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Introduction - The Network and Its Equipment

The Auburn Dam Seismic Network is operated by the U. S. Geological Survey in cooperation with the Bureau of Reclamation to provide information on seismicity in the Sierra Nevada foothills, particularly near Auburn Dam, and to provide a record of earthquakes near the Dam before, during, and after construction and filling of the reservoir. The Auburn Network is operated as part of a broader Sierra Foothills Seismic Network that stretches from Don Pedro Dam in the south to Chico in the north. The southern part of the network surrounds the New Melones Dam and is supported by the Corps of Engineers. The northern part of the network surrounds the Oroville Dam and was established by the U.S.G.S. to study aftershocks of the 1975 earthquake near Oroville Dam. Names, coordinates, elevations, and installation dates of stations of the Sierra Foothills Network are listed in Table 1 and the stations are plotted on Figure 2.

In Table 1 the first group of stations (BFS to STN) constitute the Melones Network; the second group (AARS to AVRS), the Auburn Network; and the third group (OBLO to OWYN), the Oroville Network. JAS is operated by the U. C. Berkeley near the Melones Dam and KPK, MGL, ORV, and PAM are operated by the California Division of Water Resources around the Oroville Dam. The Melones Network was installed in 1972 to study the question of reservoir-induced earthquakes in conjunction with raising the level of the Melones Reservoir. It was rearranged, in part, during 1976 to provide broader earthquake coverage in the Melones region.

The CDWR stations at Oroville were installed prior to the 1975 Oroville earthquake to monitor seismic activity in the vicinity of the Oroville Dam. The U.S.G.S. Oroville Network was installed after the 1975 Oroville earthquake for a detailed study of its aftershocks. It was modified in late 1976 to provide broader coverage of adjacent portions of the Sierra foothill fault zone.

The first four stations of the present Auburn network were installed in January and February, 1976. The network has increased by seven stations in July 1976 and by an additional seven stations during the last three months of the year. During February 1977, two stations were added to the northern edge of the Auburn net and one station (ABAB) was removed. Currently, the network consists of nineteen stations.

Signals from all stations of the network are telemetered to Menlo Park, where they are recorded on 16 mm film strip recorders (Develocorders) and on magnetic tape. APHR, ORV and JAS are also recorded on standard format (24 hours of record on one 30 cm by 90 cm sheet at 1 mm/sec) direct-write seismic recorders (Helicorders) to facilitate the identification of small events that occur in the Auburn, Oroville, and Melones regions. All stations are equipped with short period (1 hz) vertical seismometers with velocity transducers and employ frequency modulated audio frequency carriers for transmittal of data over voice-grade phone lines, with signals from as many as eight stations multiplexed on a single line. For the U.S.G.S. stations, the overall system response is limited at high frequencies by the Develocorder galvanometers (10 hz) or by the 30 hz high-cut filters in the seismic amplifiers and the discriminators, in the case of signals played back from magnetic tape.

The systems are operated at sufficiently high magnification at each site to permit the prevailing seismic background noise to be recorded clearly. This practice insures that small seismic events will not be "lost" solely because their records are too small to see. However, the background noise at most stations of the network is strongly influenced, in some cases dominated, by cultural noise - primarily vehicular traffic. The situation is particularly severe for the critical stations that lie along the westernmost edge of the network on sediments of the Great Valley. Response curves for the standard U.S.G.S. seismic system recorded on a Develocorder are shown in Figure 1.

Procedure - Data Analysis

This report is concerned primarily with seismic events in the region of the Auburn Dam that were recorded by the Auburn Network from the time it reached full strength (November 1976) until the end of March, 1977. Events were selected for analysis on the basis of a careful study of the Helicorder record from station APHR, which is located about 13 km west of the dam site. The most common events visible at this station are: 1) explosions from sources in the Auburn area - primarily from dam construction, but also from a number of commercial quarries; 2) explosions from sources in the Melones region - presumably from commercial quarries or mining operations; 3) occasional aftershocks of the 1975 Oroville earthquake; 4) earthquakes from the central coast ranges and from the eastern Sierra Nevada. Repeated explosions from the larger quarries produce monotonously similar records; so a representative selection, not all, of them were selected for analysis. Several earthquakes from the Oroville aftershock region, one from northwest of the Sutter Buttes, one from the Sierra Nevada east of Oroville, and one from near Donner Lake were also selected for analysis in order to evaluate crustal velocity models employed for hypocenter determinations in the Sierra Nevada foothill region. In addition to the "known" events listed above, all small seismic events with S-P intervals less than five seconds (origins within about 40 km of APHR) and all sharp seismic events of larger size for which more distant origins could not be established from other data were examined on the Develocorder films. P-arrival times and first motion directions, and S-arrival times (if readable) were determined for all stations of the Sierra Foothills Network that recorded the event, and event duration times were measured at several stations. On subsequent analysis, this last set of events was found to consist of small to moderate explosions from sites scattered through the Auburn region and a group of small natural earthquakes from depths of 10 to 15 km near Auburn. All but one of these quakes emanated from a small region 12 to 15 km beneath the town of Rocklin; the lone earthquake originated about half-way between Auburn and Georgetown at a depth of 10 km.

Hypocenter Determinations

Hypocenters were determined by the computer program HYP071 (Lee & Lahr, 1975), which is used for the uniform processing of central California microearthquake data. This program compares the observed arrival times of P waves (and S waves, if they can be read) with those computed for a trial hypocenter and origin time in an earth model consisting of flat-lying constant velocity layers. The trial hypocenter and origin time are then adjusted systematically to minimize the differences between the observed and computed times according to the criterion of least squares. In the least squares calculations individual arrivals are weighted according to clarity of the arrivals and distance of the station from the epicenter. Judicious use of the distance weighting factor can help to minimize the dependence of the calculated hypocenter on the details of the crustal velocity model of the lower crust.

The crustal velocity model used to locate events in the Melones and Oroville regions (Table 2) was adapted from a seismic refraction profile between Shasta Lake and Mono Lake, (Eaton, 1966). The crustal model used to locate events in the Auburn region (Table 2) was modified from the above model to accommodate additional information on near-surface velocities from observations of quarry blasts near Auburn, (Cramer, written communication). These models should be regarded as hypotheses, and a further effort should be made to determine them more precisely. For this purpose, detonation times of future explosions at a number of quarries scattered through the foothill belt should be timed accurately to permit a better determination of shallow crustal structure from records of these blasts at network stations. Such studies would also establish, or set limits on, possible delays at individual stations resulting from local variations in the thickness and/or velocity of low velocity near-surface materials beneath the stations.

In HYP071 only the P-velocity model is specified. S-wave travel times are based on a stipulated constant V_p/V_s velocity ratio throughout the crust and on the calculated P-wave travel times. A ratio V_p/V_s of 1.78 was used in the present analysis.

Hypocenters for the events selected for analysis were computed from P-wave arrival times along (Table 3) and from both P-wave and S-wave (when timeable) arrival times (Table 4). For well recorded events that occurred within the network the differences between the solutions are not great. For events that were recorded on only a few stations or that occurred outside of the network, the differences were substantial in some cases. We have adopted solutions based on both P and S data as the more reliable, and these were used for the epicenter plots that follow.

Seismicity

Figure 2 shows the Sierra Foothills network and all of the seismic events that were located for this study. Focal depth and magnitude are indicated by the plotted symbol and its height, respectively.

The shallow events in the Melones and Auburn regions (depths of 0 to 4 km) can be identified as explosions by the general character of their records and the fact that all of the clear P-onsets they produced were compressional.

Their origin times (10:00 am to 5:00 pm local time) are also compatible with such an origin. The Melones blasts, with magnitudes from 1.4 to 2.2 occurred about 110 km from APHR. Because they were selected for study on the basis of their records at APHR, it appears that magnitude 1.5 is the detection threshold at about 100 km for the method we employed to identify events for study. Calculated focal depths for the blasts are generally less than 1 km. This fact is significant when we argue that deeper events in the same region located with the same crustal velocity models are indeed natural earthquakes, not blasts mislocated with an inappropriate crustal velocity model. The Melones and Auburn seismic events are plotted in Figures 3 and 4, respectively.

