SPECIAL SEWAGE PROBLEM

REPORT ON THE SEWAGE PROBLEM OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELESS WITH CONCLUSIONS AND RECORDENDATIONS

Report Hade

Ву

Haigalois Timourian

June9, 1922

CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Pasadena California

-GENERAL OUTLINE-

- I. Possible Ways of Disposal Other than that by Dilution
 - A. Introduction
 - B. Character of Sewage
 - C. Screening and Straining
 - 1. Hand operated screens or gratings
 - a. Lar screens or gratings
 - b. Wire mesh screens
 - c. Basket screens
 - d. Upward flow screens
 - 2. Mechanically operated screens
 - a. Stationary screens with power-driven rakes or brushes
 - b. Revolving screens
 - I. The wing screen
 - II. the shovel-vane screen
 - Tit. Tall drum sercon
 - Iv. the Riensch screen
 - V. The Reading screen
 - 3. Coarse filters or strainers
 - 4. Afficiency of screening
 - 5. cost of screening
 - D. Sedimentation
 - 1. Grit chambers
 - 2. Fine sedimentation
 - a. Intermittent-flow tanks
 - b. Continuous-flow tanks
 - E. Preliminary Treatment of Sewage by Chemical Precipitation

AN INVESTIGATION OF THE BIG TUJUNGA CREEK

AS A POSSIBLE WATER SUPPLY FOR PASADENA

PART OTH.

LOCATION Tujunga Reservoir Site Mo.1, or the AND
DESCRIPTION How Reservoir as it is sometimes called,
is located at a narrow place in the Big Tujunga Canyon
approximately eight miles from the canyon, mouth.

The Tujunga watershed comprises 37.27 square miles above the dam-site. The length of the main tributary measured along the meanderings of the stream is about 34 miles. The main tributaries are Alder Greek, North Fork, Mill Greek, Fox Greek.

The watershed is comparatively long and narrow with the longer axis running approximately north and south. The mean elevation is 4,150 feet. The upper half of the Tujunga,56,900 acres, has a radiating system of main feeders 29 miles long as follows:

Hill Creek 5 miles
Alder Creek 9 miles
Wickiup 2.5 miles

North Fork 5 miles

Colduater 1.5 miles

Main Tujunga 6 miles

DATA discharge of Tujunga Greek from Hovember, 1916 AVAILABLE to February, 1922. Daily combined discharge of can Gabriel River and Canals from January, 1909 to February, 1922. Precipation at Hansens Ranch, (near reservoir pite), from 1917 to 1922. Precipation at Echo Mountain, which compares very favorably with that at Hannens Ranch, from 1897 to 1933. Precipitation at Azusa, near San Gabriel gaging station, from 1897 to 1922.

DETHODS In view of the fact the precipitation at Echo OF ATTACK Hountain and that at Hansens Ranch are in such close aggrement an attempt was made to develope a formula for use in estimating run-off, the precipitation being known. It soon became apparent that there were too many indeterminable variables involved to this method was discarded in favor of that used by Mr.H.W.Dennis in adapting the records of stream flow at one point to another point on the same stream. This method is fully explained by Mr. Dennis in a paper in "Transactions of the American Society of Civil Engineers" Vol. LXXXIV page 551. In this paper Mr. Dennis showed the results of a rather extended study of the flow of the Kern River in the State of California, wherein it was desired to make use of a long period of observations of stream taken on this river at one point and to apply these records at a point about 75 miles distant on the same river there it was contemplated to divert the water for power purposes.

ECHANATION In developing the curves for use in estimat-OF CURVES USED IN ing discharge, the flow in second feet for ESTIMATING DISCHARGE five day periods was averaged for each stream. This data was then divided into monthly periods and the average discharge for five day periods plotted as shown in Figs. 1-13. The averages for San Gabriel were plotted against the corresponding averages for Tujunga regardless of the time of month and for all years for which data was available for both streams. All curves were plotted to the same relative scale with San Gabriel to one half the scale as Tujunga. This ratio of scales was used because of the fact that San Gabriel has approximately twice the drainage area as Tujunga. The points for the month of January gave the most perfect curve, only one point being off the curve an appreciable amount. This curve was used in projecting curves for other months to cover greater discharges than those recorded within the past five years.

MASS The ordinates for the mass curve were obcurve tained from the discharge curves by noting the average discharge of San Gabriel for a given period, locating this point on the San Gabriel axis, moving up to the curve and across to the Tujunga axis. The points obtained in this way from 1909 to 1917 were added successively and the actual average discharge added from 1917 to 1932. The summations were then reduced by 85 %, the reduction being obtained as follows:

Drainage area above dam-site 87.27 Sq. Hi.

Drainage area above gaging station 106 sq. Hi.

87.27/106 82.3 %. Since the tributaries below the damsite flow only during the rainay season, all the summer
flow coming from the upper reaches of the stream, the

The average flow for five day periods in second feet is shown to be one tenth of the total flow in acre feet as follows:

1 sec. ft. for 30 days 60 acre feet (59.50)

1 sec. ft, for 5 days 10 acre feet.

REGULATED In determining the possible rates of regulated flow five different amounts of recervoir capacity were considered. They were not amounts of 30,000, 30,000,11,200,3,400,and 5,300 acre feet, corresponding to heights of dam of 300,250,300,130,and 160 feet respectively. In determining the rates of regulated flow tangents were drawn from the mass curve thru the highest points located by laying off the storage downward from the curve. In addition to the regulated flow these lines show the amount of spill at periods of flood. The period giving the lowest rate of flow was from February 1916 to December 1921. This rate is given in the following table.

