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## INTRODUCTION

The Loma Prieta earthquake of October 17, 1989 (1704 PST) was recorded at 131 strong-motion stations located through-out the San Francisco Bay area (Maley et al., 1989, Shakal, et al., 1989). This data set has enormous value for engineering and seismological studies regarding earthquake ground motions. Using damage to man-made structures from the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, Wood (in Lawson, chairman, 1908) recognized that ground-motion intensity could be correlated with differences in local site geology. In order to quantify the effect of local geology (e.g., Borchardt, 1970; Borchardt and Gibbs, 1976; Borchardt and Glassmoyer, 1992) on ground motions from the 1989 earthquake, detailed geologic and geophysical data are needed. To plan the acquisition of these data a meeting was held on July 6, 1990 at the USGS in Menlo Park, California. Eighteen scientists and engineers representing thirteen institutions attended the meeting to coordinate drilling and data acquisition plans at strong-motion stations.

This is the forth in a series of four reports (Gibbs et al., 1992, 1993, 1994) detailing the results of borehole measurements at strong-motion stations recording significant ground motions during the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. This report contains the results of the field effort by the USGS for the following seven boreholes located near strong-motion stations operated by the U.S. Geological Survey (Figure 1).

1. Anderson Dam (downstream)
2. Calaveras Reservoir
3. Callens Ranch
4. Hollister Airport
5. Sunol Fire Station
6. Williams Ranch
7. Webb Ranch

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Shaded Relief Base Map

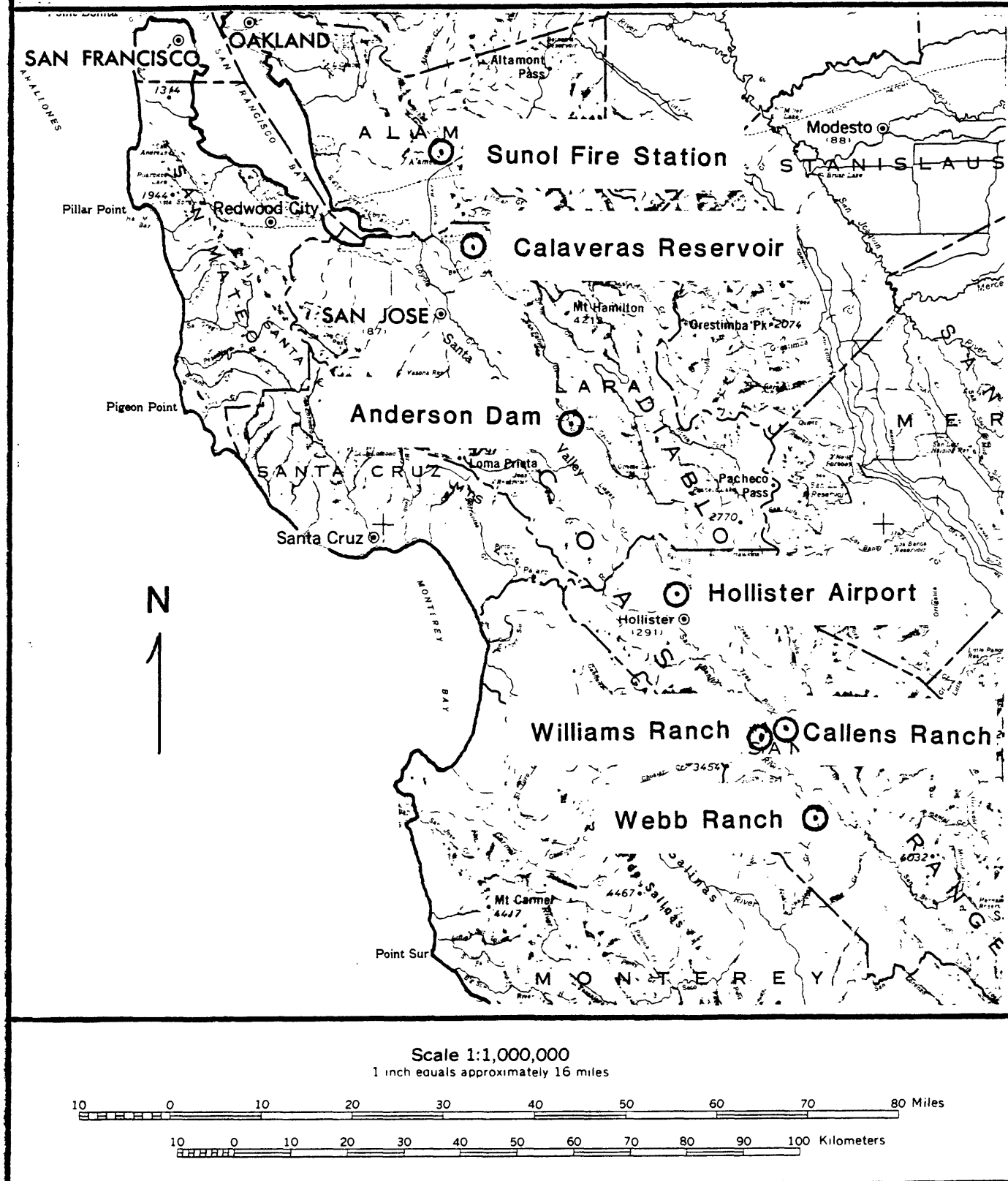


Figure 1. Regional map showing the locations of boreholes (center of circles) included in this report.

## FIELD MEASUREMENTS

### Drilling and Sampling Procedures

Boreholes were located as close as possible to the accelerograph stations that recorded the strong-motion from the Loma Prieta Earthquake. In the case of Anderson Dam, Calaveras Reservoir, Sunol Fire Station, and Webb Ranch the boreholes were drilled approximately 30 meters from the strong-motion instrument. Callens Ranch and Hollister Airport borehole were located within 20 meters of the instrument and Williams Ranch borehole was within 10 meters of the strong-motion accelerograph.

At each site a hole approximately 6 to 10 inches in diameter was drilled using rotary-wash drilling with bentonite mud. For purposes of economy, samples were not taken in any of the boreholes.

The borings at all stations in this report were cased with 3-inch inside-diameter, class 200, polyvinyl-chloride pipe capped at the bottom.

The annular space around the casing was tremie grouted by pumping a water-cement-bentonite mixture through a 1-inch steel pipe inserted next to the casing. This provides good coupling between the casing and the wall of the borehole, and provides a sanitary seal preventing contamination of ground water. Grouting was done in stages of about 50-60 meters to prevent collapse of the casing.

### Geologic Logs

Geologic logs are based on descriptions of drill cuttings, samples, reaction of the drill rig, and inspection of nearby outcrops. Sediment samples are described using the field techniques of the Soil Conservation Service (1951). Descriptions include sediment texture, color, and the amount and size of coarse fragments. Texture refers to the relative proportions of clay, silt, and sand particles less than 2 millimeters in diameter. This is determined visually and by feel without using laboratory tests. As such, this system is easier to use in the field than other classification systems. The dominant color of the sediment and prominent mottles are determined from the Munsell soil color charts.

Descriptions of rock samples include rock name, weathering condition, color, grain size, hardness, and fracture spacing. Classifications of rock hardness and fracture spacing are those used by Ellen et al., (1972) in describing hillside materials in San Mateo County,

California.

Most information needed for describing relatively well-sorted soils and such properties of rock as lithology, color, and hardness are readily obtained from cuttings. Inspection of samples and nearby outcrops is necessary for determining the nature of poorly-sorted materials and fracture spacing. Reaction of the drill rig is useful in determining approximate sediment texture and in determining degree of fracturing because the rate of penetration in rock is highest for very closely fractured and crushed materials and drilling roughness generally is at a maximum in closely to moderately fractured rock. In-situ consistency of soil is determined largely from standard penetration measurements and rate of drill penetration.

### **S- and P-wave Data**

Shear waves \* were generated at the ground surface by an air-powered horizontal hammer (Liu, et al., 1988) striking anvils attached to the ends of a 2.3-meter-long aluminum channel. The hammer can be driven in both horizontal directions to generate positive and negative shear pulses. The switch that determines zero time is a piezo-electric sensor attached to the shear source. The source is offset from the borehole to prevent the direct arrival from traveling down the grout next to the casing. The source offset is 2 to 5 meters depending on the depth of the borehole. Shallow holes (30 meters or less) are generally offset 2 meters, while boreholes deeper than approximately 100 meters are offset 5 meters. Travel times are corrected (for slant offset) to vertical by the cosine of the angle of ray incidence.

P-waves are made by striking a steel plate with a sledge hammer at the same intervals described above. The recorder is triggered by the sledge hammer making electrical contact with the steel plate.