In the Auburn region the larger blasts are concentrated at or near the dam construction site and near Clarksville (quarry?). Smaller blasts, including one with a calculated depth of 3.3 km at the town of Rocklin, are scattered through the densest part of the network where such small events (magnitudes from 0 to 1) can be detected on the minimum number of stations required for hypocenter determination. The most interesting events recorded were small natural earthquakes originating at depths of 10 to 15 km in the Auburn region. From November 1976 through March 1977, nine such events were identified: eight of them occurred beneath the town of Rocklin about 19 km southwest of the dam site and one occurred between Auburn and Georgetown about 9 km east of the dam site. The largest of these events had a magnitude of 1.6; the smallest, 0.2. On Figure 4 the cluster of earthquakes beneath Rocklin appears to be elongated in a northwest-southeast direction, but the elongation is small and could be an artifact of the hypocenter determination procedure. This problem will be pursued further.

Focal Mechanisms

A focal plane solution for the $M=1.6$ Rocklin earthquake of 21 February 1977 is shown in Figure 5. All stations show dilatational first motions except AFID, which lies west of the epicenter. One plane has a strike azimuth of 0° and dips 26° toward the west; the other has a strike azimuth of 350° and dips 64° toward the east. The data are consistent with a shallower dip on the first plane, coupled with steeper dip on the second; but both planes must strike nearly to the north.

A composite fault plane solution for the next two most clearly recorded events is similar to that for the 21 February quake (Figure 6). The $M = 1.0$ quake on 28 November 1976, beneath Rocklin, constrains one plane, and the $M = 1.1$ quake 19 November 1976, east of the dam site, constrains the other. Both planes must have northerly strikes, but their strike azimuths are not well determined.

For the 21 February 1977 Rocklin earthquake we would tentatively identify the plane (#2) dipping steeply toward the east as the fault plane and the plane (#1) dipping gently toward the west as the auxiliary plane. In such an interpretation, the Sierran (eastern) block was downdropped relative to the Valley (western) block on a northerly striking normal fault that dips 64° toward the east.

We also constructed a fault plane solution for the $M = 3.6$ Oroville earthquake of 9 January 1977 (Figure 7). This event is an aftershock of the 1975 Oroville quake and has a fault plane solution similar to earlier

aftershocks from the same region. Both planes strike in a northerly direction. One dips 44° towards the west; the other 50° toward the east. On geologic evidence and on geodetic evidence for the 1975 earthquake, the west dipping plane is considered to be the fault plane. Thus, the Valley block is down-dropped relative to the Sierra block on a northerly striking normal fault that dips about 45° toward the west.

The Oroville and Rocklin earthquakes have rather similar fault plane solutions and we have inferred normal faults in both cases. However in the Oroville region the downthrown block is on the west, and in the Auburn region the downthrown block is on the east.

Prior to the period covered by this report, when the U.S.G.S. Auburn Network was still being installed, portable microearthquake networks were operated in the Roseville-Rocklin-Auburn region, first by Woodward-Clyde and Associates and then by the California Division of Mines and Geology. Data from stations of the incomplete U.S.G.S. network were read by these investigators and used to augment the portable network data.

The next of earthquakes beneath Rocklin was discovered by the Woodward-Clyde group and confirmed by the somewhat later studies of CDMG. This work was summarized by Dr. C. Cramer of CDMG at the spring meeting of the Seismological Society of America. He has kindly furnished copies of the summary list of earthquakes and maps presented in his paper. These documents are transmitted herewith (Appendix 1) for completeness.

Magnitudes of the events reported by Cramer are uniformly smaller than that for the Rocklin quakes listed in this report. Unfortunately, there is no overlap between events on the two lists; so a simple comparison cannot be made. The U.S.G.S. stations will be reread for the earlier events and the magnitudes of those events will be determined by the standard U.S.G.S. procedures, so that a direct comparison of the magnitudes can be made. The CDMG map also shows events from a source north of Rocklin that is not represented by earthquakes recorded after November 1.

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Table 1

Stations of the Sierra Foothills Network

Name	Lat	Long	Elev.	Instal. Date	Atten.
BFS3740.	71N	12021.80W	309	761027	18 - BFS
CNS3756.	33N	12031.76W	373	720120	18
COP3758.	36N	12037.02W	336	720324	
CRH3801.	12N	12030.57W	475	720120	12
MWV3803.	83N	12010.89W	1411	761027	
NHR3808.	75N	12048.82W	219	761027	18
OBF3754.	00N	12034.04W	176	720415	12
RFR3814.	72N	12031.24W	799	7607 2	18
STN3754.	27N	12024.29W	366	720120	12
AARS3916.	57N	12101.53W	930	760720	24 - AARS
ABAB3852.	76N	12104.05W	422	761038	24
ABJS3909.	09N	12111.47W	457	760727	18
ABRS3908.	11N	12129.21W	24	770209	30
ADWD3826.	35N	12050.89W	251	760721	18
AFHD3856.	69N	12058.10W	524	760129	6
AFHS3902.	51N	12047.48W	1064	760721	24
AFID3847.	54N	12120.91W	31	761202	24
AGRI3850.	68N	12058.88W	305	760130	12
AHDR3902.	90N	12104.59W	483	760129	18
AHFR3851.	26N	12104.23W	354	760201	18
ALIN3855.	78N	12117.27W	54	761202	24
AOHO3922.	52N	12115.36W	457	770210	12
AOTD3836.	89N	12043.71W	520	761019	12
APHR3852.	62N	12113.03W	133	760716	12
ARPW3858.	38N	12109.73W	320	760129	12
ARRA3845.	92N	12110.31W	127	761202	12
ARWJ3841.	19N	12057.38W	460	761123	18
ASHR3829.	86N	12112.29W	52	760721	30
AVRS3901.	49N	12116.08W	911	760716	6
OBLO3939.	10N	12127.70W	916	750906	18 - OBLO
OCOR3952.	55N	12145.92W	530	761218	12
OGOO3939.	22N	12136.72W	158	761229	12
OHON3920.	18N	12129.05W	76	750805	18
ORAT3928.	13N	12124.80W	585	750805	12
OSTI3922.	12N	12135.80W	29	750805	18
OSUT3916.	23N	12151.10W		760316	12
OTAB3932.	75N	12133.65W	223	750906	18
OWYN3927.	19N	12129.20W	177	750805	18
JAS3756.	80N	12026.30W	457		
KPK3935.	01N	12118.32W	897		
MGL3948.	71N	12133.42W	1010		
ORV3933.	33N	12130.00W	362		
PAM3926.	94N	12131.19W	131		

Table 2

Crustal Velocity Structure Models Used to Locate
Sierra Foothill Earthquakes

A. Oroville and Melones Regions

<u>Veloc (Km/sec)</u>	<u>Depth to Layer (Km)</u>
5.0	0.0
6.0	1.0
6.4	5.0
6.8	25.0
8.0	35.0

B. Auburn Region

<u>Veloc (Km/sec)</u>	<u>Depth to Layer (Km)</u>
5.5	0.0
6.3	1.0
6.8	20.0
8.0	35.0