Height Of Dam	Rate
160 Feet	10.0 sec. ft.
180	12.6
300	13.9
250	18.8
300	25.0

AREA OF WATER SHED ABOVE DAM-SITE

```
17.22 Sq. In.
Planimeter reading,
                   one
                    tivro
                            34.55
                  Lhree
                            51.74
                   four
                            68,99
                            17.25
     Average
Planimeter reading,
                   one . 37.85
                           75.50
                    UNIO
                  three
                           115.41
                   four
                          151.14
     Average . . . . . . . . . 37.78
Planimeter reading,
                            17.75
                   one
                            34.77
                    two
                  three
                            52.16
                   four
                            69.85
                            17.39
     Average .
Planimeter reading
                            17.32
                   one
                            34.56
                    two
                            51.09
                  three
                   four
                            69.28
                            17.53
     09.74
     Total Area . . . . .
```

Planimeter measures actual area of 100 sq.in. as 100.06 sq.in. Correction factor 1.0006 89.74:d.0006 29.39

Scale of map 1/62500

[(63500)].3 .60 /(144x43560x640)=87.37 bg.nd.

Area between dam-site and gaging station 19.23 sq.in. 0.074x10.35 +18.

Total area above gaging sta. 105.

ESTIMATED DISCHARGE OF TUJUNGA CREEK.

13 1					040	
Period. Jan. Feb. Har. Apr. May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.	1.5 9 45 48 110 58 15 8 2.3 3	.11 515 48 80 52 15 6	11-15 15 450 40 56 30 16 1.5 2 6	2.6 6	21-25 750 60 140 48 25 1.3 1.4 2 5	26-30 77 53 120 41 18 11 3 1.5 2
		1.	910			
Jan. Peb. Mar. Apr. May June July Aug. Pept. Oct. Nov. Dec.	0.5	1.8 3	132 28 20 15 7 3 0.4 0.5 1.5 3	0.5	105 25 25 16 6 3 0.5 0.5 0.5 1.7	74 35 45 55 50 60 15 50 60 15 55
		1	DII			(W)
Jan. seb. Mar. Apr. May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.	6 445 346 110 38 16 6.4 3.5 5.5	215 1850 75 37 12 6.4	90 135 850 57 37 10 5.5 1.8 3.5	45 67 370 53 31 8 5 2.7 3 7.3	63 37 230 54 26 7 4.8 1.6 1.7 5	056 40 135 45 20 6 3.5 1.5 4

PRINCIPAL DIRECTARE OF TUJUNGA CAREA

Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.	1-5 10 10 17 16 36 7 2.5 0.6 0.9 2	6-10 10 10 204 20 25 6 1.5 0.5 0.9 2	1115 10 10 304 04 16 3 1.5 0.7 1.9 3.3	16-20 9 9 48 51 16 5 0.9 0.5 0.7 1.7 2	21-25 9 9 21 44 14 5 0.7 0.6 1.7 1.2 4.2	26-30 9 9 20 35 13 4 0.7 0.4 0.6 1.9 1.2 4.2
		1	91.3			
Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. Hay June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.	6 10 30 15 0.5 0.3 0.5 0.4 0.5	6 20 30 16 8 5 0.5 0.3 0.4 0.6 4.6	8 15 25 15 7 2 0.5 0.3 0.4 4.5 4.5	20 12 21 15 6 3 0.3 0.3 0.3 4.5	10 125 20 15 6 2 0.3 0.3 0.3 6	9 92 20 15 5 0.5 0.3 0.4 3.8 6.3
		1	914			
Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.	9 125 428 45 41 23 9 5.5 2.5 4.5 0.7	8 90 252 45 37 20 6.5 2.6 2.4 3.6 4.1 8.7	16 45 109 45 35 15 8 8 8 8 4 5 11	680 1300 78 44 31 13 5.5 3.1 2.2 3	387 2400 67 44 28 13 5 2 3.2 3.9	1225 345 60 43 25 10 5 1.4 1.7 3

Period. Jan. Feb. Mar. Ajr. May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Mov. Dec.		4.6 5 275 44 23 9 2 0.4 0.4 5.5 23	6.1 5 39 37 18 1.3 0.4 1.6 4.0	18 153 50 18 7 0.2 0.4 0.5 1.9	4.5 149 108 57 19 .	5.1 93 67 37
		15	719			
Jan. Teb. Lar. Apr. May June July Ang. Sept. Oct. Dov. Dec.	7 14 13 31 5.6 0.7 0.3 0.4 1.0 0.8	7 11 13 17 1.6 0.7 0.3 0.3 0.3 1.0	7.6 59 25 13 6.4 1.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 1.0 8.1	3 16 52 10 6 .1 0.4 0.4 0.3 0.6 1.0	7.3 14 55 9.4 5.5 0.7 0.4 0.4 0.2 1.0 7.4	38 38 13 5.2 0.7 0.5 0.4 6.8 0.9 3.8
		1.5	930			
Jan. Teb. Lar. Apr. Hay June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Lov. Dec.	7.6 6.8 165 98 35 11 5.9 2.1 1.7 3.2 2.5 4.8	6.1 8.0 61 76 85 9.3 4.1 8.3 8.3 5.3 5.3	4 54 55 31 8.7 3.4 2.1 2.7 2.3 2.6 6.3	4.1 31 38 50 16 7.4 2.6 1.7 2.3 4.7 2.5	5.3 67 570 54 14 5.8 2.5 1.1 5.2 4.3 2.5	5.1 37 187 27 13 6.0 2.1 2.4 3.9 3.7