Measurements are made by lowering a single three-component geophone into the borehole and clamping it to the casing-wall with an electrically-actuated lever arm. A second three-component geophone is placed at the surface approximately 30 centimeters from the shear source and is used as a check of the zero time determined by the triggering of the

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\* In this report S-wave and shear-wave are used interchangeably as well as P-wave and compressional-wave.

recorder by the contact switch. After the measurement at the bottom of the borehole all measurements for this group of stations were made at 2.5 meter intervals. The data are recorded on magnetic tape cassettes in digital form on a twelve-channel recording system.

### DATA INTERPRETATION and PROCESSING

The flow-chart, Figure 2, describes the processing and interpretation procedures. The magnetic tape cassette contains 18 recorded traces from each depth. These include data from the surface three component geophone and the downhole three-component geophone. There are a total of 6 traces for each source type (positive horizontal, negative horizontal, and vertical). As mentioned previously, the surface geophone is used only to check timing.

The orientation of the downhole geophone cannot be controlled when moving from one depth to the next, so that horizontal components are not generally oriented parallel and perpendicular to the source. This causes slight phase shifts, timing differences and amplitude variations. To minimize these effects, when timing shear-wave arrivals, the horizontal components are combined (rotated) to obtain a single component of motion. The direction of motion is determined by maximizing the integral square amplitude within a time interval containing the shear wave (Boatwright et al., 1986). Rotated traces are plotted on a 20-inch computer monitor and the first shear-wave arrival is timed for each of the horizontal rotated traces. Two arrival times are obtained from picks of the first S-wave arrival from oppositely directed horizontal impacts. Timing of the arrivals is done to one millisecond precision. The two time-picks are not always identical, due to interfering waves obscuring the first shear-arrival, slight phase shifts, or amplitude differences. If the time difference is greater than about 5 milliseconds a mistake in phase correlation (perhaps due to a reversed trace, noise etc.) can be suspected and a repick may be necessary. The two picks are averaged for velocity determinations. On clear traces one-millisecond picking accuracy can be maintained; however, because of lower signal-to-noise ratios and interfering waves in the deeper sections of the boreholes, this accuracy cannot always be achieved. In the inversion for shear-velocity the arrivals are weighted by the inverse of an assigned normalized variance. A normalized standard deviation of 1 was assigned to the accurate picks and values ranging up to 5 were assigned to the others.

For determining the final velocity model there are a number of ways to proceed. In

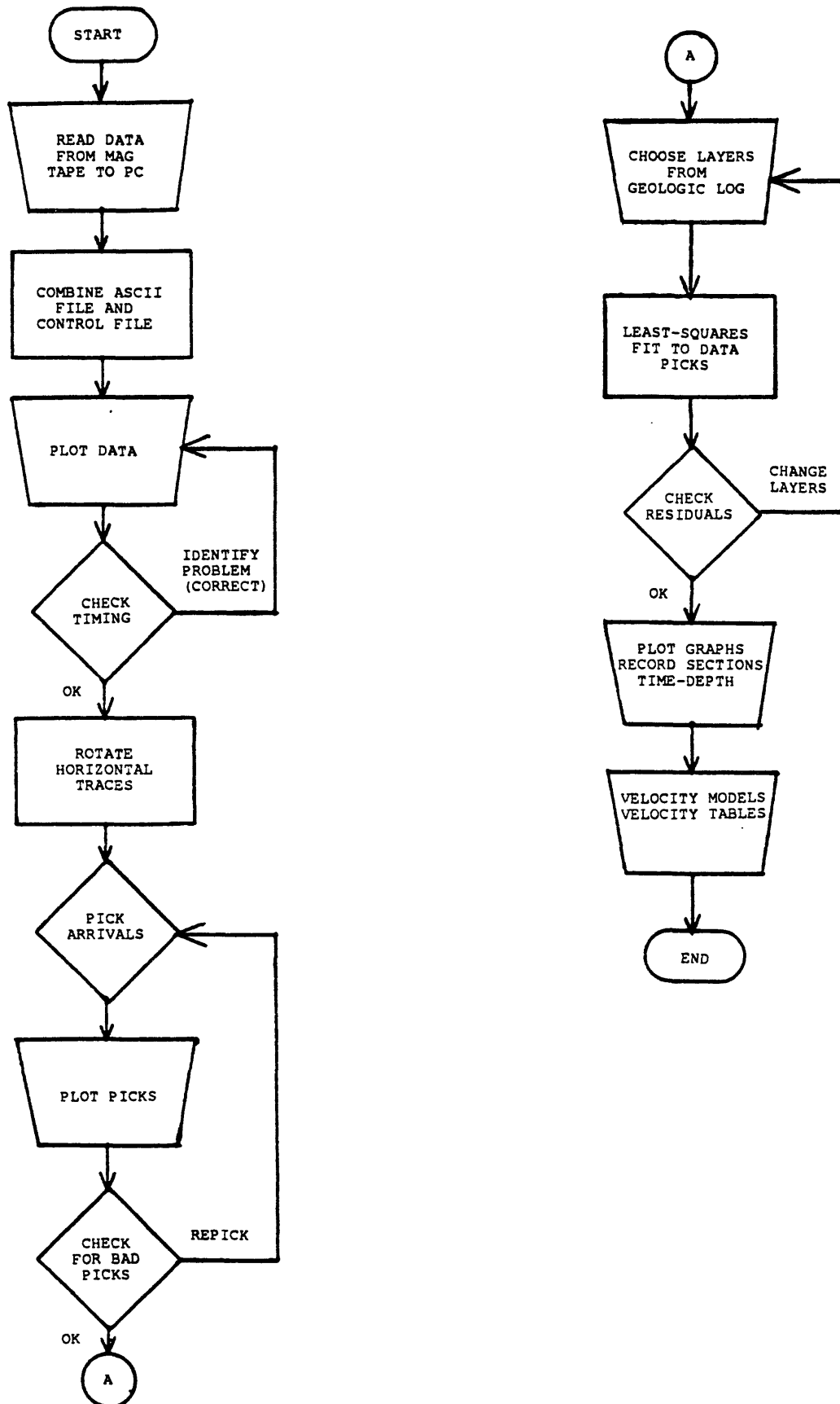


Figure 2. Flow-chart outlining the data processing and interpretation steps.



our earlier work ( e.g., Gibbs et al., 1975) we determined the initial layer boundaries from the travel time plots by eye and then added or subtracted layers based on geologic boundaries consistent with the data. We also required at least three data points in each layer. This requirement limited the velocity determination to layers greater than 7.5 meters in thickness. The problem with this procedure is that a mismatch (overlap or underlap) of the line segments sometimes occurred at the intersections of the layers, resulting in a discontinuous travel time curve. To address this problem we are now using a least-squares program (LFIT, Press et al., 1992) that fits the travel time data with line segments hinged at each selected layer boundary from the surface (forced through zero) to the bottom data point. Initial layer boundaries are chosen from the geologic log and are adjusted, if necessary, to reduce residuals and for consistency with the data. The S-wave travel time data are analyzed first; layer boundaries are initially the same for the P-wave model, and are then adjusted, if necessary, by adding a layer for the water table or reducing the number of layers. The velocity plots (e.g., Figure 13) show upper and lower bounds which approximate 68% confidence limits. These bounds are not symmetrical because they are based on the standard deviation of the slope of the least-squares line fit to the travel time plots (the inverse of the velocity).

## SUMMARY OF RESULTS

### S-wave velocities

Figure 3 summarizes S-wave velocities at four sites Anderson Dam, Calaveras Reservoir, Callens Ranch, and Sunol Fire Station. In general, the upper sections at Calaveras Reservoir, Callens Ranch and Sunol Fire Station have similar velocities in thin layering with varying amounts of sand-clay-loam. Anderson Dam has a slightly higher velocity from the surface to 2.5 and then below that a higher velocity layer (543 m/s gravely-sandy-loam) to 25.6 meters and a lower velocity (386 m/s mudstone) to the bottom of the borehole at 36.2 meters. The higher velocities at Anderson Dam (543 m/s), Calaveras Reservoir (728 m/s), Callens Ranch (1098 m/s), and Sunol Fire Station (934 m/s) are the result of decreased amounts of sand, increased gravel and cementation. The increase in texture (grain size) has been correlated with increasing S-wave velocity (e.g. Fumal, 1978). The average velocity to 35 meters (measurement at this depth in all seven boreholes) is 473 m/s, 501

