay	6	150
bale and shell	36	580	Clay	53	203
lay and shells	68	648	Sandy clay	7	210
andy clay	8	656	Clay Fine sand, layers of	37	247
lay and thin sand			shell	45	one
layers	20	676	Clay with shell	22	292
and	20	696	Sandy shale and clay	36	350
lay, sticky	49	745	Sandy clay and clay	48	398
andy Clay	10	755	Sand	6	404
landy clay and sand	7	762	Sandy clay	. 9	413
and	8	770	Sandy olay laware	7	420
and	126	896	Sandy clay layers Clay and shells	13	433 465
ticky clay	10	906	Sandy clay	17	482
ticky shale	7	913	Clay and sandy clay	15	497
and	4	917	Sand Clay	3	500
hale	10	987	and	8	510
and	1	928	Clay	52	568
andy shale	5	933	Sandy clay	6	568
hale	21	954	Sand, good	11	579
andy shale	6	960	Clay	9	588
and	15	975	Sand	. 3	591
andy shale	5	980	Sandy clay	19	624
landy clay	42	1022	Sandy clay	79	
ley and sand layers	19	1041			633
and	9	1050	Clay and sandy clay (continued on next	70	703
try, same along and.		1000	. Jourstined on Boxe	bage)	

	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet)		Thickness (feet)	Depth (fest)
Test Well 10-1	3Continue	d	Test Well 11-14	Jontinued	
Sand	6	709	Clay and shells	34	210
Clay	1	710	Clay and shells	35	245
Sand	1	711	Soft sandy clay	11	256
Clay	6	717	Clay and shell	34	290
Sandy clay	6	723	Sandy clay	58	348
Sand and clay layers	9	732	Clay and sandy clay	23	371
Sand	59	791	Sand and shells	26	397
Clay and thin sand			Clay and shells	44	441
layers	9	800	Sand	5	446
Sand	21	821	Clay and sendy clay	10	456
Clay	61	888	Sand	23	479
Send	6	888	Clay	20	499
Clay	29	917	Sandy clay	15	514
Sandy clay	4	921	Clay	43	557
Clay, sticky	14	935	Sandy clay	17	574
Sandy clay	44	979	Clay (hard)	70	644
Sticky clay	30	1009	Sand	74	718
Fine sand	21	1030	Clay	1	719
Send	1	1031	Sand	86	805
Clay and sandy clay	44	1075	Clay	1	806
lay	21	1096	Sand	1	807
Sandy clay	7	1103	Clay	9	816
Sand	24	1127	Clay and thin sand		
Clay and sendy clay	61	1198	layers	4	820
Clay and shells	12	1200	Sandy clay	8	828
			Clay	34	862
Test Well	11-14		Sandy clay	3	865
- 74-			Sand	21	886
3011	3	3	Clay	8	894
bray clay	4	7	Clay and sandy clay	84	978
From clay	13	20	Send	6	984
Red sand	15	35	Clay and sand layers	16	1000
Red clay	15	50	Clay and sandy layers	18	1018
Sticky clay	20	70	Clay	1.1	1029
Red clay	16	86	Sand, fine	14	1043
Sand -	30	116	Sandy clay and clay	23	1066
Red clay	44	160	Sand	34	1100
and	16	176	(Continued on next	page)	

	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feat)		Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet)
Test Well 11-14-	_Continued		Test Well 12-15	and analysis	
Clay	13	1113		The same of the sa	
Sandy clay	14	1127	Clay and thin sand		
Clay and sandy clay	43	1170	layers	28	62
Clay and sandy clay	5	1175	Sandy clay	4	68
Clay and shells	14	1189	Sand	4	63
Sand and sandy clay	14		Clay and sand layers	4	63'
Clay	2	1203	Sand	20	65'
		1205	Clay	1	658
Test Well)	10 15		Sand	5	663
TABLE SELL 1	15-10		Clay	1	664
Boil .			Sand	121	781
Yellow clay	2	2	Clay and shells	6	791
Red clay	10	18	Sandy clay	7	795
Fine sand	52	64	Sand	8	806
andy clay	33	97	Clay	4	810
lay	14	111	Sand and sandy clay	7	817
and	37	148	Send	81	828
	4	152	Sand and sandy clay	28	
lay and sand layers	8	160	Clay and sandy clay	62	866
lay and sandy clay	13	173	Clay	34	928
lay and shells	31	204	Sandy clay	11	962
lay, sandy clay and			Clay and sandy clay	31	973
shells	152	356	Clay and shale	200	1004
and	33	389	Fine sand and shell	18	1022
andy clay	10	399	and	88	1050
lay	39	438	Clay and shells	10	1060
andy clay	9	447	Clay and sandy clay	16	1076
and	16	463	Sand and sendy clay	12	1088
lay and sandy clay	67	530	Clay	24	1112
andy clay	3	533		46	1158
and	5	538	Clay and sandy clay	88	1180
lay and sendy clay	6	544		- 1	
and	4	548			
indy clay	11	559			
ау	38	597			