DATE	ORIGIN	LAT N	LONG W	DEPTH	MAG	NO	GAP	DMIN	RMS	ERH	ERZ	QM
JAMESTOWN BLASTS				S DATA NOT USED								
770105	2355	59.76	37-57.88	120-33.10	0.07	2.20	9	88	3.5	0.05	0.3	0.5 A1
770129	049	16.56	37-58.01	120-33.04	0.70	2.08	7	116	3.6	0.06	0.5	0.7 R1
770208	036	29.68	37-57.30	120-33.25	0.76	1.42	8	99	2.8	0.08	0.5	0.8 R1
770211	2356	1.55	37-57.43	120-32.63	0.60	1.85	7	166	2.4	0.03	0.3	0.3 R1
770215	0 2	17.68	38- 6.59	120-24.52	1.24	1.91	8	137	13.4	0.08	0.6	36.3 C1
770218	013	51.39	37-57.46	120-33.22	0.55	1.97	9	122	3.0	0.06	0.4	0.6 R1
770218	2348	59.19	37-57.51	120-32.89	0.94	2.19	8	117	2.7	0.06	0.5	85.7 C1
770315	2356	59.42	37-57.74	120-32.83	0.95	1.86	8	170	3.0	0.06	0.5	78.2 C1
770325	025	18.42	37-57.37	120-32.85	0.61	2.19	9	116	2.5	0.06	0.4	0.5 R1
770405	2012	31.59	37-56.02	120-32.77	0.27	1.50	8	109	1.6	0.07	0.6	0.6 R1
770408	2341	34.32	37-57.54	120-32.70	0.77	1.55	8	115	2.6	0.08	0.6	0.7 R1
DROVILLE QUAKES				S DATA NOT USED								
770109	2324	40.20	39-29.06	121-29.18	6.72	3.56	23	84	4.9	0.21	0.8	1.3 R1
770112	330	13.65	39-24.55	121-28.95	3.14	2.35	23	89	8.1	0.19	0.7	1.2 R1
770116	455	17.12	39-32.91	121- 8.11	15.96	1.38	15	208	25.5	0.11	1.1	2.4 C1
770207	1449	2.22	39-20.31	121-21.49	0.83	1.33	17	133	10.9	0.19	0.8	11.3 C1
DEEP AUBURN QUAKES				S DATA NOT USED								
761119	511	11.72	38-53.87	120-53.95	16.26	1.07	6	279	8.0	0.06	6.1	7.3 D1
761128	7 2	28.35	38-44.61	121-17.20	16.89	1.06	7	296	16.0	0.09	7.3	4.4 D1
761128	1235	37.54	38-45.79	121-16.02	15.24	1.01	7	290	13.4	0.07	5.2	3.2 D1
761216	1227	17.47	38-48.34	121-12.21	8.12	0.31	6	199	5.3	0.05	1.7	2.8 C1
761231	943	4.43	38-47.71	121-16.19	18.20	0.39	6	249	9.1	0.02	0.9	1.2 C1
770103	623	28.35	38-48.12	121-14.55	1.08	0.13	5	231	7.4	0.15	6.1	24.0 D1
770121	1750	22.13	38-45.30	121-15.08	16.09	0.55	8	277	7.0	0.07	3.2	3.5 D1
770122	13 0	31.36	38-46.24	121-14.10	14.31	0.54	8	258	5.5	0.05	1.8	2.2 C1
770221	2137	25.04	38-46.88	121-13.36	14.35	1.63	15	99	4.8	0.06	0.4	0.7 R1
AUBURN BLASTS ?				S DATA NOT USED								
DATE	ORIGIN	LAT N	LONG W	DEPTH	MAG	NO	GAP	DMIN	RMS	ERH	ERZ	QM
761108	2335	5.56	38-51.00	121- 3.48	5.00	0.12	3	187	1.2	0.17		C1
770105	2336	50.05	38-53.69	121- 2.30	1.34	1.41	11	91	5.3	0.18	0.8	13.7 C1
770113	2348	35.75	38-52.92	121- 3.57	0.09	1.73	12	76	3.2	0.16	0.8	2.4 R1
770117	2026	27.02	38-53.81	121- 0.95	1.00	1.19	13	102	6.5	0.12	0.6	14.9 C1
770121	1925	56.21	38-39.26	121- 0.09	0.23	1.40	15	103	5.3	0.14	0.8	2.0 R1
770121	2219	55.82	38-53.07	121- 3.21	0.01	0.16	9	79	1.3	0.05	0.3	0.6 A1
770126	2338	38.32	38-45.27	121-10.15	1.47	0.10	5	285	1.2	0.06	21.3	6.2 D1
770131	2310	19.07	38-39.29	121- 0.46	1.00	1.22	14	75	5.7	0.09	0.5	100.6 C1
770207	2351	39.65	38-52.96	121- 3.92	1.26	1.59	15	67	3.2	0.15	0.6	6.5 R1
770209	2338	25.44	38-53.30	121- 3.92	0.38	0.90	9	70	3.8	0.11	0.6	1.5 A1
770212	2337	1.77	38-53.14	121- 3.50	0.69	1.57	14	71	3.6	0.17	0.7	1.7 R1
770215	2336	49.14	38-53.17	121- 3.73	0.07	1.26	9	72	3.6	0.07	0.4	1.2 A1
770218	2357	27.82	38-39.18	120-59.94	0.56	2.02	14	75	5.3	0.14	0.8	1.8 R1
770226	2222	15.33	38-53.06	121- 3.55	1.01	0.46	9	74	3.5	0.08	0.5	101.6 R1
770303	20 8	30.23	38-47.93	121-13.77	1.02	0.62	7	139	6.2	0.09	0.8	137.7 C1
770303	2339	55.93	38-52.68	121- 3.71	1.02	1.31	11	70	2.7	0.10	0.5	120.1 R1
770305	1814	27.08	38-52.71	121- 3.76	0.17	0.76	8	76	2.8	0.09	0.6	1.4 A1
770318	18 0	17.12	38-46.54	121-15.89	1.09	-0.03	4	282	8.2	0.02		C1
770325	23 9	29.10	38-40.77	120-59.49	1.53	1.43	14	115	3.2	0.19	1.1	5.5 C1
770406	019	3.71	38-53.92	121- 0.76	1.05	0.60	11	105	6.4	0.08	0.4	101.3 C1
770408	2332	22.09	38-52.68	121- 3.20	0.01	0.79	9	76	3.0	0.07	0.4	0.9 A1
DATE	ORIGIN	LAT N	LONG W	DEPTH	MAG	NO	GAP	DMIN	RMS	ERH	ERZ	QM

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Table 3 Locations of Sierra foothills seismic events for 1 November 1976 to 8 April 1977 based on

P-arrivals only.