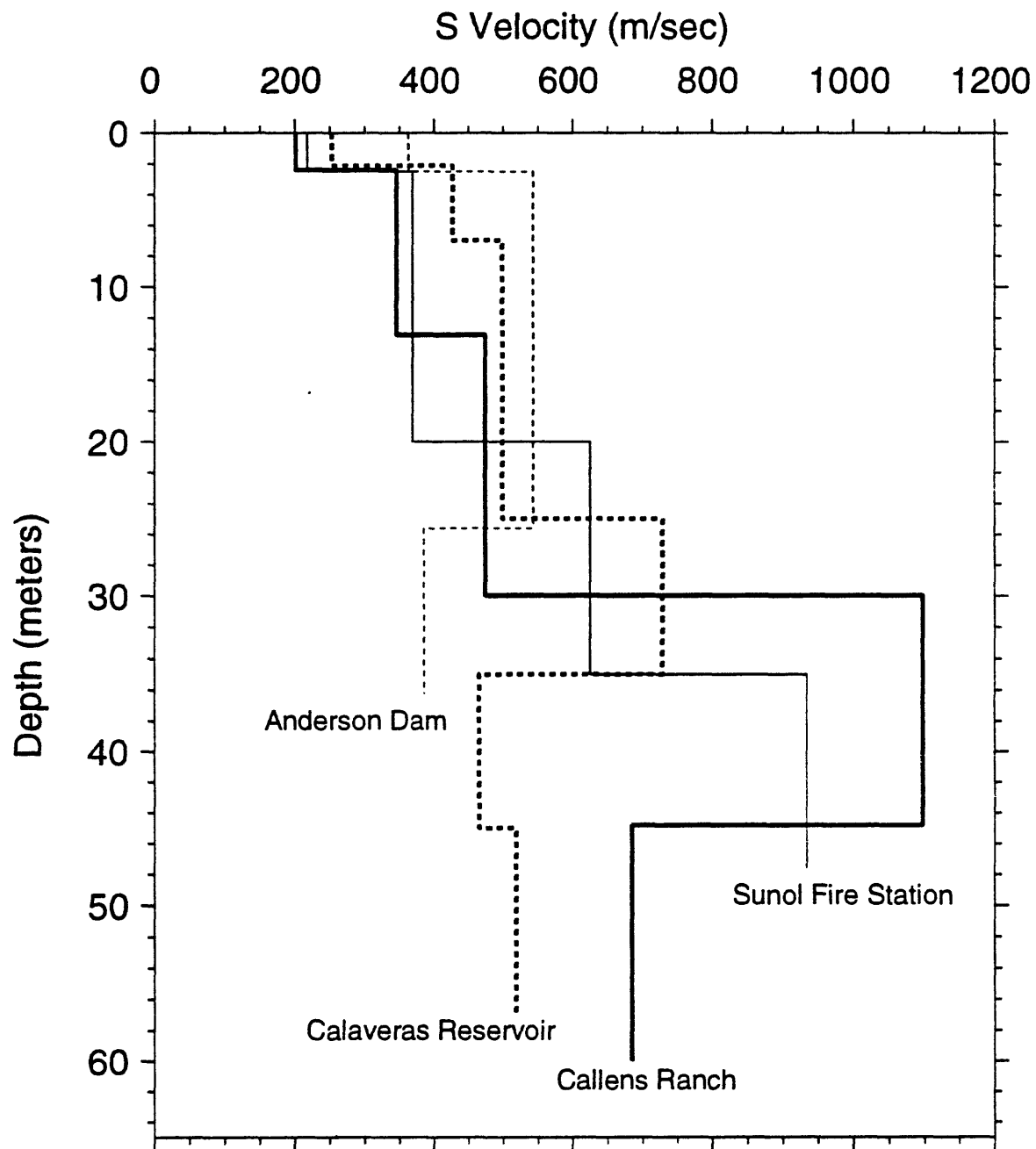


Figure 3. S-wave velocity models superimposed for comparison. The four sites shown here have higher average velocities in the upper sections of the borehole than those of Figure 4. Probably due to increased gravel content in the upper sections of the borehole.

m/s, 419 m/s, and 419 m/s for Anderson Dam, Calaveras Reservoir, Callens Ranch, and Sunol Fire Station, respectively.

Figure 4 summarizes the S-wave velocities at Hollister Airport, Webb Ranch, and Williams Ranch. The lithology of this group, in general, has less gravel content in the layering and therefore have lower average velocities than those of Figure 3. The average velocity to 35 meters is 223 m/s, 323 m/s, and 327 m/s for Hollister Airport, Webb Ranch, and Williams Ranch, respectively.

### **P-wave velocities**

Figures 5 and 6 summarize the P-wave velocities at the seven sites of this report. There is a poorer correlation between P-wave velocity and lithology than between S-wave velocity and lithology because P-wave velocity is strongly affected by degree of saturation. The saturation level (water table) in unconsolidated sediments is sometimes indicated by an increase in P-wave velocity to near 1500 m/s. This is not always true as trapped gas (e.g. the presence of air, methane from decaying organic matter) can reduce the P-wave velocity below 1500 m/s even when the formation is saturated (Brandt, 1960).

## **APPENDIX**

The appendix lists the detailed results, organized alphabetically by borehole. Figures and tables for each site are arranged in the following order:

1. location map
2. geologic log
3. record sections
4. time-depth graph
5. velocity profiles
6. velocity tables

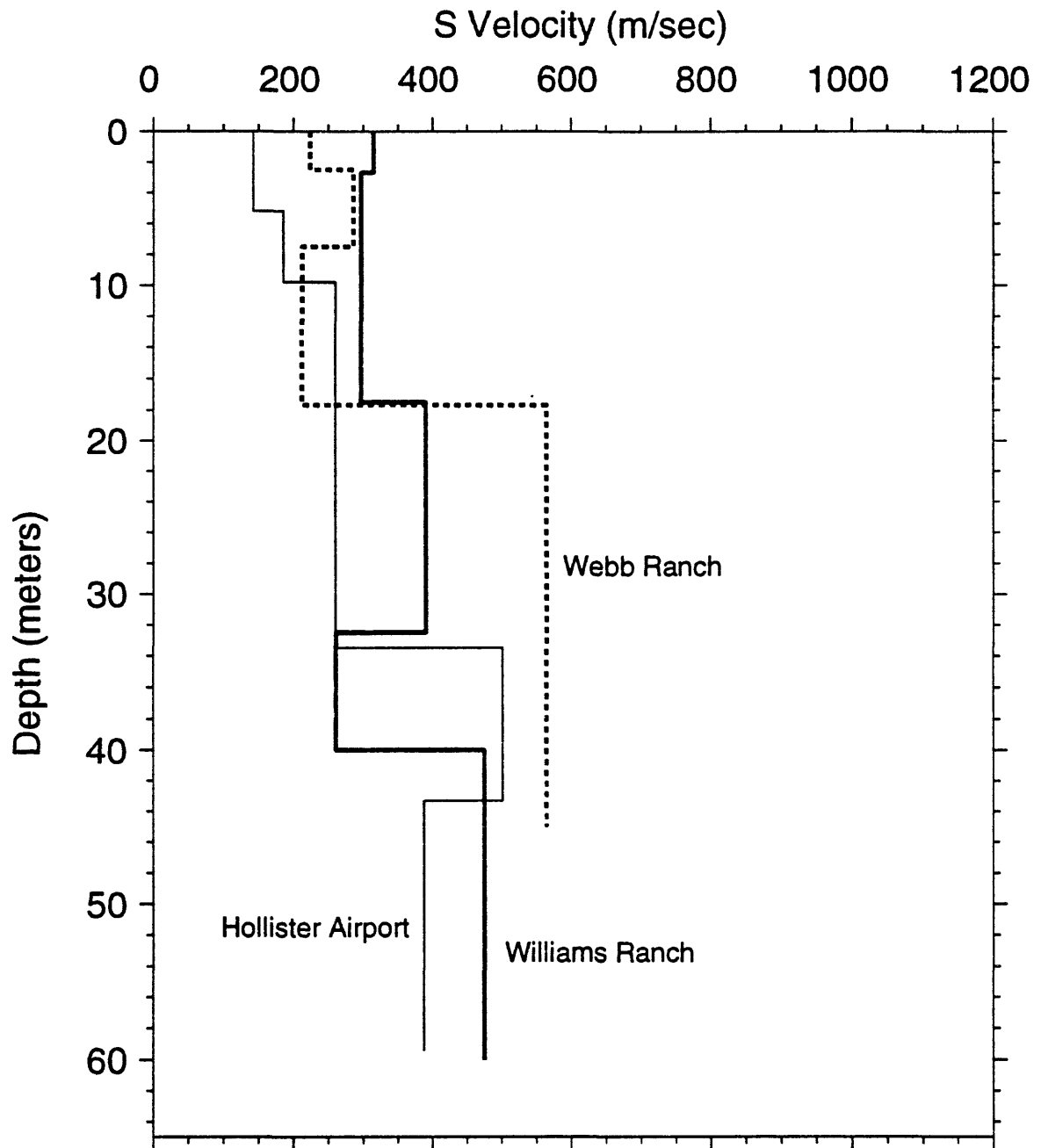


Figure 4. S-wave velocity models superimposed for comparison. In general, these three sites do not have as much gravel as those of Figure 3 and as a result have lower S-wave velocities in the upper sections of the borehole.