ESTIMATED DISCHARGE OF TUJUNGA CREEK

Period. Jan. Feb. Kar. Apr. Hay June July Aug. Gept. Oct. Nov. Dec.	14 30 66 40 49 33 20 5.5 3.5 3.4 4.2	6-10 13 95 50 36 49 25 13 3.5 3.4	11-15 13 -160 40 35 44 20 11 2.6 3.4 3.4 6.5	16-20 12 85 51 52 44 17 10 2.1 2.8 5.7	21-25. 13 70 52 58 16 2.5 1.6 5	56-30 77 57 55 54 12 6 3.4 2.5 9
		7	916			(*)
Jan. Feb. Har. Apr. Hay June Jul, Aug. Sept. Oct. Hov. Dec.	18 316 108 58 26 9 6 3.4 2.4 35 10	70 154 103 46 18 7 5 6.4 2.4 16 10	46 110 94 44 16 7 4.6 2.2 14 9.4	5100 93 95 36 16 6 4.4 2.4 2.2 10 9.3	268 74 118 55 15 6 4 2.4 9 155	1850 130 30 38 12 6 3.6 1.7 2.4 7
		1	917			
Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. Hay June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.	32 35 75 28 19 14 3 0.5 0.6 0.4 2.3	31 33 56 18 12 0.6 0.6 0.3 6	81 80 53 84 17 9 2 0.5 0.5 0.6 4.5	43 39 42 30 19 6 1.3 0.4 0.4 5.1 4.4	59 156 33 23 18 5 1.2 0.6 7 5.6	34 129 32 32 17 4 1.5 0.4 0.4 0.2 3.7 3.4