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770208	036	29.68	37-57.30	120-33.25	0.76	P 1.42	8 99	2.8	0.08	0.5	0.8	R1
770211	2356	1.55	37-57.43	120-32.63	0.60	P 1.85	7 166	2.4	0.03	0.3	0.3	R1
770215	0 2	17.67	38- 6.40	120-24.55	0.97	1.91	14 136	13.1	0.12	0.5	0.9	R1
770218	013	51.39	37-57.46	120-33.22	0.55	P 1.97	9 122	3.0	0.06	0.4	0.6	R1
770218	2348	59.19	37-57.51	120-32.89	0.94	2.19	8 117	2.7	0.06	0.5	85.7	C1
770315	2356	59.42	37-57.74	120-32.83	0.95	P 1.86	8 170	3.0	0.06	0.5	78.2	C1
770325	025	18.42	37-57.37	120-32.85	0.61	2.19	9 116	2.5	0.06	0.4	0.5	R1
770405	2012	31.61	37-56.00	120-32.68	0.39	1.50	9 107	1.5	0.10	0.7	0.7	R1
770408	2341	34.32	37-57.54	120-32.70	0.77	P 1.55	8 115	2.6	0.08	0.6	0.7	R1
OPOVILLE QUAKES				AVAILABLE S DATA USED								
770109	2324	40.20	39-29.06	121-29.18	6.72	P 3.56	23 84	4.9	0.21	0.8	1.3	R1
770112	330	13.65	39-24.55	121-28.95	3.14	P 2.35	23 89	8.1	0.19	0.7	1.2	R1
770116	455	17.22	39-32.11	121- 8.70	17.03	1.37	27 205	24.2	0.14	0.7	1.1	C1
770207	1449	2.10	39-19.83	121-22.80	4.31	1.33	30 125	9.0	0.25	0.8	1.2	R1
DFEP AUBURN QUAKES				AVAILABLE S DATA USED								
761119	511	12.80	38-54.60	120-57.14	10.04	1.06	10 219	4.1	0.10	0.9	1.2	C1
761128	7 2	29.62	38-48.38	121-13.74	13.39	0.99	14 273	7.9	0.16	1.2	1.0	C1
761128	1235	38.22	38-48.19	121-14.09	14.02	0.96	14 275	8.3	0.11	0.8	0.7	C1
761216	1227	16.76	38-47.66	121-14.12	12.73	0.46	13 233	6.4	0.10	0.6	0.6	C1
761231	943	5.05	38-48.72	121-15.13	14.03	0.33	13 230	7.8	0.12	0.7	0.8	C1
770103	623	27.96	38-47.81	121-14.03	9.44	0.16	10 230	6.4	0.22	1.8	1.8	C1
770121	1750	22.88	38-47.13	121-13.61	12.28	0.41	16 237	5.3	0.08	0.4	0.5	C1
770122	13 0	31.66	38-46.94	121-13.24	12.79	0.48	17 236	4.6	0.10	0.5	0.5	C1
770221	2137	25.28	38-47.45	121-13.26	12.55	1.63	18 93	5.1	0.08	0.4	0.6	R1
AUBURN BLASTS ?				AVAILABLE S DATA USED								
761108	2335	5.81	38-50.39	121- 4.32	2.24	0.12	5 202	1.6	0.11	2.1	1.5	C1
770105	2336	50.04	38-53.96	121- 2.41	0.90	1.41	14 89	5.6	0.19	0.8	2.6	R1
770113	2348	35.75	38-53.04	121- 3.67	0.21	1.73	14 72	3.4	0.16	0.8	2.0	R1
770117	2026	27.05	38-53.83	121- 0.98	1.04	1.19	16 102	6.6	0.13	0.5	151.2	C1
770121	1925	56.20	38-39.17	120-59.57	3.78	1.42	16 112	4.9	0.13	0.7	1.9	R1
770121	2219	55.80	38-53.05	121- 3.08	0.21	0.17	13 81	1.5	0.08	0.3	0.5	A1
770126	2338	37.88	38-43.67	121-10.43	0.26	0.14	7 294	4.2	0.07	1.1	0.8	C1
770131	2310	19.06	38-39.21	121- 0.34	1.04	1.22	18 75	5.6	0.13	0.6	148.2	C1
770207	2351	39.59	38-53.06	121- 4.03	0.24	1.59	21 67	3.4	0.13	0.4	1.0	A1
770209	2338	25.47	38-53.25	121- 4.07	0.71	0.90	13 69	3.7	0.12	0.4	0.9	A1
770212	2337	1.76	38-53.17	121- 3.43	0.66	1.57	17 72	3.7	0.17	0.6	1.3	R1
770215	2336	49.17	38-53.23	121- 3.86	0.15	1.26	14 71	3.7	0.09	0.3	0.7	A1
770218	2357	27.87	38-39.33	120-59.83	2.67	2.02	17 74	5.0	0.14	0.6	2.8	R1
770226	2222	15.34	38-52.94	121- 3.64	1.06	0.46	13 72	3.2	0.08	0.2	4.7	R1
770303	20 8	30.17	38-47.82	121-13.73	3.31	0.62	10 142	6.1	0.09	0.5	1.4	R1
770303	2339	55.88	38-52.68	121- 3.70	0.47	1.31	14 70	2.7	0.09	0.3	0.7	A1
770305	1814	27.10	38-52.52	121- 3.62	0.09	0.77	11 84	2.5	0.18	0.9	2.2	R1
770318	18 0	17.18	38-46.60	121-15.54	1.04	-0.04	6 279	7.7	0.03	0.7	54.2	D1
770325	23 9	29.03	38-40.47	120-59.77	0.40	1.43	21 117	3.7	0.18	0.7	1.3	R1
770406	019	3.67	38-53.96	121- 0.62	2.97	0.61	14 106	6.2	0.08	0.4	1.5	R1
770408	2332	22.14	38-52.56	121- 3.29	0.92	0.79	12 74	2.8	0.10	0.4	0.6	A1
DONNER LAKE				AVAILABLE S DATA USED								
770111	850	8.56	39-21.85	120-19.90	18.66	3.12	34 222	53.5	0.19	1.8	1.3	C1
BUTTE CITY				AVAILABLE S DATA USED								
770328	0349	45.27	39-22.59	121-57.94	26.19	2.29	44 128	15.3	0.45	1.2	1.8	C1
DATE	ORIGIN	LAT N	LONG W	DEPTH	MAG	NO	GAP	DMIN	RMS	ERH	ERZ	QM

Table 4 Locations of Sierra foothills seismic events for 1 November 1976 to 8 April 1977 based on P-arrivals and S-arrivals.

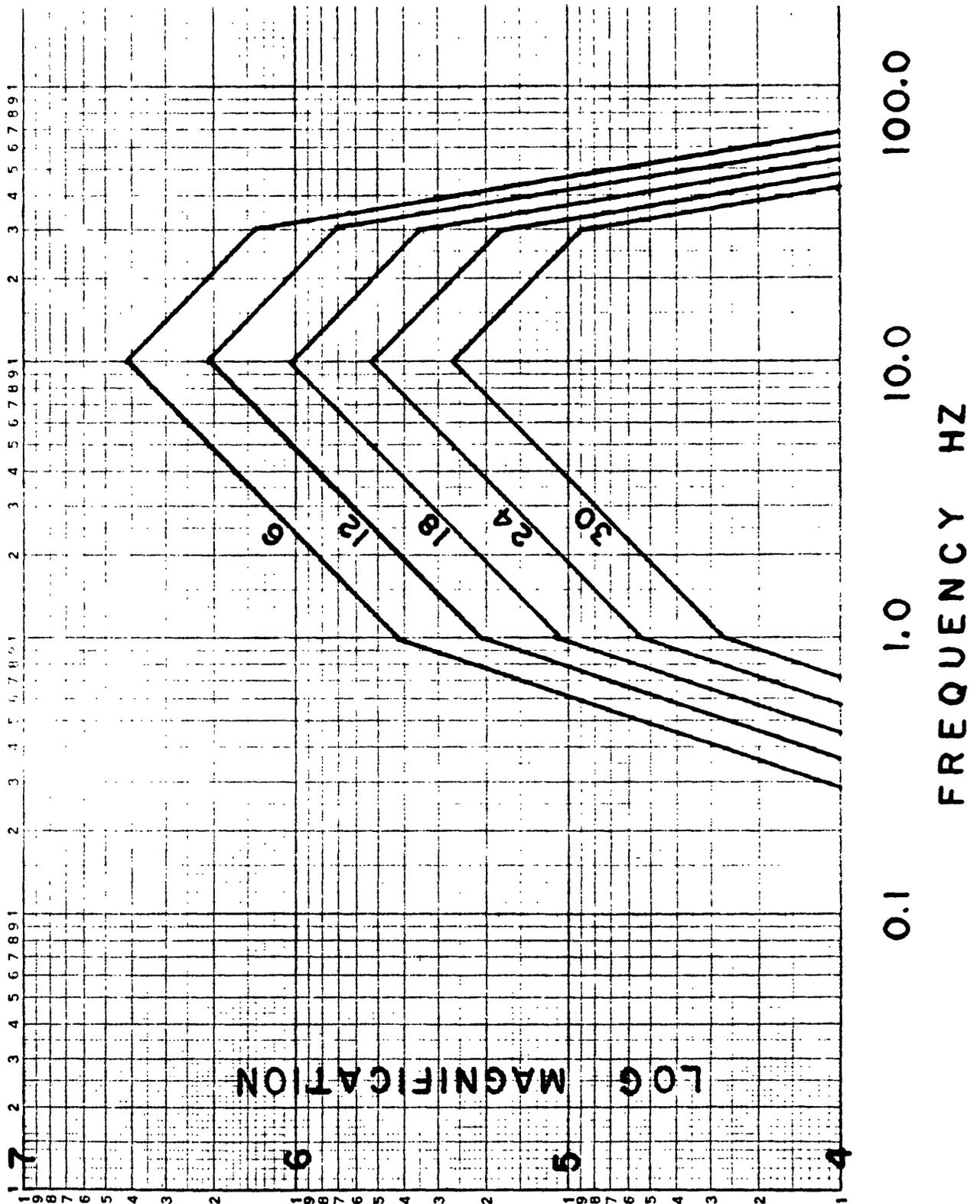


Figure 1 Response curves of the standard U.S.G.S. seismic system when recorded on a Develocorder and viewed on a Geotech Film Viewer with X20 magnification. The attenuation setting of the seismic amplifier is the variable parameter on the curves. Attenuator settings at the Sierra foothills stations range from -6 db to -30 db, but most are either -12 db or -18 db.