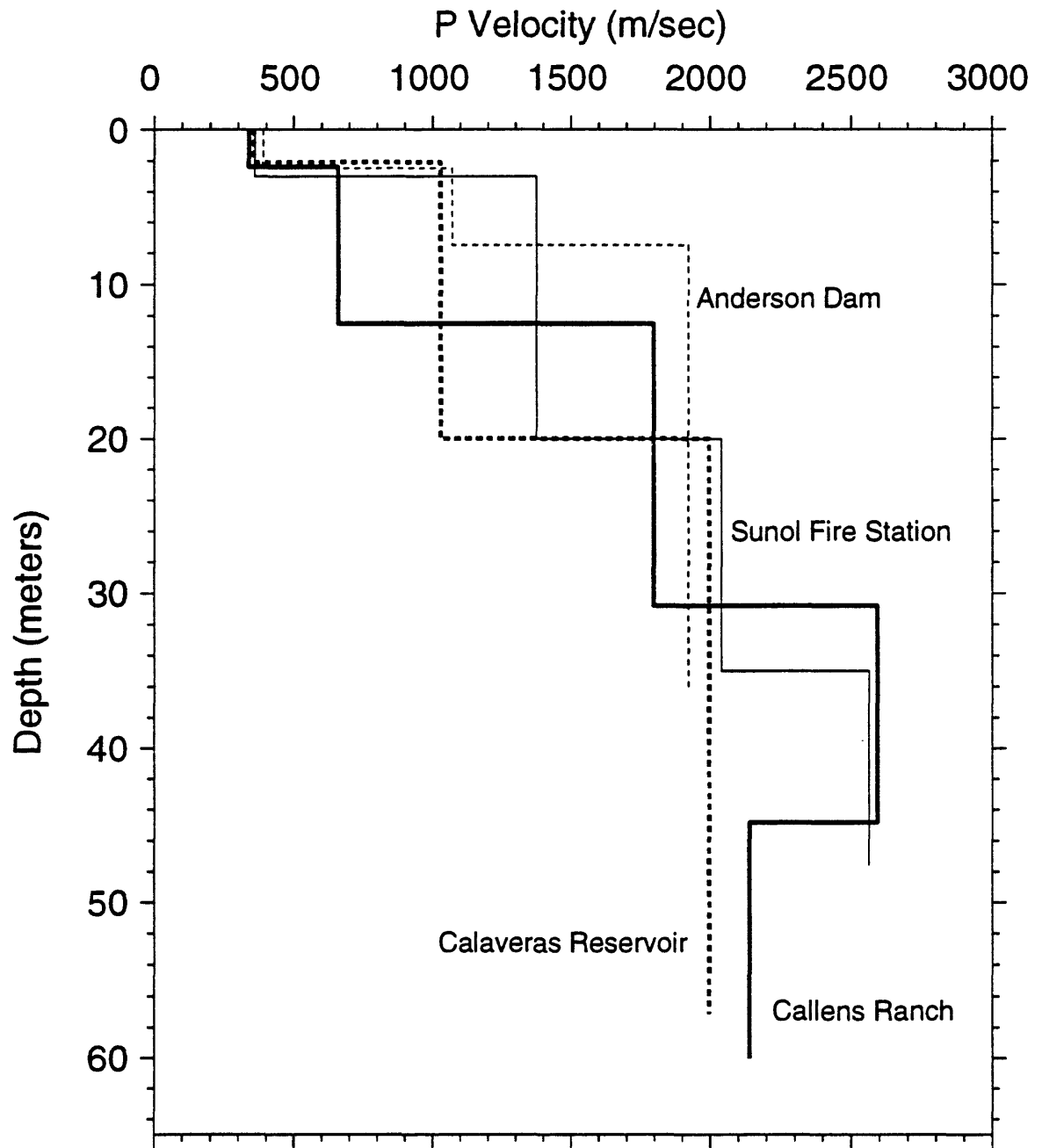


Figure 5. P-wave velocity models superimposed for comparison.

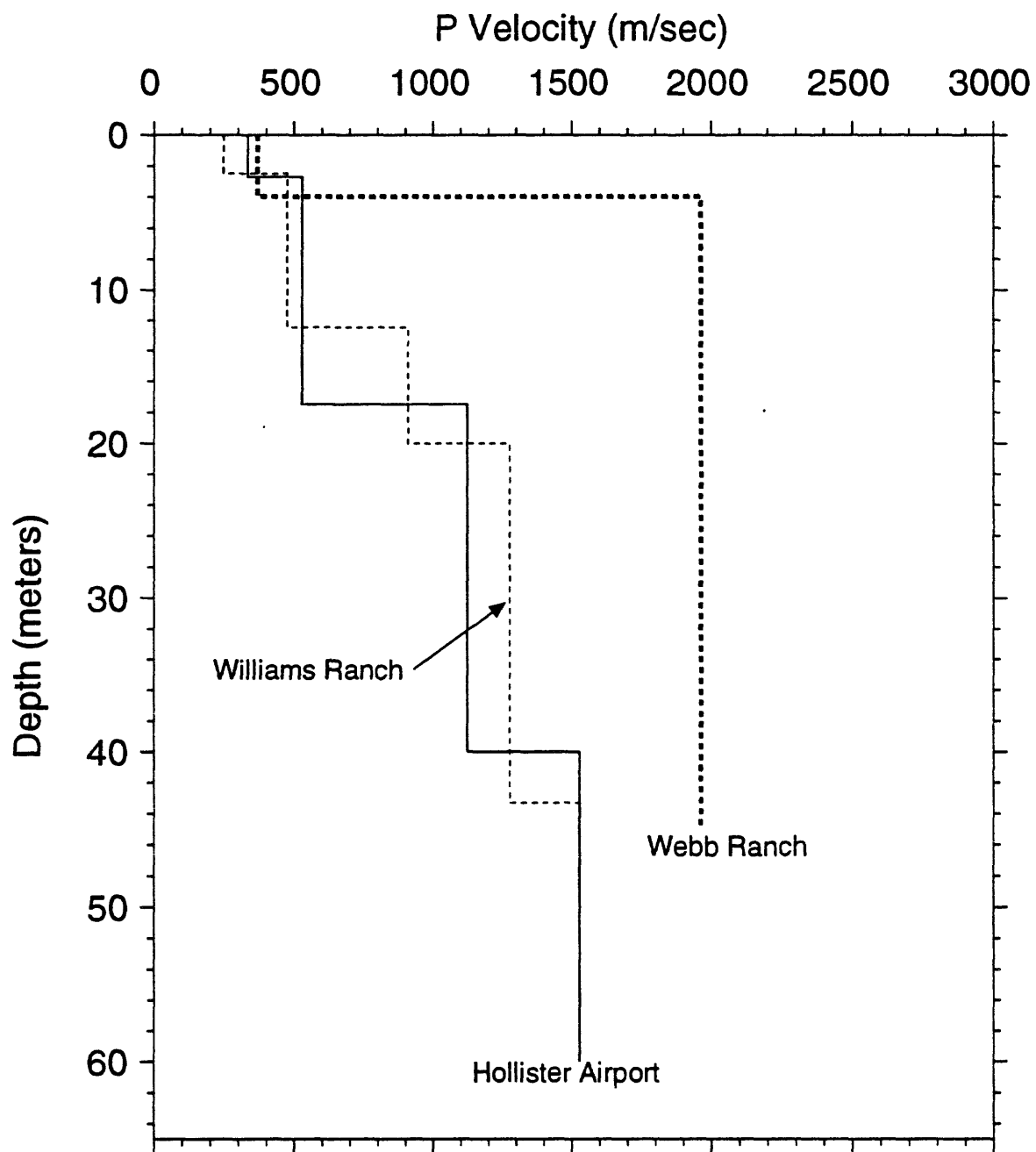


Figure 6. P -wave velocity models superimposed for comparison.