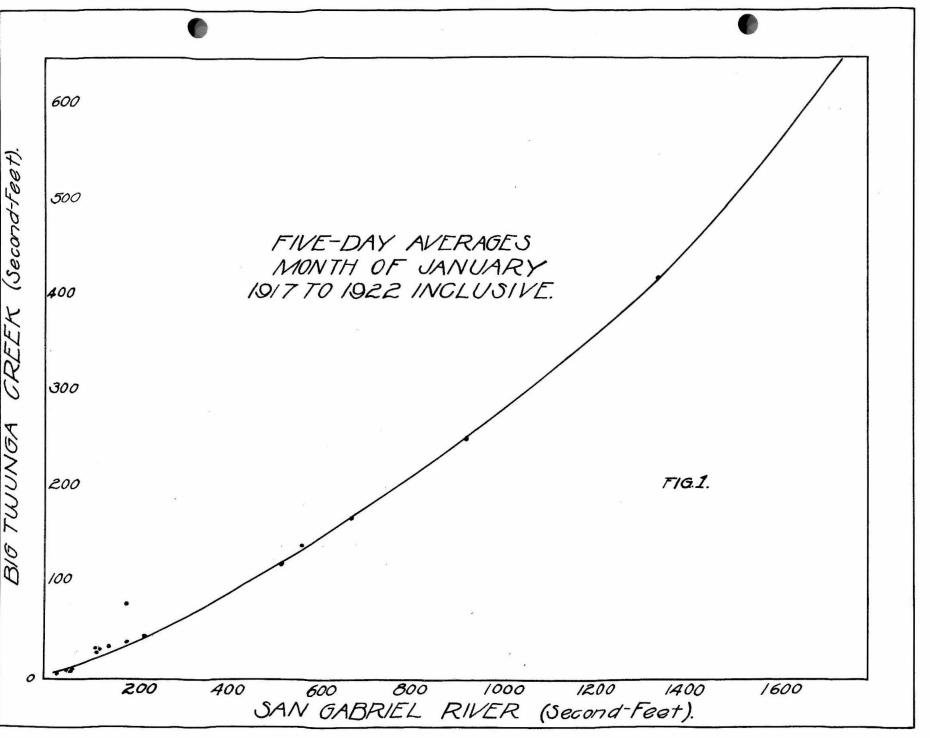
NUTLICATED DISCHARGE OF TUJUNGA ORDER

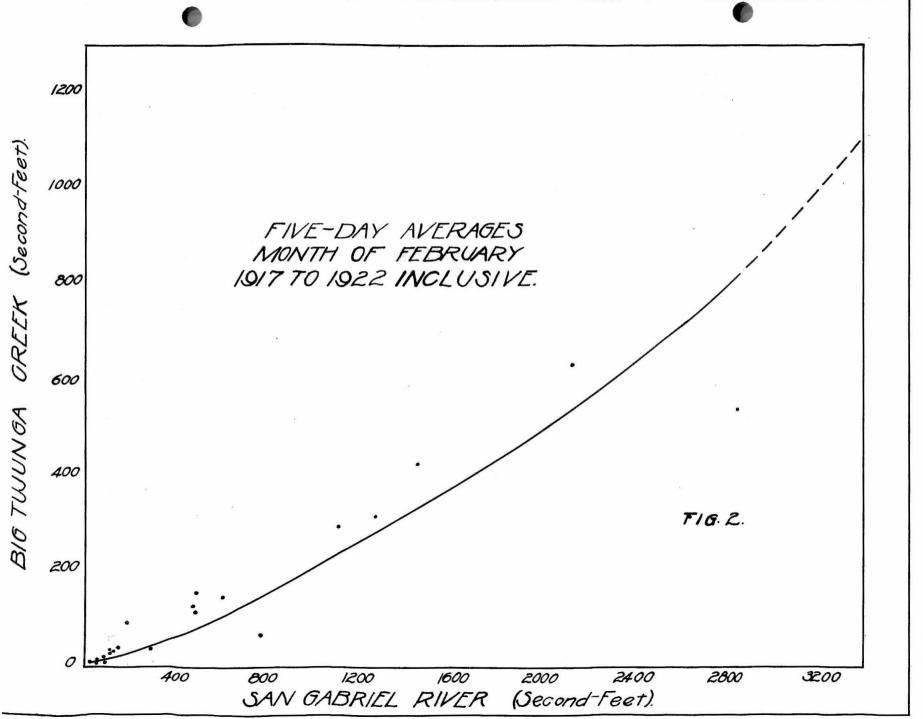
1981

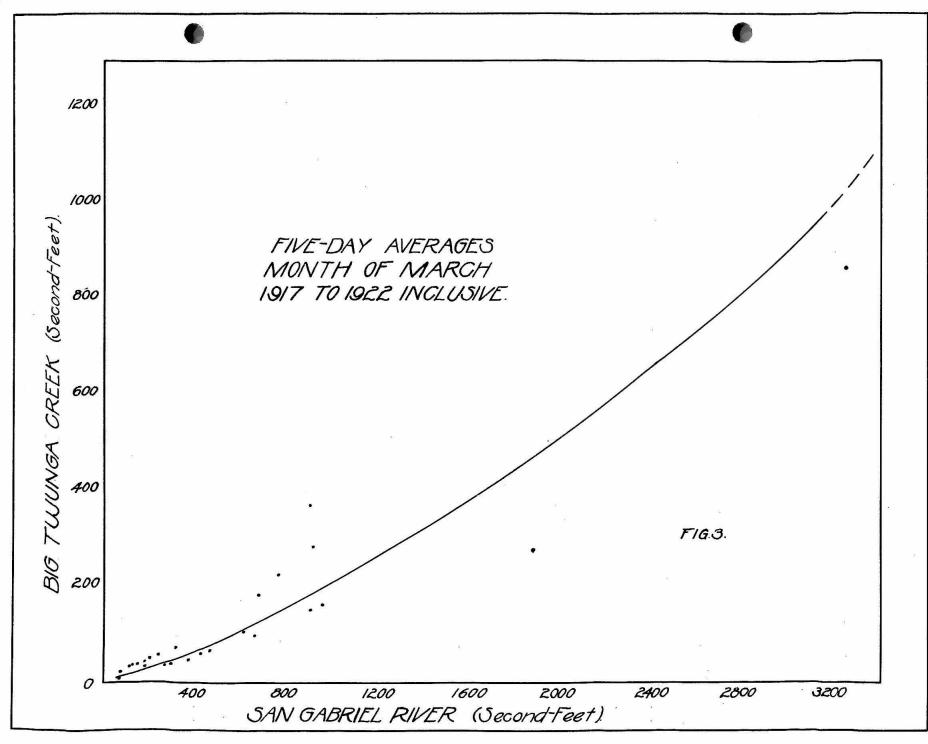
Period.						
			11-15	16-20	3135	20-00
Jam.	8.8	7.3	7.4		30	.38
Feb.	21	18	13	17	13	18
Mar.	9.6	101,	99		29	忍5
	19	16	1.5		1.3	S.5
Hay	13		9.4		175	45
June	37		17	14	9.8	
July			2.6		2.1	
Aug.		1.8		1.1	7.4	
Rept.	1.0	0.8	1.0	1.8	0.9	
Oct.	1.9	8.5	2.1	3 5	J _* 5	
Nov.	2.6	3.7			5.1	
Dec.	5.4	5.6	6.l	5240	595	1165
				34		
		15	132			*
Jan.	756	417	252	171	123	140
Feb.	116	537	631	426	313	393
Mar	383	385		Sweet 25 max		