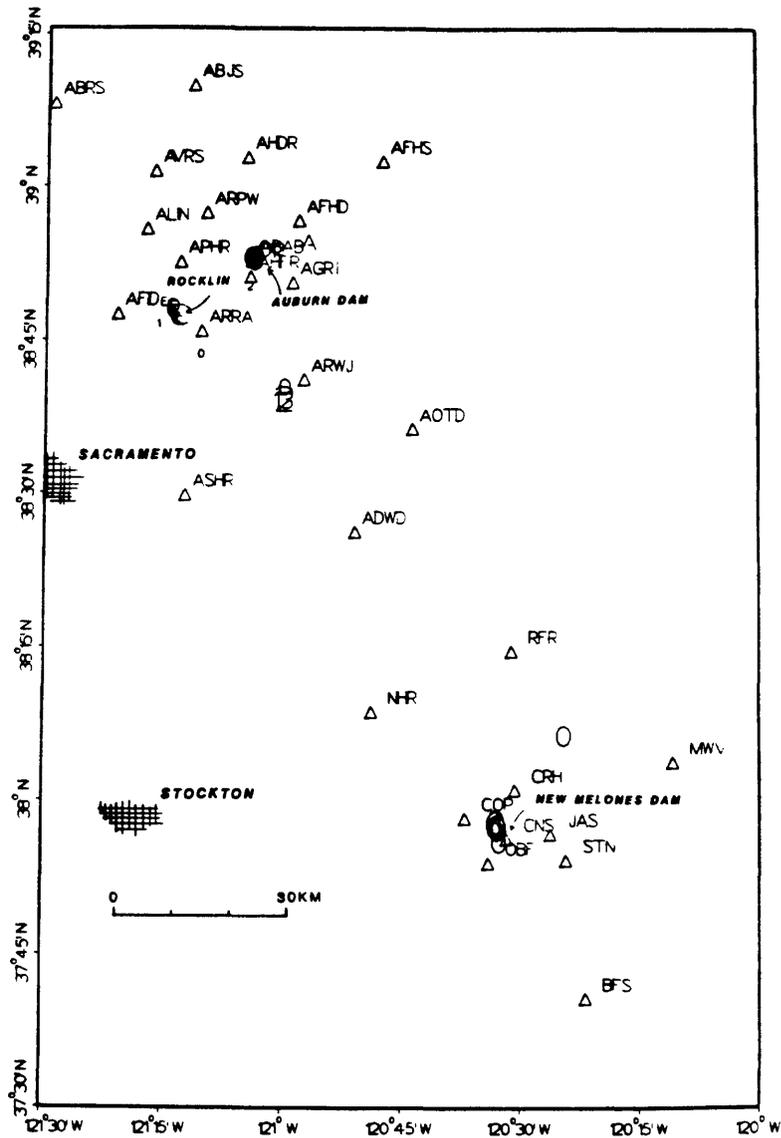


Figure 2 Map of Sierra Foothills Seismic Network showing the locations of seismic stations and of seismic events, from P- and S-data, for 1 November 1976 to 8 April 1977.

Depths and magnitudes of seismic events are represented by the plotted symbol and its height, respectively. Stations are represented by triangles:

<u>Depth (Km)</u>	<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Magnitude</u>	<u>Symbol Ht. (inches)</u>
0 to 1	0	<0.5	0.1
1 to 2	1	0.5 to 1.0	0.2
2 to 3	2	1.0 to 1.5	0.3
3 to 4	3	1.5 to 2.0	0.4
:		2.0 to 2.5	0.5
>25	∅	etc.	etc.

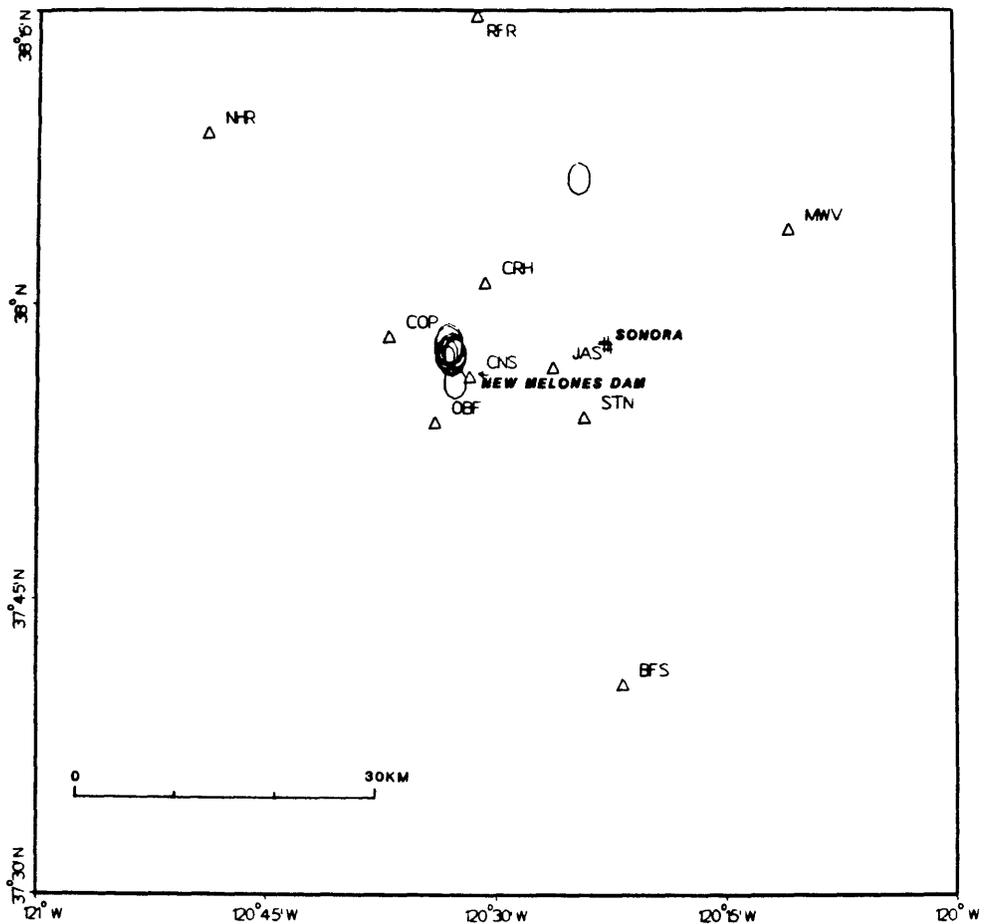


Figure 3 Map of the Melones region showing the location of stations and of selected quarry blasts between 1 November 1976 and 8 April 1977. Blast locations were determined primarily from P-arrivals, but S-arrivals were used also when available. Computed magnitudes and depths are indicated by the plotted symbol and its height, respectively. Stations are represented by triangles:

<u>Depth (Km)</u>	<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Magnitude</u>	<u>Symbol Ht. (inches)</u>
0 to 1	0	<0.5	.10
1 to 2	1	0.5 to 1.0	.20
2 to 3	2	1.0 to 1.5	.30
3 to 4	3	1.5 to 2.5	.40
:		2.0 to 2.5	.50
>25	∅	etc.	etc.