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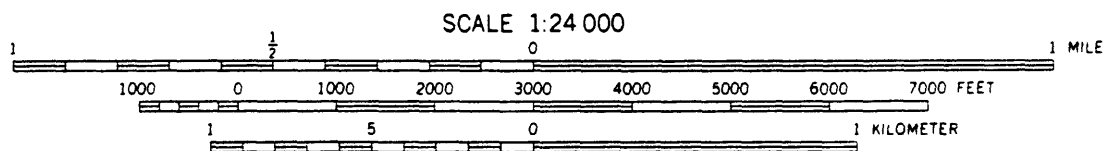
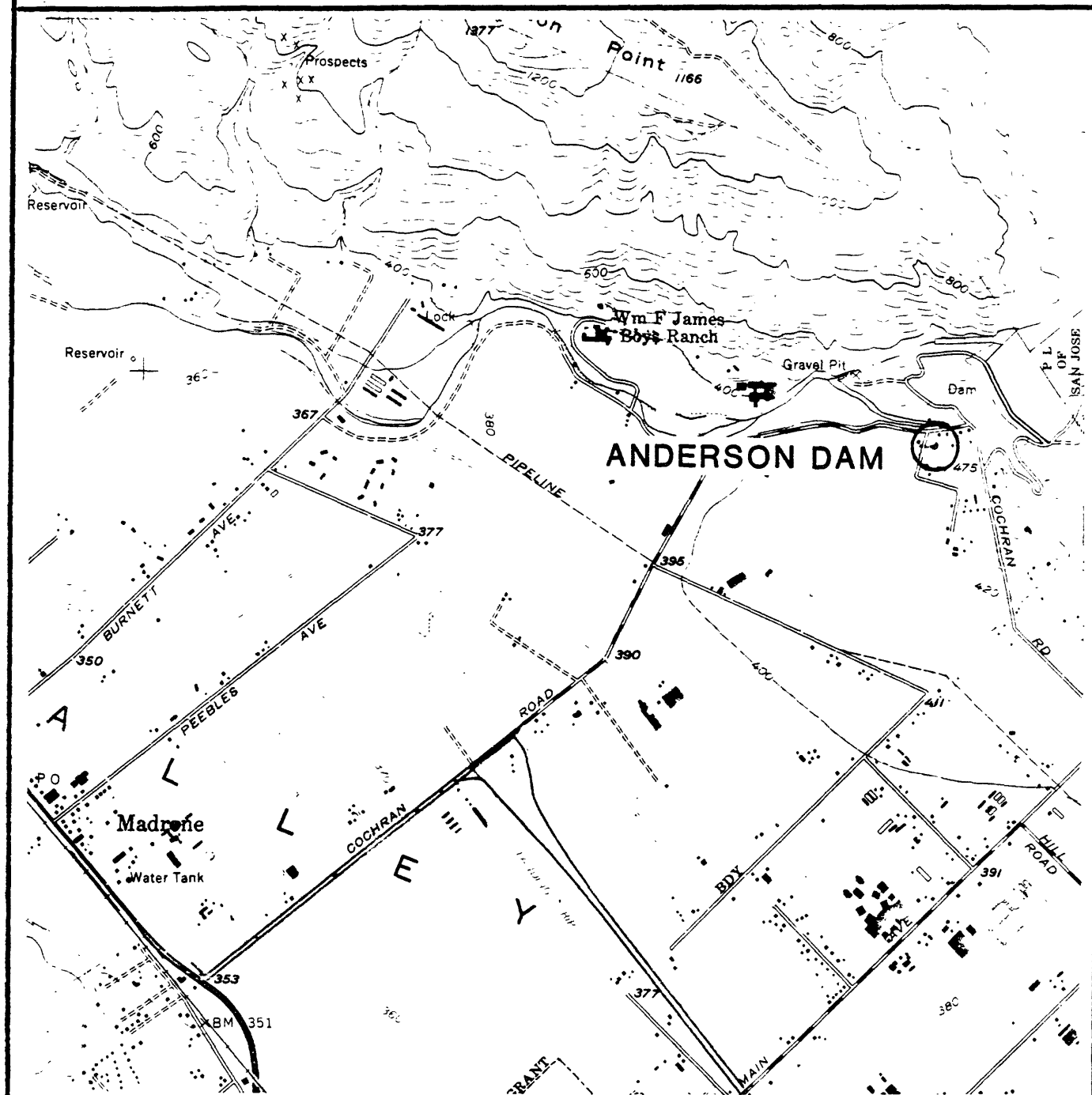


Figure 7. Site location map for the borehole at Anderson Dam (downstream) The borehole at Anderson Dam is located approximately 30 meters from the strong-motion recorder.

## Definitions of terms used for descriptions of sedimentary deposits and bedrock materials

**Rock hardness:** response to hand and geologic hammer: (Ellen et al., 1972)

hard - hammer bounces off with solid sound  
 firm - hammer dents with thud, pick point dents or penetrates slightly  
 soft - pick points penetrates  
 friable material can be crumbled into individual grains by hand.

**Fracture spacing:** (Ellen et al., 1972)

cm	in	fracture spacing
0-1	0-1/2	v. close
1-5	1/2-2	close
5-30	2-12	moderate
30-100	12-36	wide
>100	>36	v. wide

**Weathering:**

Fresh: no visible signs of weathering

Slight: no visible decomposition of minerals, slight discoloration

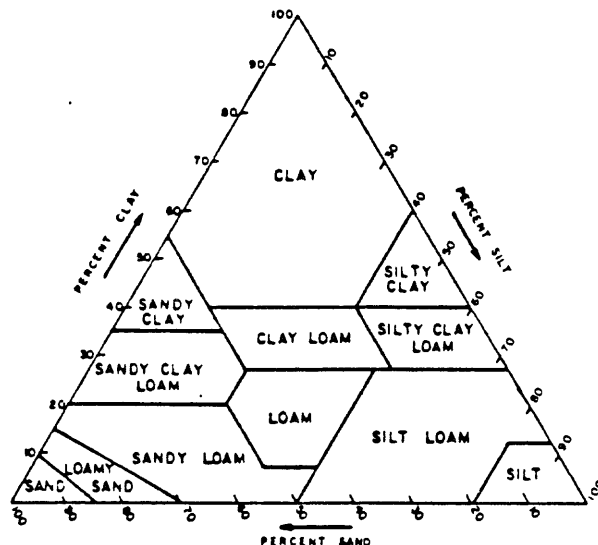
Moderate: slight decomposition of minerals and disintegration of rock, deep and thorough discoloration

Deep: extensive decomposition of minerals and complete disintegration of rock but original structure is preserved.

Relative density of sand and consistency of clay is correlated with penetration resistance: (Terzaghi and Peck, 1948)

blows/ft.	relative density	blows/ft.	consistency
0-4	v. loose	<2	v. soft
4-10	loose	2-4	soft
10-30	medium	4-8	medium
30-50	dense	8-15	stiff
>50	v. dense	15-30	v. stiff
		>30	hard

**Texture:** the relative proportions of clay, silt, and sand below 2mm. Proportions of larger particles are indicated by modifiers of textural class names. Determination is made in the field mainly by feeling the moist soil (Soil Survey, Staff, 1951).



**Color:** Standard Munsell color names are given for the dominant color of the moist soil and for prominent mottles.

**Types of samples**

SP - Standard Penetration 1 + 3/8 in in ID sampler)  
 S - Thin-wall push sampler  
 O - Osterberg fixed-piston sampler  
 P - Pitcher Barrel sampler  
 CH - California Penetration (2 in ID sampler)  
 DC - Diamond Core

Figure 8. Explanation of geologic logs.