Analyses of water from City of Calveston Waterworks test wells and five of the new production wells. s/ (Results are in parts per million except pH)

Nel1	Depth of sempling		of	Total	Silice	Iren	Cal-	Magne-	Sodium and	Carbon-	Bicer-	Sul-	Chlo-	Pluore	Ni-	Total	
8	below surface (ft.)	tion	10-	dis- sclved solids	(SiO ₂)	(Fe)	cium	sium (Mg)	Potassium (Na + E) (calc.)	(CO3)	benste (HCO3)	fate	ride	ide (F)	trate	herdness as CaCO ₃ (calc.)	pН
1- 4	721-731	Dec. 1941	12,	558	33	.24	16	6.1	188	5.9	320	2	140	.6	0	65	8.1
1- 4	760-770	Dec. 1941	16,	617	20	.13	14	4.9	228	5.9	352	2	178	.5	0	65	8.3
1- 4	870-880	Apr. 1942	7,	1,627	14	1.25/	30	11	597	0	400	0.8	770	.8	0	120	-
2- 5	709-714	Dec. 1941	13,	1,285	9.4	.96	55	19	353	0	394	12	458	.5	0	216	6.9
3- 6	780-770		6,	946	20	.05	25	8.3	334	9.8	326	2	380	.7	0	96	-
3- 8	788-791		27,	950	12	.04	19	7.8	341	16	310	9.4	375	.6	0	90	-
4- 7	758-749	Dec. 1942	10,	885	20	.03	27	8.7	306	20	270	5	360	.5	0	103	-
5- 8	758-764	Feb. 1942	2,	822	18	.14	18	6.4	297	0	382	1.9	284	.5	.2	72	-
6- 9	762-769	Jan. 1942	21,	803	18	.07	19	5.0	204	9	347	6.6	154	.8	0	68	-
7-10	756-763	Feb. 1942	7,	591	18	.09	13	3.9	205	0	350	15	134	.7	0	48	
7-10	793-800	Feb. 1942	12,	851	7.2	.05	15	5.7	296	20	390	18	237	-	0	61	
8-11	669-677		10,	803	29	.13	39	13	251	•	334	.7	300	-	0	151	-
8-11	706-717	and the second s	21,	1,024	8.4	.02	32	12	356	20	314	18	420	.4	0	130	-

e/ No sample was obtained from well 14 as pumping equipment was not installed.
b/ Fe in solution - 0.09

Fe in pptd.

Analyses of water from City of Galveston Waterworks test wells and five of the new production wells -- continued of (Results in parts per million except pil)

	Depth of sampling below surface (ft.)	Date colle tion	10-		(SiO ₂)		oium		Sedium and Potassium (Na + E) (calc.)	Carbo- sate (COg)	Bicar- benata (ECO3)	fato	ride	Fluor- ide (F)	trate	Total hardness as CaCO ₃ (cale,)	рН
9-12	825-833	Mer. 1942	15,	599	29	0	12	4.3	217	24	308	3	158	.8	0	48	-
9-12	877-888	Mer. 1942	16,	826	20	0	13	4.7	308	16	336	5.4	295	1.2	0	52	en .
10-13	812-825	Apr. 1942	15,	1,052	10	.03	17	6.5	393	0	334	12	450	1.0	0	130	-
11-14	794-805	Apr. 1942	28,	1,075	14	.12	20	7.1	396	0	365	9.4	445	1,2	0	79	-
12-15	732-742	Hay 1942	8,	731	26	.24	20	8.4	254	0	348	6.0	238	.7	0	76	-
12-15	773-783	May 1942	9,	1,129	14	.13	27	10	401	0	390	9.9	4.60	.8	0	108	**
S	-	May 1943	28,	711	25	.09	19	5.5	248	0	352	2	224	.7	.8	70	8.0
10	•	do.		576	24	.04	12	3.6	208	0	347	5	146	.8	0	45	8.2
11	-	do.		728	24	.12	17	4.8	261	0	338	3	245	.9	1.2	62	8.2
12	-	May 1943	27,	857	25	.04	13	8.7	198	0	347	2	134	.6	0	48	8.8
13	-	Mey 1943	28,	594	26	.09	16	4,6	196	0	332	2	170	.8	0	59	8.5

e/ No semple was obtained from well 14 as pumping equipment was not installed.

by Fe in solution - 0.09

Fe in pptd. - 1.1