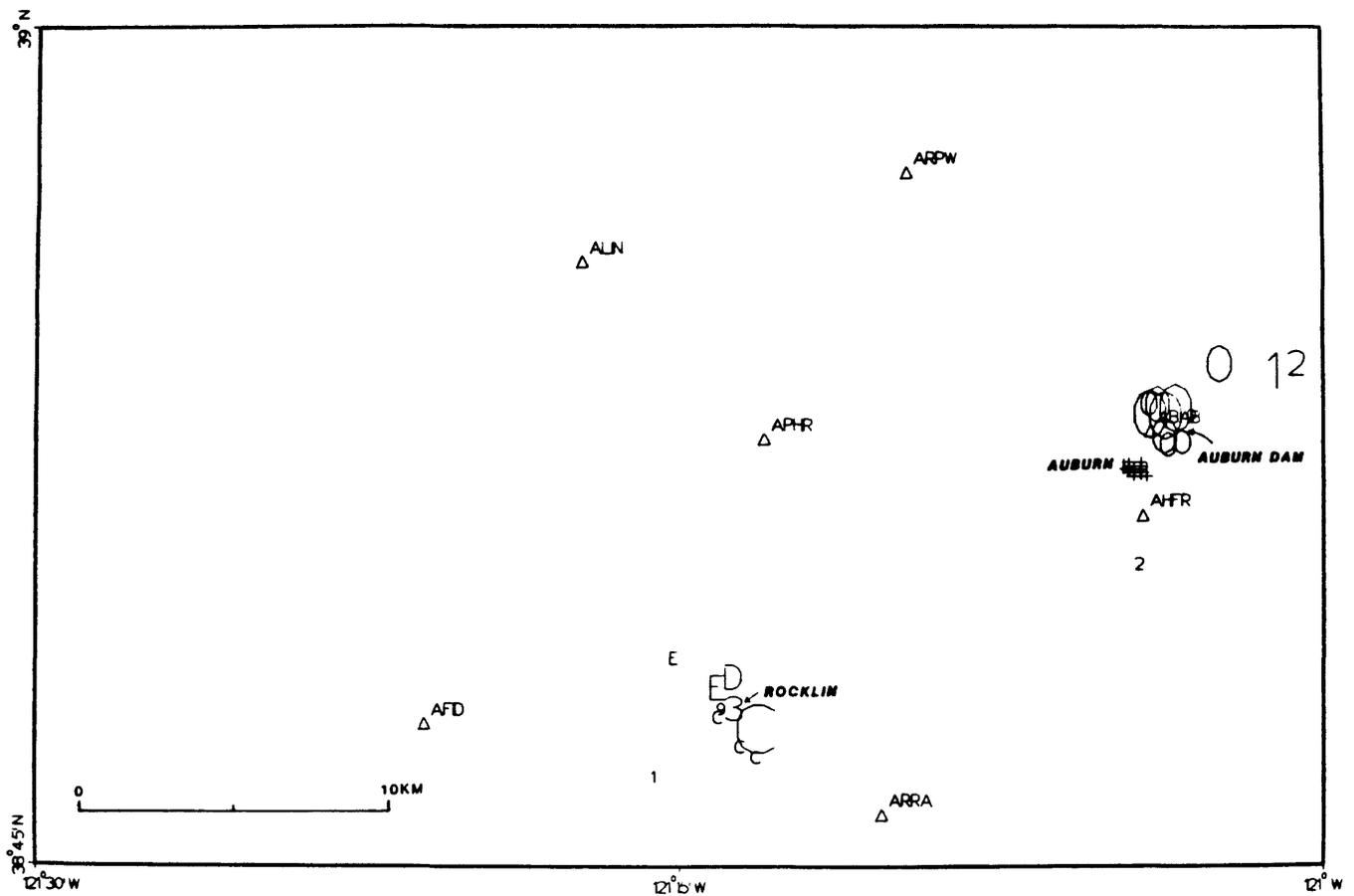


Figure 4 Map of the Auburn region showing the location of stations, earthquakes, and selected blasts between 1 November 1976 and 8 April 1977. Locations were determined from both P- and S-arrivals. Computed magnitudes and depths are indicated by the plotted symbol and its height, respectively. Stations are represented by triangles:

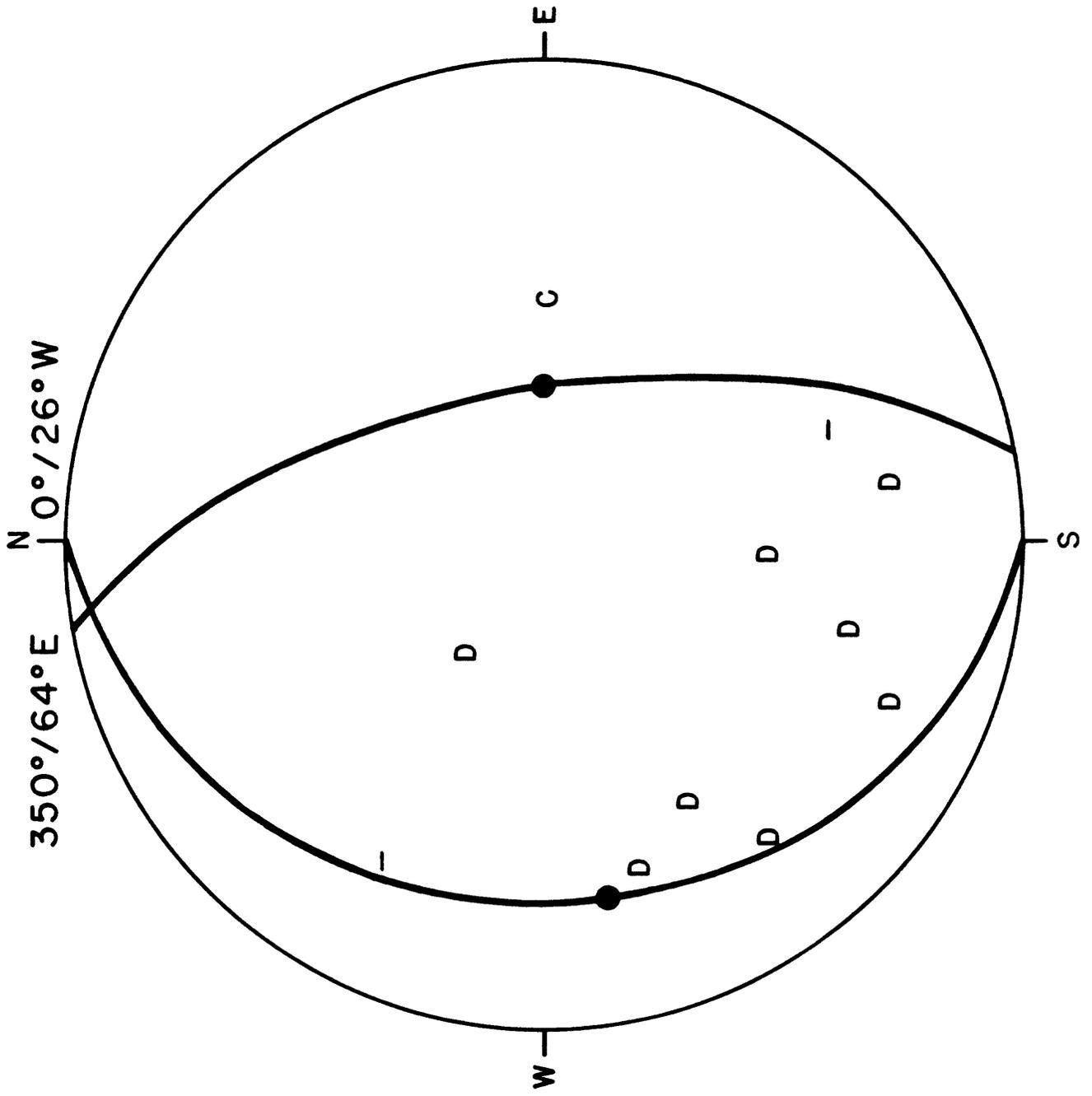
Depth (Km)	Symbol	Magnitude	Symbol Ht. (inches)
0 to 1	0	<0.5	0.15
1 to 2	1	0.5 to 1.0	0.30
2 to 3	2	1.0 to 1.5	0.45
3 to 4	3	1.5 to 2.0	0.60
:		2.0 to 2.5	0.75
>25	∅	etc.	etc.