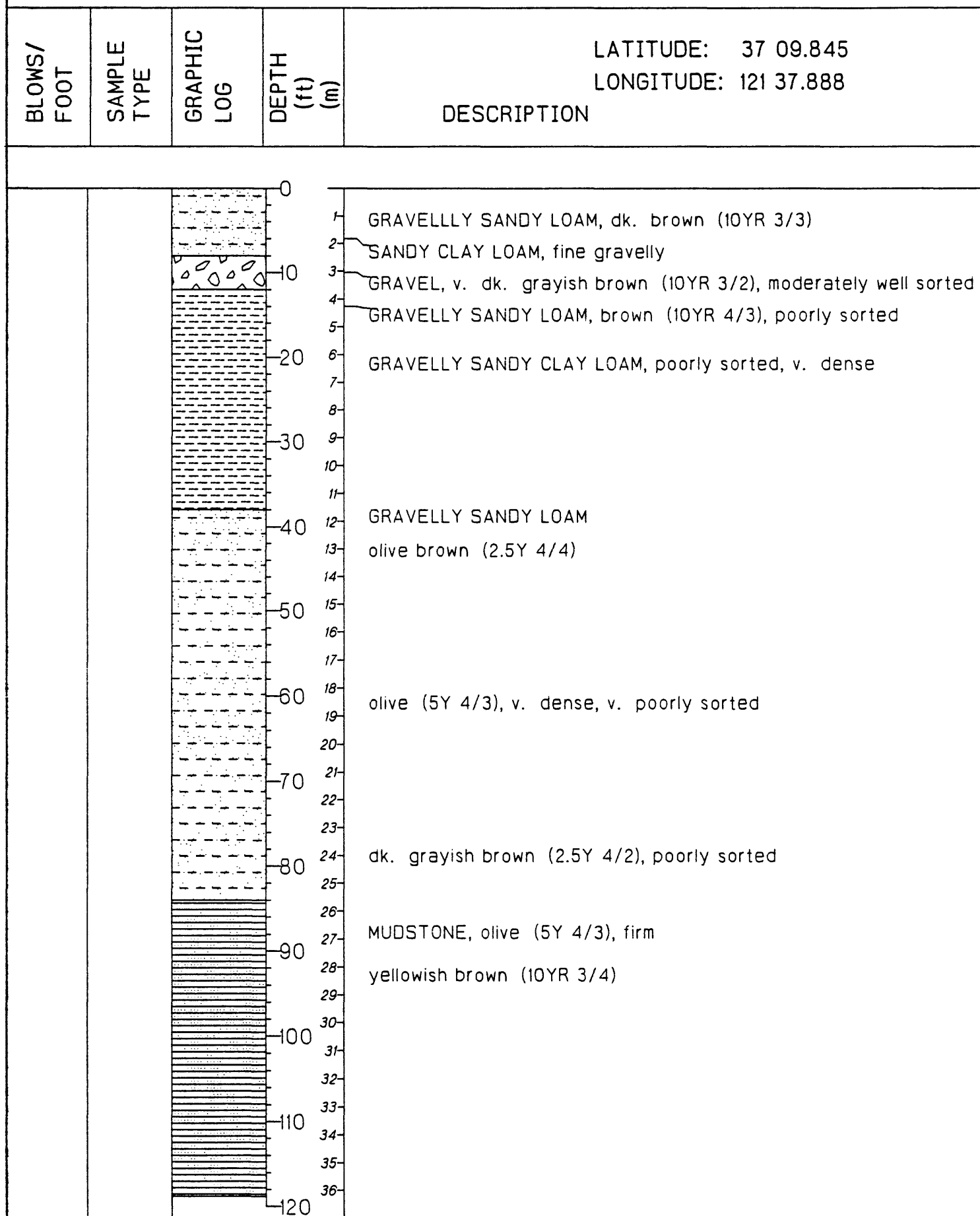


Figure 9. Geologic log of Anderson Dam borehole.

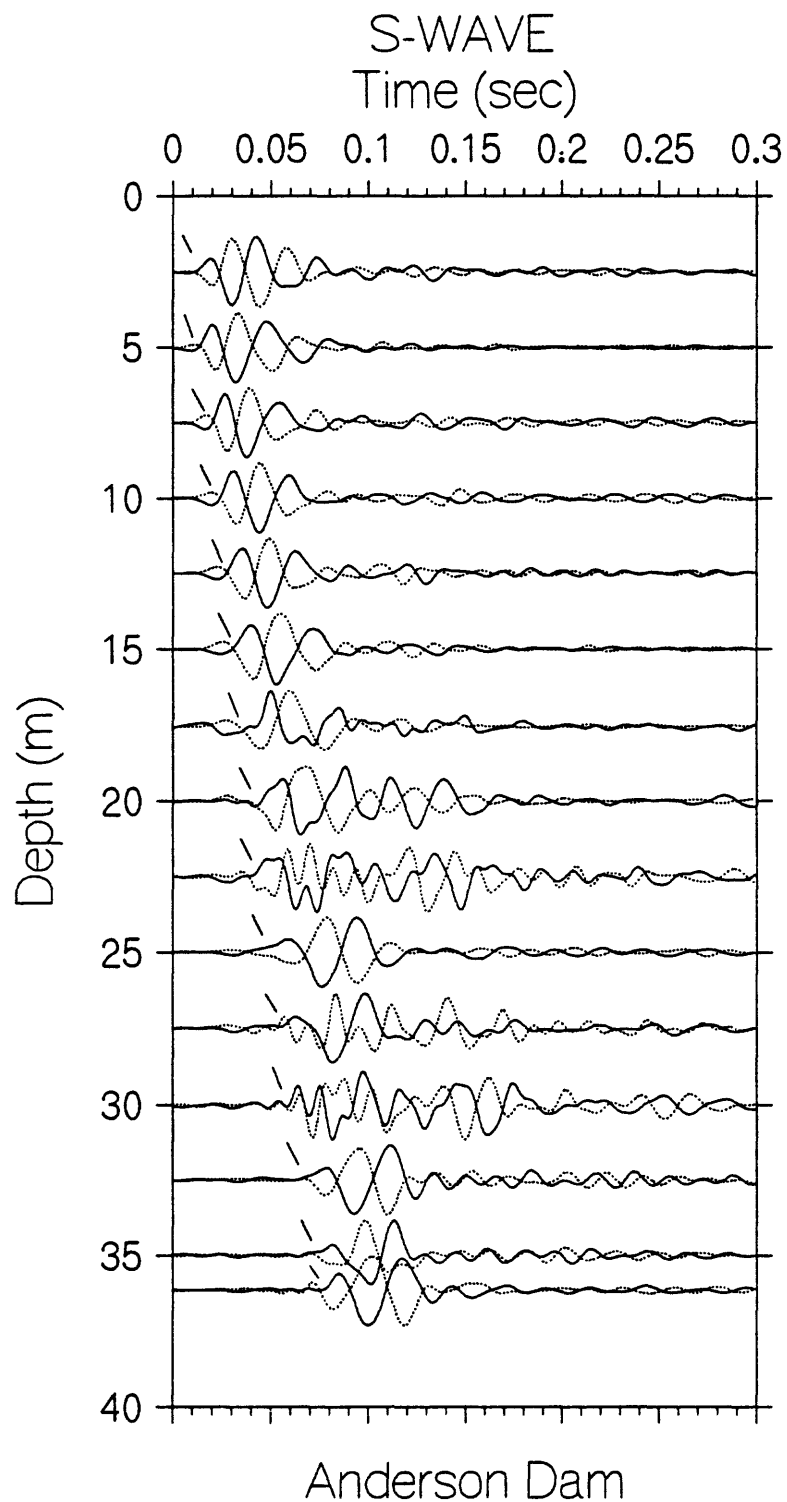


Figure 10. Record section of S-waves from impacts in opposite horizontal directions superimposed for identification of S-wave onset. Approximate S-wave picks are shown by the accent marks.