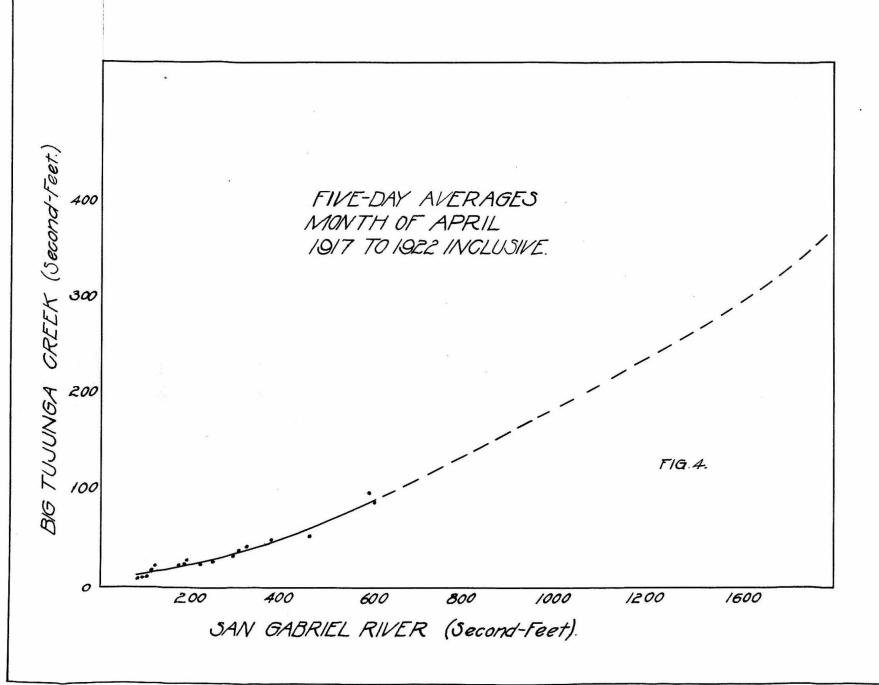
RATE OF REGULATED FLOW FOR VARIOUS HEIGHTS OF DAIL

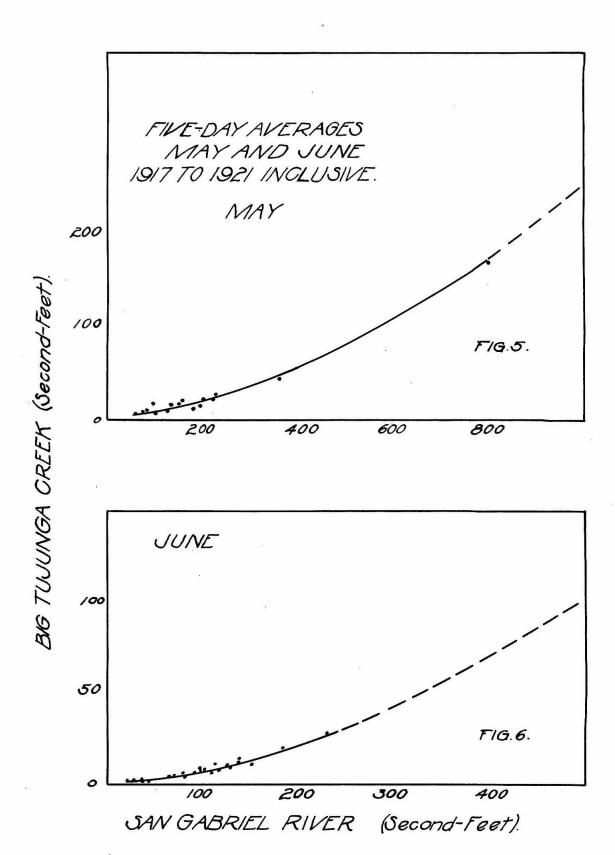
Height Of Dam Feet	Regulated Flow Second Fest
160	10.0
130	12.6
200	13.9
250	18.8
300	23.0