77 02 21 21:37:25 Z

38°47.45'N 121°13.26'W

Depth 12.6 km Mag. 1.6

Figure 5



COMPOSITE

76 11 28 12:35:38 Z

38°48.19'N 121°14.09'W

Depth 14.0 km Mag. 1.0

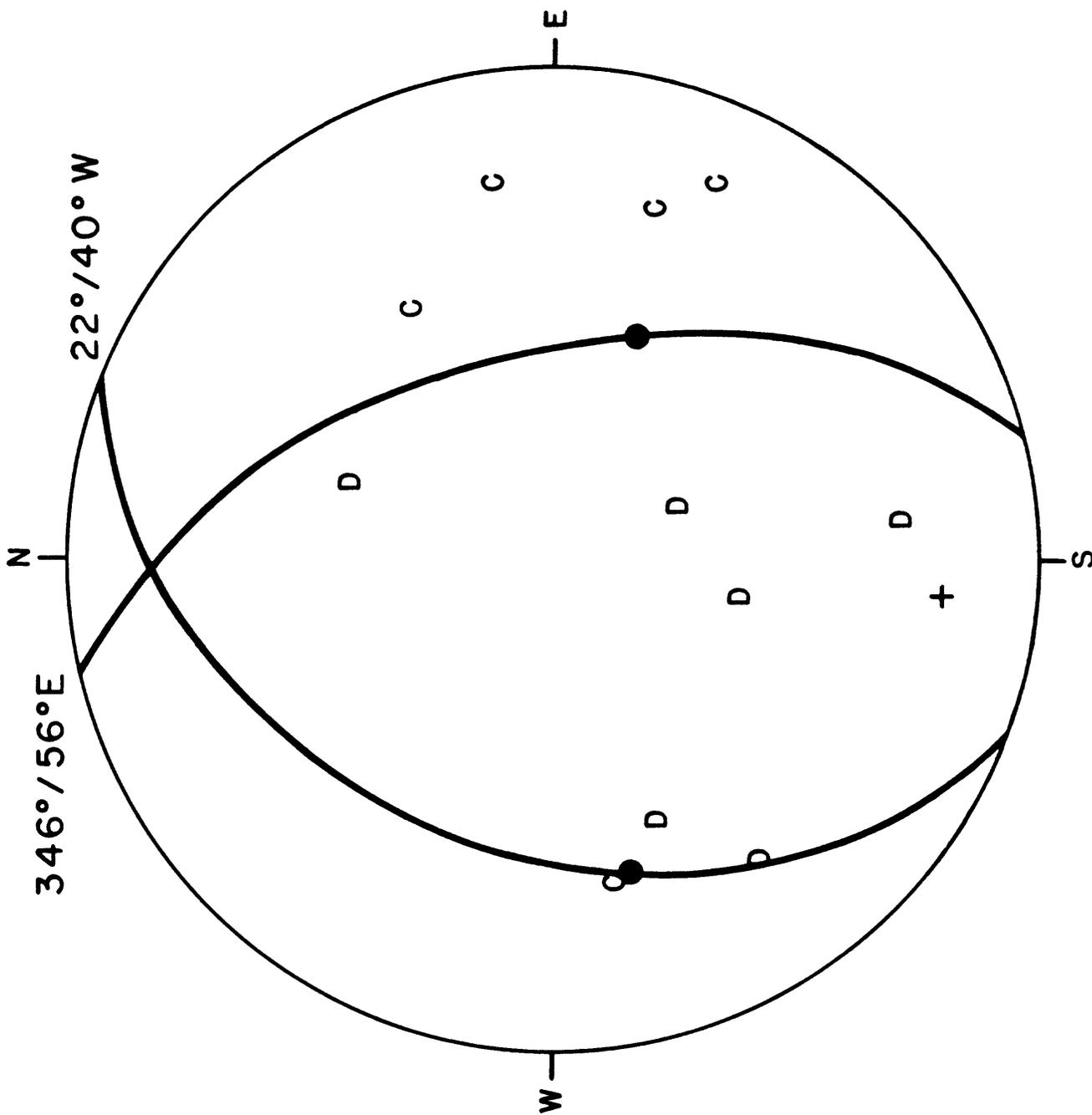
and

76 11 19 05:11:13 Z

38°54.60'N 120°57.14'W

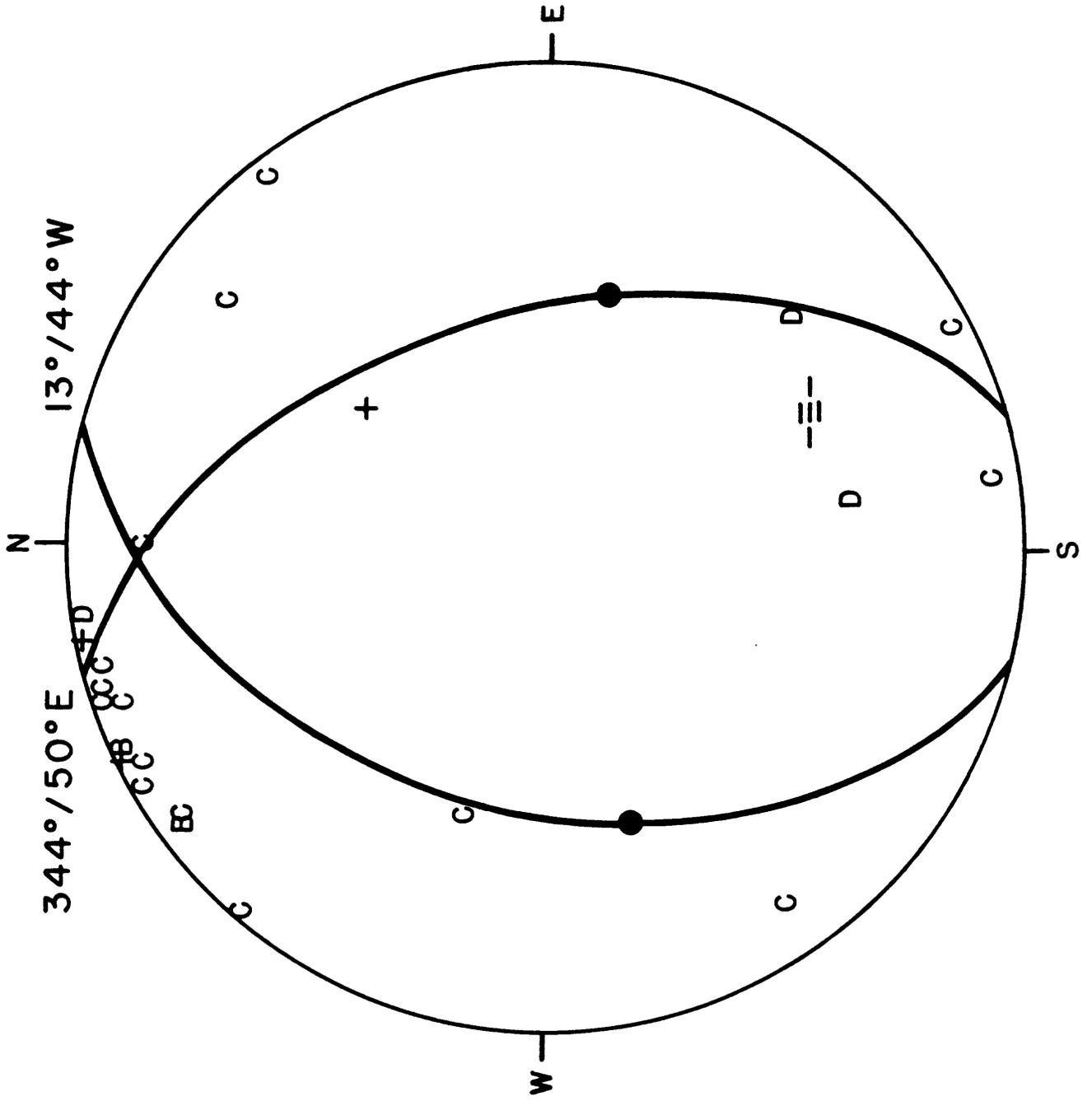
Depth 10.0 km Mag. 1.1

Figure 6



77 01 09 23:24:40 Z
39°29.06'N 121°29.18'W
Depth 6.7 km Mag. 3.6

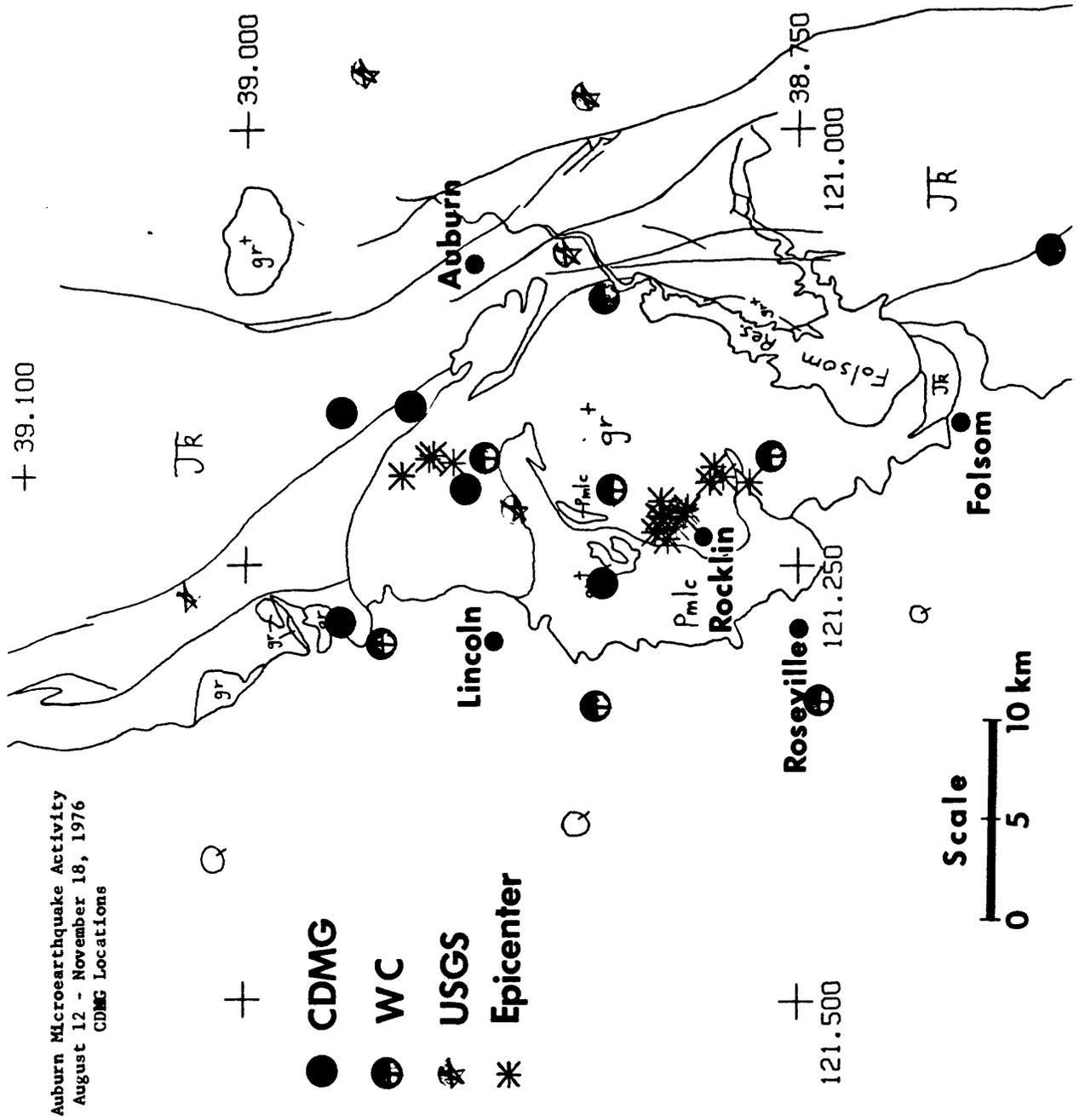
Figure 7



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DATE	ORIGJN	LAT N	LONG W	DEPTH	MAG	NO	GAP	DMIN	RMS	ERH	ERZ	QS
760819	13 1	32.48	38N48.48	121W13.20	13.00	-3	14 290	7.7	0.05	0.9	0.7	C
760820	245	34.81	38N54.93	121W11.21	4.82	-9	11 156	5.0	0.03	0.3	0.4	R
760824	13 7	39.31	38N55.01	121W11.37	4.59	-5	17 148	5.0	0.04	0.2	0.3	B
760826	2230	53.26	38N48.00	121W13.03	12.45	0.3	18 170	8.5	0.07	0.7	0.7	R
760827	037	32.06	38N48.08	121W13.31	12.29	0.3	23 88	5.4	0.05	0.3	0.4	A
760827	1230	4.74	38N48.07	121W13.12	12.49	-2	15 170	5.4	0.03	0.6	0.4	B
760907	2114	7.26	38N48.66	121W13.79	12.76	0.2	18 156	7.4	0.05	0.6	0.6	B
760909	1142	3.11	38N48.64	121W13.37	13.29	-2	19 140	6.3	0.03	0.5	0.3	B