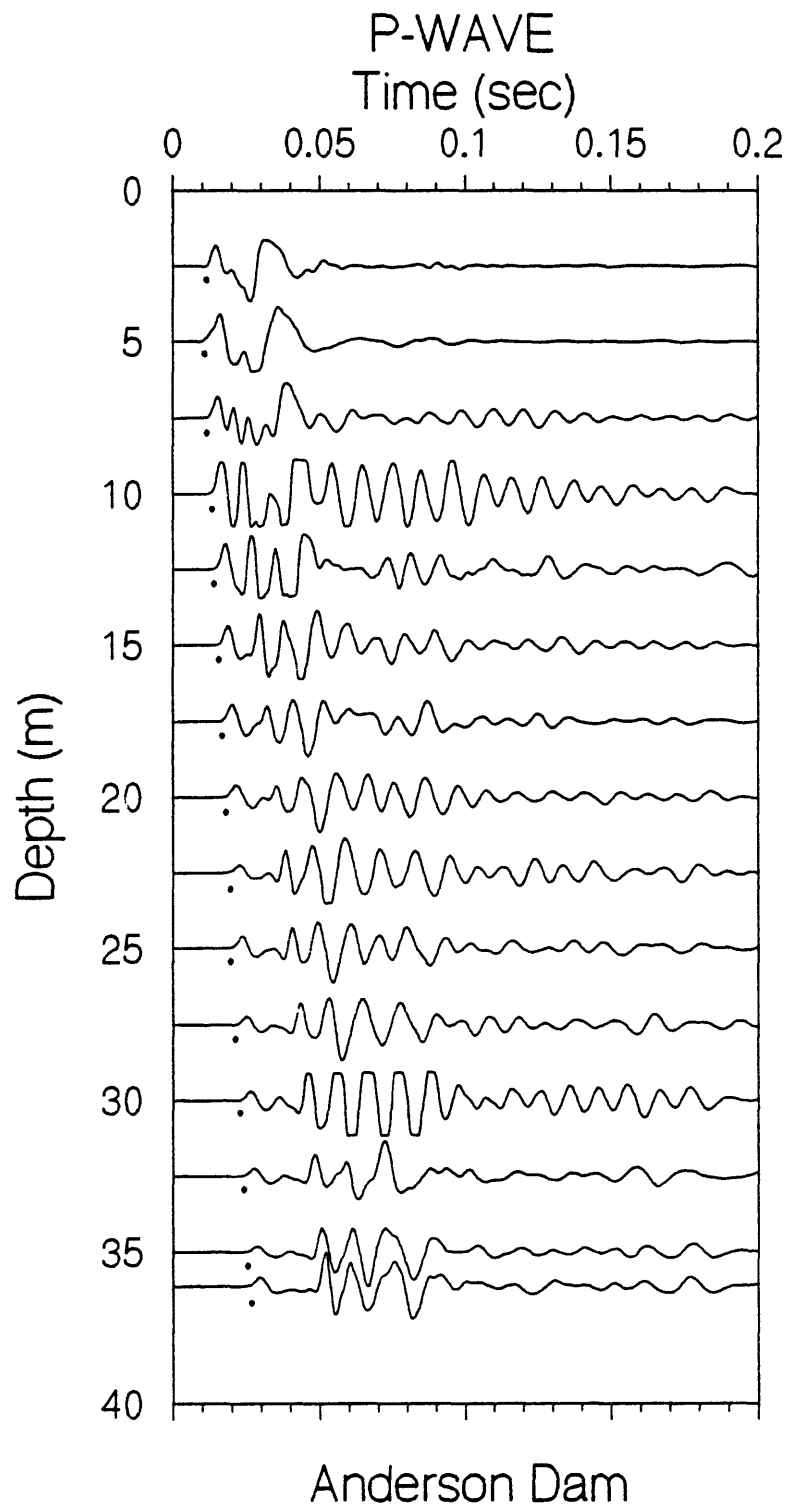


Figure 11. Vertical component record section. P-wave arrivals are shown by the solid circles.

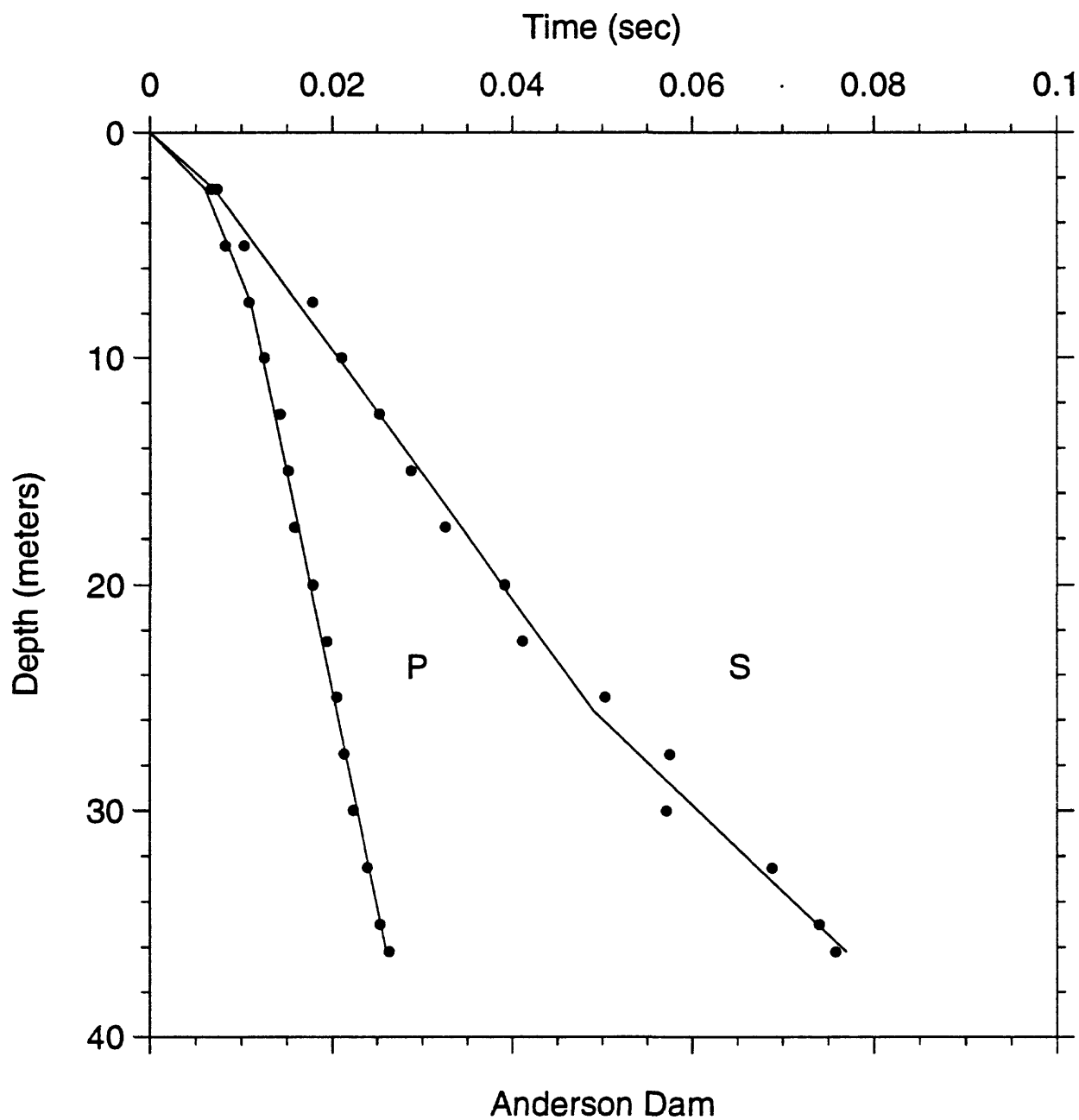


Figure 12. Time-depth graph of P-wave and S-wave picks. Line segments show the hinged-least-squares fit to the data points.

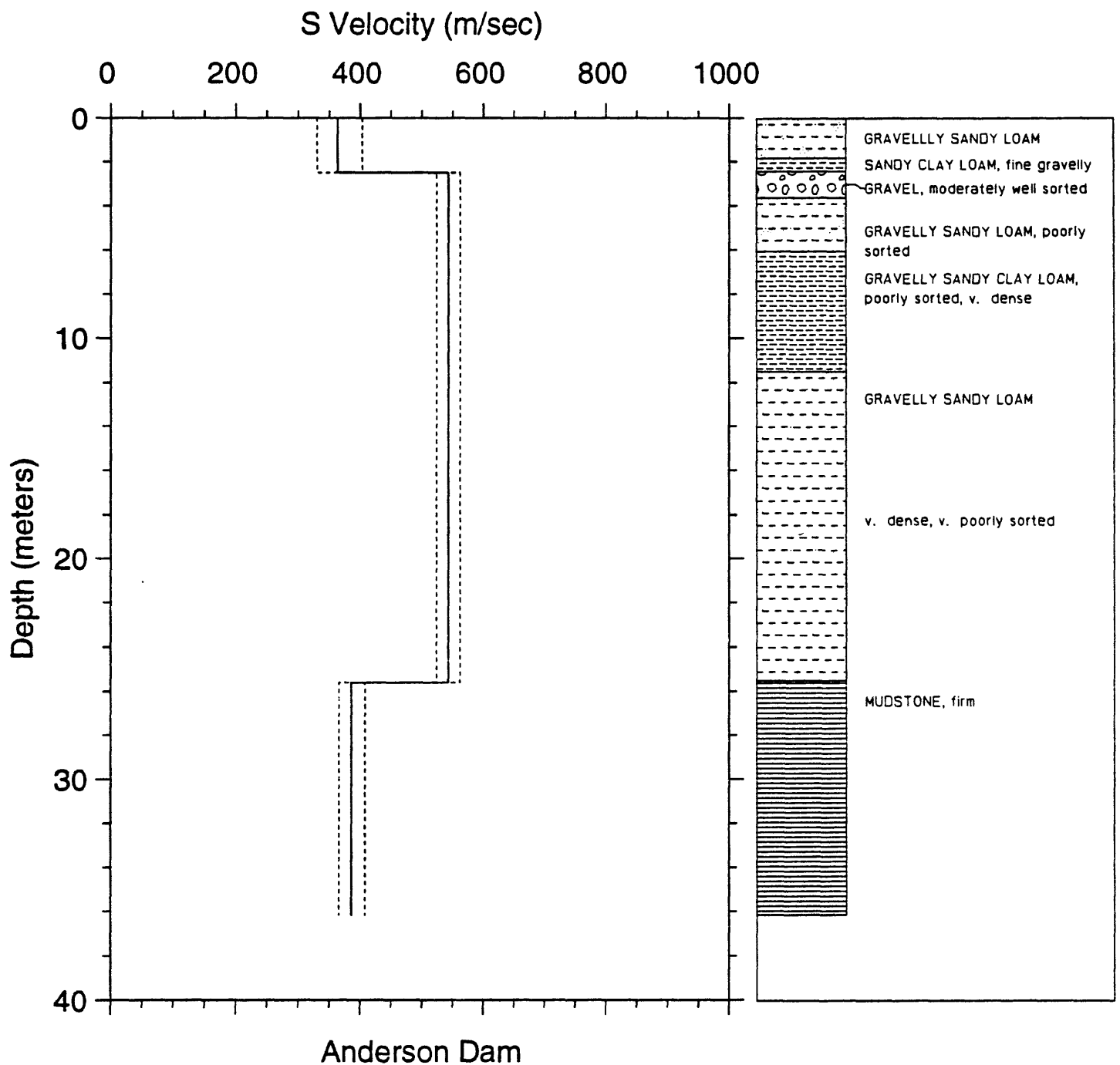


Figure 13. S-wave velocity profiles with dashed lines representing plus and minus one standard deviation. Simplified geologic log is shown for correlation with velocities.