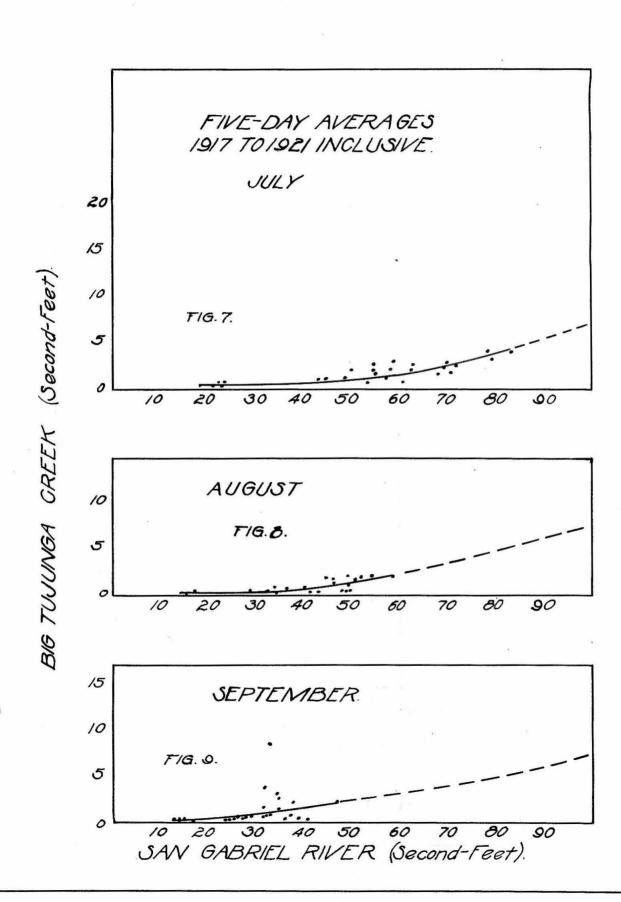


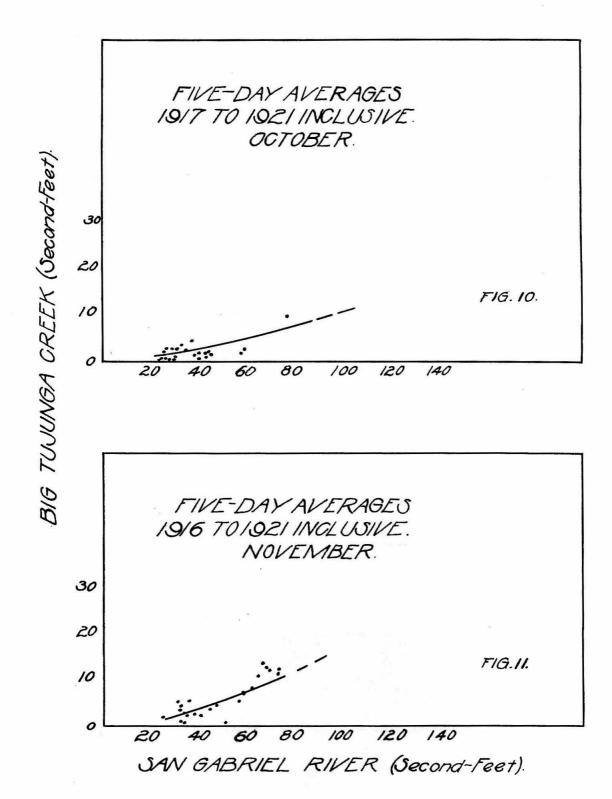


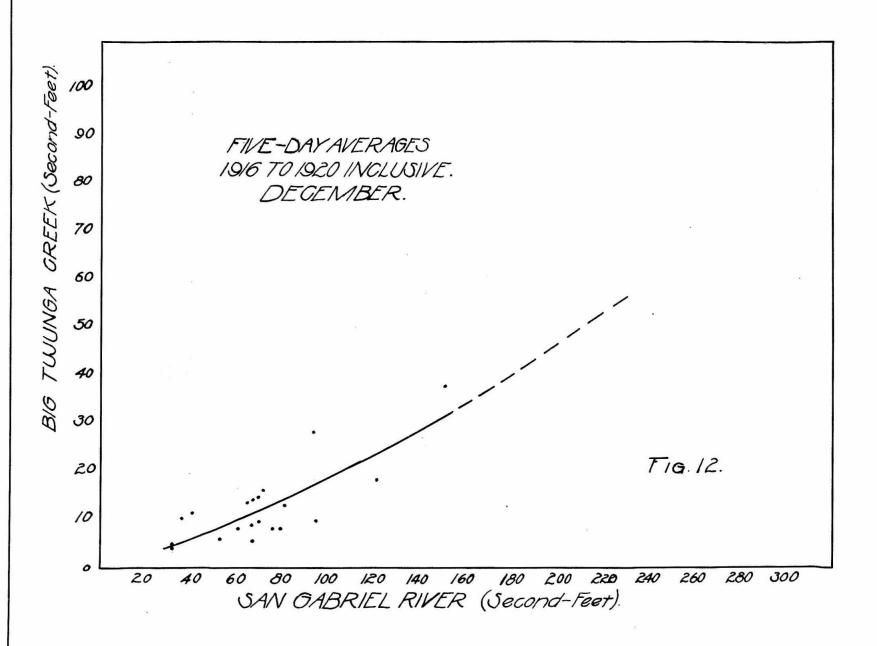


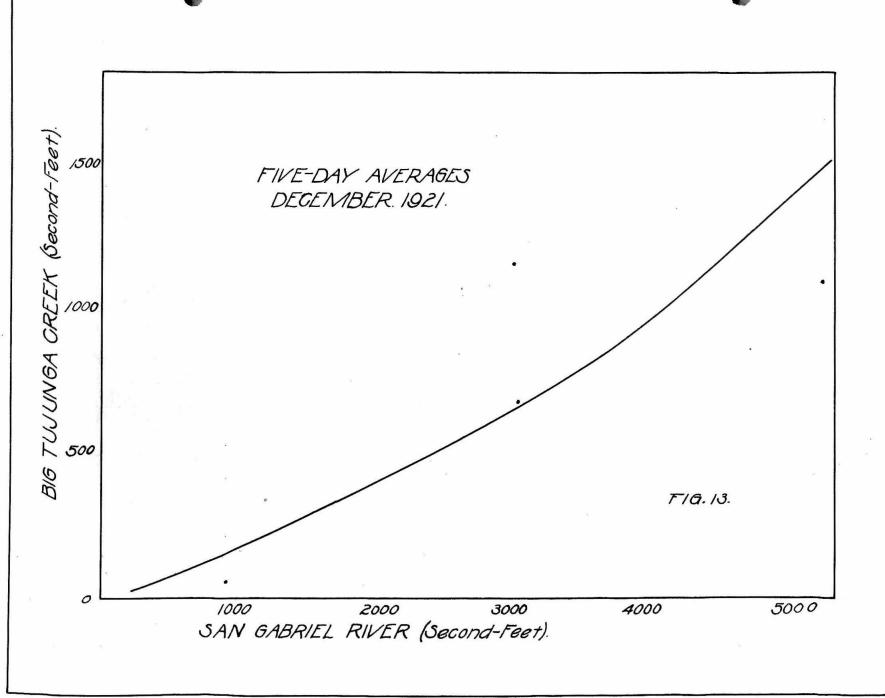












PART TWO

SELECTION OF HURGHT OF DAM.

ion on account of there being no information over this portion of the canyon as bed rock conditions, and the uncertainty as to the strength of the east abutment. The cost of an arch dam should not be over 50% to 60% of the type here estimated if it should be found practicable later to install this class of structure.

The profile shown in Fig. 16 was taken from "The Design And Construction Of Dams", (Wegmann). This design was for a 200 foot dam but both faces were produced to give a profile 300 feet high. The 300 foot profile was investigated as to the location of the resultant with the reservoir full and found to be near enough the third point to justify using this profile for calculating volumes of concrete.

The cross-section of the canyon at the dam-site was obtained by measuring the distance between the same contour on opposite sides of the canyon. This data was taken from Map No.T.O.226 of the Los Angeles Flood ControllDistrict.

The reservoir capacity curve was drawn from data furnished by Mr.S.B.Morris, Chief Engineer of the Pasadena Water Department.

The profile of the dam was divided into 20 foot sections and the area of each computed. The length of each section for various heights of dam was measured on Fig. 14 and the volumes computed as shown on page. In estimating the cost of the dam a unit cost of \$13.00 per cubic yard for concrete was used.

To bring the water into Pasadena it will be necessary to drive a tunnel two and one-half miles long from the Tejunga to the Arroyo. The cost of driving the tunnel was estimated after reading numerous descriptions of types and cost given in "Modern Tunneling " by Brunton and Davis. The Elizabeth Lake Tunnel on the Los Angeles Aqueduct cost \$40.50 per foot. It is 26,870 feet in length and 9 by 10 feet in cross-section. It was driven through medium to hard granite, completed February 1911. The Mission Tunnel, Santa Barbara, cost \$19.91 per foot driven through shale and hard sandstone, length 19,560 feet, crosssection trapezoid, 4.5 feet wide at the top, 6 feet wide at the base, and 7 feet high. These tunnels were built during a period of low construction cost but the Elizabeth Lake Tunnel is of considerably larger crosssection than would be necessary in this case. The location of the work, especially at the Arroyo portal would be more economical than that at Elizabeth Lake. It is belived that the cost of constructing such a tunnel would not be over \$50.00 per foot at the present prices.