760910	656	19.88	38N54.39	121W11.44	4.94	-6	8 147	6.0	0.01	0.2	0.3	B
760910	7 9	18.45	38N48.88	121W13.85	13.45	0.3	20 101	7.0	0.04	0.4	0.4	B
760911	157	20.07	38N48.79	121W13.31	13.42	-2	11 156	6.5	0.03	0.8	0.6	B
760912	948	1.49	38N48.73	121W12.77	13.32	-2	10 289	9.7	0.02	0.6	0.3	C
760929	737	13.92	38N55.73	121W11.94	6.95	-5	18 114	4.4	0.07	0.4	0.6	B
761013	150	54.29	38N47.31	121W11.56	13.09	-2	7 318	15.5	0.06	2.4	2.1	D
761029	2339	18.92	38N48.57	121W14.12	13.26	-3	10 298	10.3	0.02	2.1	0.7	C
761031	558	16.35	38N47.06	121W11.94	10.64	-4	13 247	12.8	0.05	0.9	1.2	C
761107	1051	42.50	38N48.28	121W13.69	12.99	-0	9 298	10.7	0.02	2.0	0.9	C
761107	1453	4.70	38N46.34	121W12.14	9.90	-0	8 328	20.7	0.02	0.8	1.3	C
761108	2 2	53.94	38N48.00	121W13.06	12.57	-1	12 298	11.1	0.03	0.4	0.5	C
761108	711	28.39	38N48.13	121W13.33	12.12	-0	12 298	10.9	0.02	0.4	0.3	C
761108	711	41.90	38N48.08	121W13.14	12.49	-6	7 207	14.7	0.01	0.6	0.6	C
761115	845	12.80	38N47.40	121W12.14	11.49	0.1	14 258	12.2	0.02	0.3	0.4	C

APPENDIX 2



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