POWER DEVELOPMENT.

at elevation 2,000 by placing the tunnel intake at 2,000 or giving a falloof four feet per mile to the tunnel. Placing the tunnel intake at this elevation would waste about 250 feet of storage, which amount has been deducted in estimating the regulated flow for different heights of dam. With the tunnel at this point there would always be a pool of still water 2,100 feet in length and covering about twelve acres which would cause the stream to deposit well above the dam all gravel and boulders brought down in time of flood.

miles on the east side of the Arroyo asite for a power-house is found with an available net head of 240 feet. Owing to the proximity of this site to the power market power could be transmitted at 11,000 volts with a small line loss, The construction of a steel-tower line would not be necessary to carry this voltage.

The American Electrical Engineers Handbook (1914 Edition), gives \$67.00-per kilowatt of capacity as the maximum cost of a complete plant of 200 K.W.capacity. Two-hundred dollars per K.W.will be allowed in this estimate which will include the two mile conduit and the pole line.

VALUE OF WATTER AND POWER.

agers that Pasadena can afford to pay \$2,000 a miners inch for a domestic water supply. This at first thought seems an enormous price but is really \$8.50 an acre foot when capitalized at 6%. Los Angeles sells Owens River water for irrigation purposes at \$6.00 an acre foot.

The production cost of power sold by Pasadena during the year 1920-21 was \$.01147 per kilowatt hour. This was sold at an average price of
\$.03371 per K.W.H. making a net profit of \$.03224
per K.W.H. or \$195 per K.W.year.

From the table showing the ratio of cost of the project to the capitalized value of the revenue derived it is seen that at the unit prices used here, any height of dam between 160 and 200 feet could be built at some profit to the city. The margin of profit is so small that the project would hardly be expected to more the pay the interest on he investment.

If more than sufficient storage could be secured in the arroyo to fully develope that stream it is possible that a great part of the flood flow of the Tejunga could be saved which otherwise would be lost. The total amount of spill shown on the last curve amounted to 212,000 acrefeet or an aveage spill of 16,300 acre-feet per year.

AREA OF PROFILE OF DAM. .

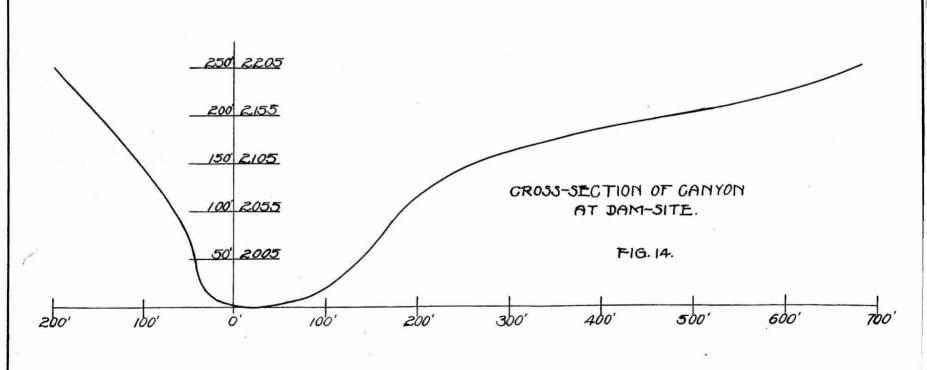
Section	Base Teet	Area Sq.Ft.	Summation Of Areas
0-20	80	400	400
20-40	24	440	840
40-60	35.4	594	1434
60-80	50	854	2288
80-100	64	1140	3428
100-120	78.8	1428	4856
120-140	92.5	1713	6569
140-160	105.8	1983	8552
160-180	118.9	2247	10799
180-200	132.5	2514	13313
200-220	145.5	2780	16093
220-240	159	3045	19138
240-250	166	3250	22368
250-270	.180	3460	25848
270-290	193	3730	29578
290-300	200	3930	33508

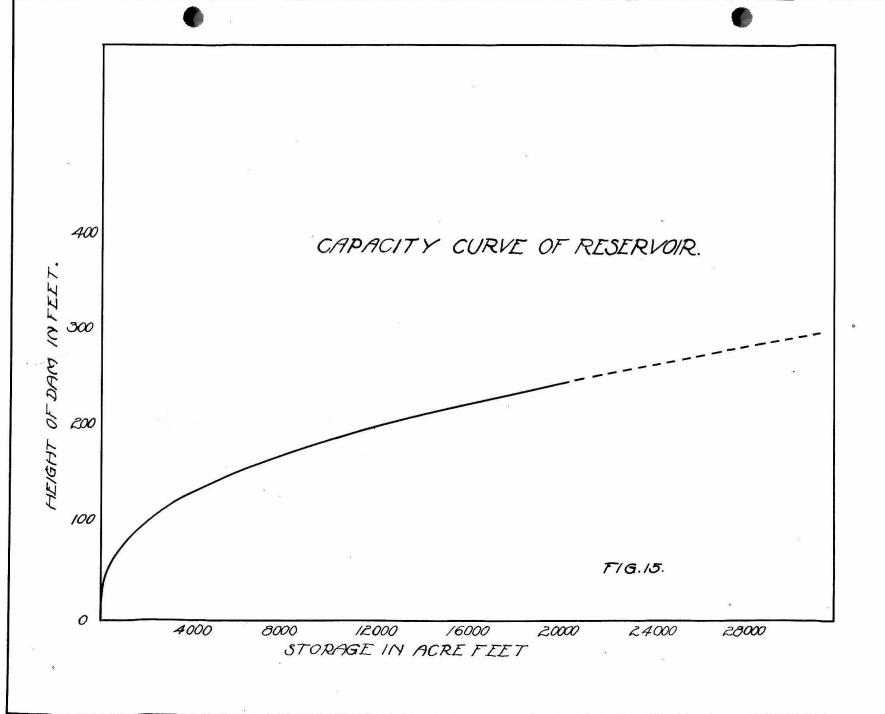
WIDTH OF CANYON AT DAM-SITE.

Elevation Above Ground Level	Width North Of Center	Width South Of Center	Total Width
25 °	40 *	110 *	150
50	45	14G	185
75	50	160	210
100	70	180	250
125	85	210	295
150	105	280	385-
175	1.25	365	490
200	1 50	500	650
225	175	610	785
250	200	680	880

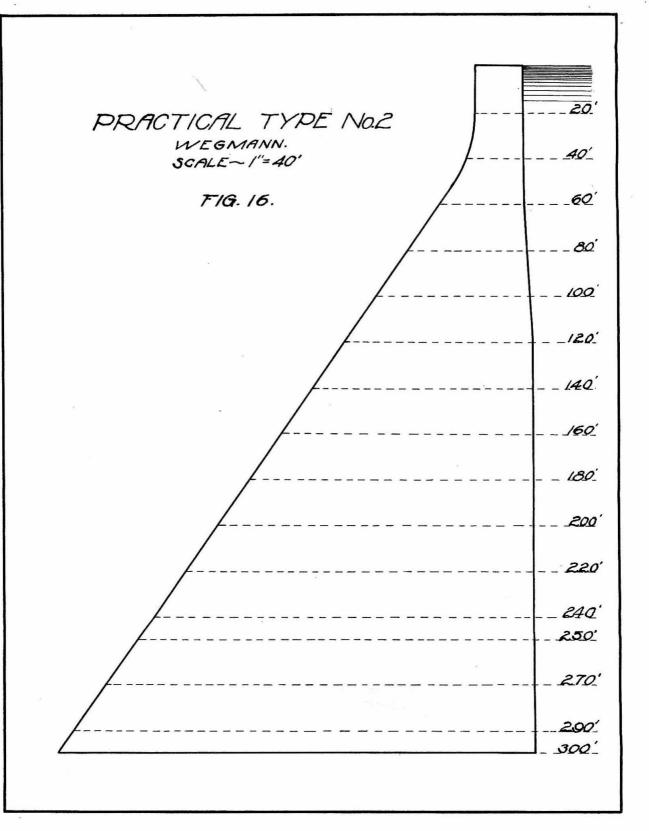
CAPACITY OF RECERVOIR FOR VARIOUS HEIGHTS OF DAM.

Height Dam	Oſ			147												(Capacity Of Reservoir Acre Feet
051														-			0
25 *		0	0			•	9				•				•	•	
50	1 0		0			٠	0	0	۰	0	ю	0		۰	٥	0	150
75	v		0	٥	0	0	٥	۰	0			•	0	۰	۰	0	790
100	٠						۰									۰	1970
125			Δ.		•												3400
150				-					1							٠	5600
		•	•		e		•		•	•		۰		•		•	
175		•	•	0	0		0		•		0			•	•		8400
200	ď				۰		٥	۰	9	6		٥	•			۰	11700
225	٠		۰				•	6		٥	۰	۰			0	٠	15800
250			-						-								20500





		1.60 1)ean	180° Da	71
Section	Area Sq.Ft.	Length Of Section	? Volume n Gu.Ft.	Length Of Section	Volume Cu.Ft.
0-20 20-40 40-60 60-80 80-100 100-120 120-140 140-160 160-180	400 440 594 854 1140 1428 1713 1983 2247	374° 310 266 234 208 183 157	149500 136300 158000 199600 237000 261000 269000 208000	456* 374 310 266 234 208 183 157	183000 164500 184000 227000 267000 397000 314000 311000 236000
Total Cu Total Cu			1618400 59440		2183500 80370
9		200 Da	am	350 Dam	Cu. Yds.
0-20 20-40 40-60 60-80 80-100 100-120 120-140 140-160 150-130 180-200 200-220 220-240 240-250	400 440 594 854 1140 1428 1713 1983 2247 2514 2780 3045 1625	560 458 374 310 266 234 208 183 183 157	224000 202000 222000 265000 303000 354000 357000 363000 352000 263000	845 760 630 505 415 340 285 250 220 195 170 135	1.2520 1.2380 1.3020 1.5950 1.7480 1.7940 1.8070 1.8350 1.8360 1.8100 1.7500 4.200
Total Cu Total Cu			28850 0 0 106850		200290



POMER DEVELOPMENT

Assuming an over all efficiency of 80%.

H.P. = Q:dI/11 = Second Feet / Head/11

Head = 240' H/11 = 21.8

K.W. gm21.5m0.746 = 16.3mQ

\mathcal{G}	K.W.	Value 6 \$195 per.K.V.(r.	Capitalized	Value	(6%)
10.0	163	\$31800	\$550,000		
12.6	205	40000	666,000		
13.9	226	44000	735,000		
18.8	306	59300	995,000		

COST OF PROJECT FOR VARIOUS HEIGHTS OF DAM

Height	Concrete In Dam	Power House	Tunne	
Of Dam	\$13/Cu.Yd.	\$200/K.W.	\$50/F	
160' 180 200 250	730,000 1,050,000 1,390,000 2,610,000	32,600 41,000 45,200 61,200	630,000 660,000 660,000	\$1,472,000 1,751,000 2,095,600 3,331,000

CAPITALIZED VALUE OF REVENUE DERIVED

Height Of Dam	Water	Power	Total
160°	1,000,000	530,000	01,530,000
180	1,260,000	666,000	1,926,000
200	1,390,000	735,000	2,125,000
250	1,880,000	995,000	2,875,000

RATIO OF COST OF PROJECT TO CAPITALIZED VALUE OF REVENUE DERIVED

Height	Of	Dar	J.											Ratio
1.6	60.		9		•	٠	•	9	٠				٠	0.96
18	30	•		9	*			•			٥			0.91
	0(•	٥		9	5	9			•	9	•	œ	0.99
25	50			ò			Ð				٠		۰	1.16