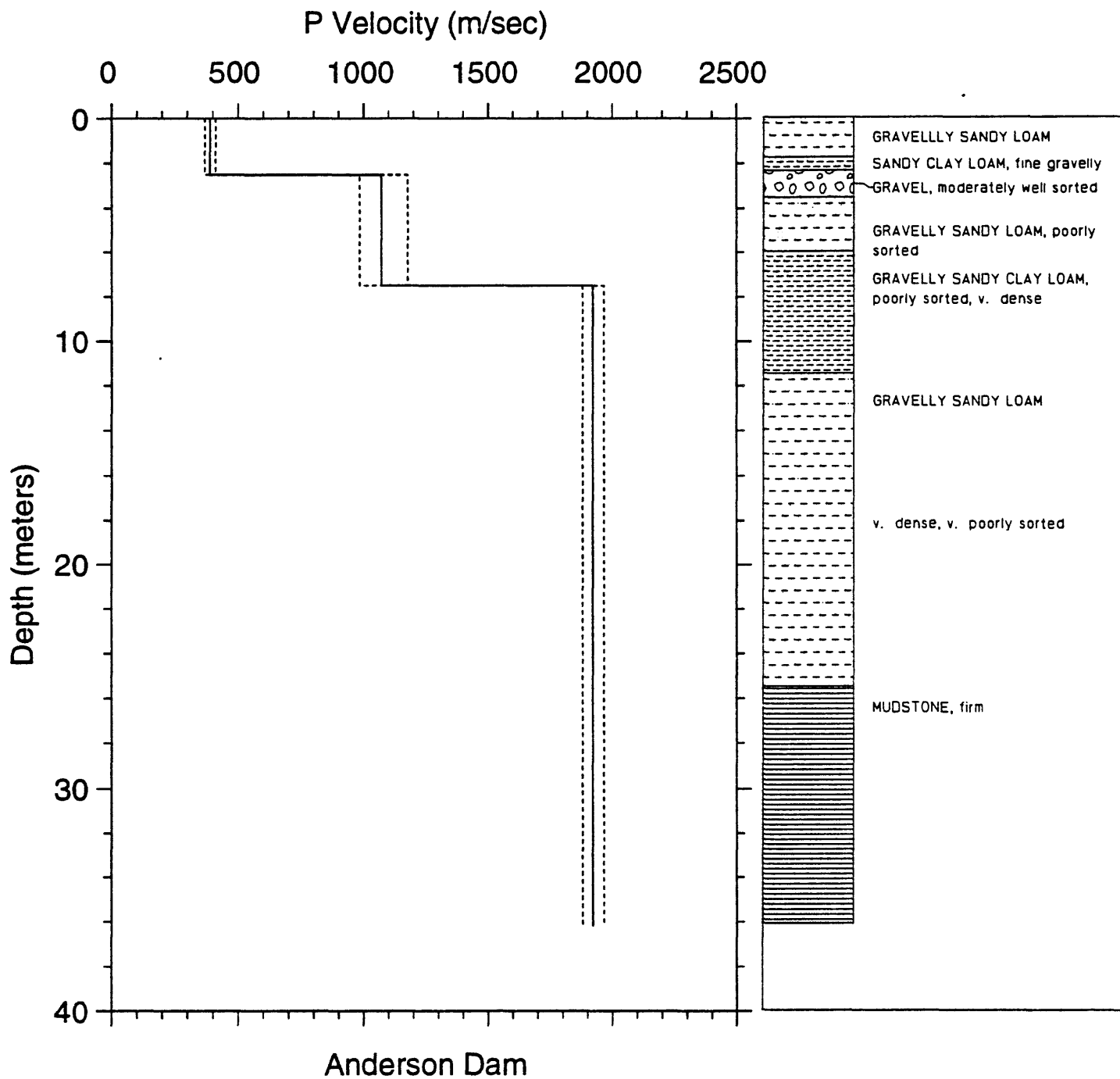


Figure 14. P-wave velocity profiles with dashed lines representing plus and minus one standard deviation. Simplified geologic log is shown for correlation with velocities.

TABLE 1. S-wave arrival times and velocity summaries for Anderson Dam (downstream).

d(m)	d(ft)	t(sec)	sig	rsdl/sig	dtb(m)	dtb(ft)	t(b/s)	v(m/s)	vl(m/s)	vu(m/s)	v(ft/s)	vl(ft/s)	vu(ft/s)
2.5	8.2	.0073	1	-.4	-.0	-.0	-.000	363	330	403	1190	1083	1321
5.0	16.4	.0103	1	-1.2	2.5	8.2	.007	363	330	403	1190	1083	1321
7.5	24.6	.0178	1	1.7	25.6	84.0	.049	543	524	562	1780	1721	1843
10.0	32.8	.0210	1	.3	36.2	118.8	.077	386	366	408	1265	1199	1338
12.5	41.0	.0252	1	-1.1									
15.0	49.2	.0287	1	-1.2									
17.5	57.4	.0325	2	-1.0									
20.0	65.6	.0391	2	-.0									
22.5	73.8	.0411	3	-1.1									
25.0	82.0	.0503	2	1.0									
27.5	90.2	.0575	2	1.6									
30.0	98.4	.0571	3	-1.3									
32.5	106.6	.0688	2	1.0									
35.0	114.8	.0740	1	-.2									
36.2	118.8	.0758	2	-.8									

Explanation:

d(m) = depth in meters

d(ft) = depth in feet

t(sec) = arrival time in seconds (S-wave arrival times are the average of picks from traces obtained from hammer blows differing in direction by 180°)

sig = sigma, standard deviation normalized to the standard deviation of best picks

rsdl/sig = least-squares residual divided by sigma

dtb(m) = depth to bottom of layer in meters

dtb(ft) = depth to bottom of layer in feet

t(b/s) = arrival time in seconds to bottom of layer

v(m/s) = velocity in meters per second

vl(m/s) = lower limit of velocity in meters per second \*

vu(m/s) = upper limit of velocity in meters per second

v(ft/s) = velocity in feet per second

vl(ft/s) = lower limit of velocity in feet per second

vu(ft/s) = upper limit of velocity in feet per second

\* see text for explanation of velocity limits

TABLE 2. P-wave arrival times and velocity summaries for Anderson Dam (downstream).

d(m)	d(ft)	t(sec)	sig	rsdl/sig	dtb(m)	dtb(ft)	t(b(s)	v(m/s)	vl(m/s)	vu(m/s)	v(ft/s)	vl(ft/s)	vu(ft/s)
2.5	8.2	.0067	1	.3	.0	.0	.000	389	369	412	1277	1211	1350
5.0	16.4	.0082	1	-.6	2.5	8.2	.006	389	369	412	1277	1211	1350
7.5	24.6	.0108	1	-.3	7.5	24.6	.011	1071	983	1177	3515	3224	3862
10.0	32.8	.0125	1	-.1	36.2	118.8	.026	1922	1881	1966	6307	6171	6449
12.5	41.0	.0142	1	.5									
15.0	49.2	.0151	1	-.1									
17.5	57.4	.0158	1	-.5									
20.0	65.6	.0178	1	-.2									
22.5	73.8	.0194	1	.5									
25.0	82.0	.0205	1	-.3									
27.5	90.2	.0213	1	-.2									
30.0	98.4	.0223	1	-.5									
32.5	106.6	.0239	1	-.2									
35.0	114.8	.0253	1	-.1									
36.2	118.8	.0263	1	.3									

Explanation:

- d(m) = depth in meters
- d(ft) = depth in feet
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- sig = sigma, standard deviation normalized to the standard deviation of best picks
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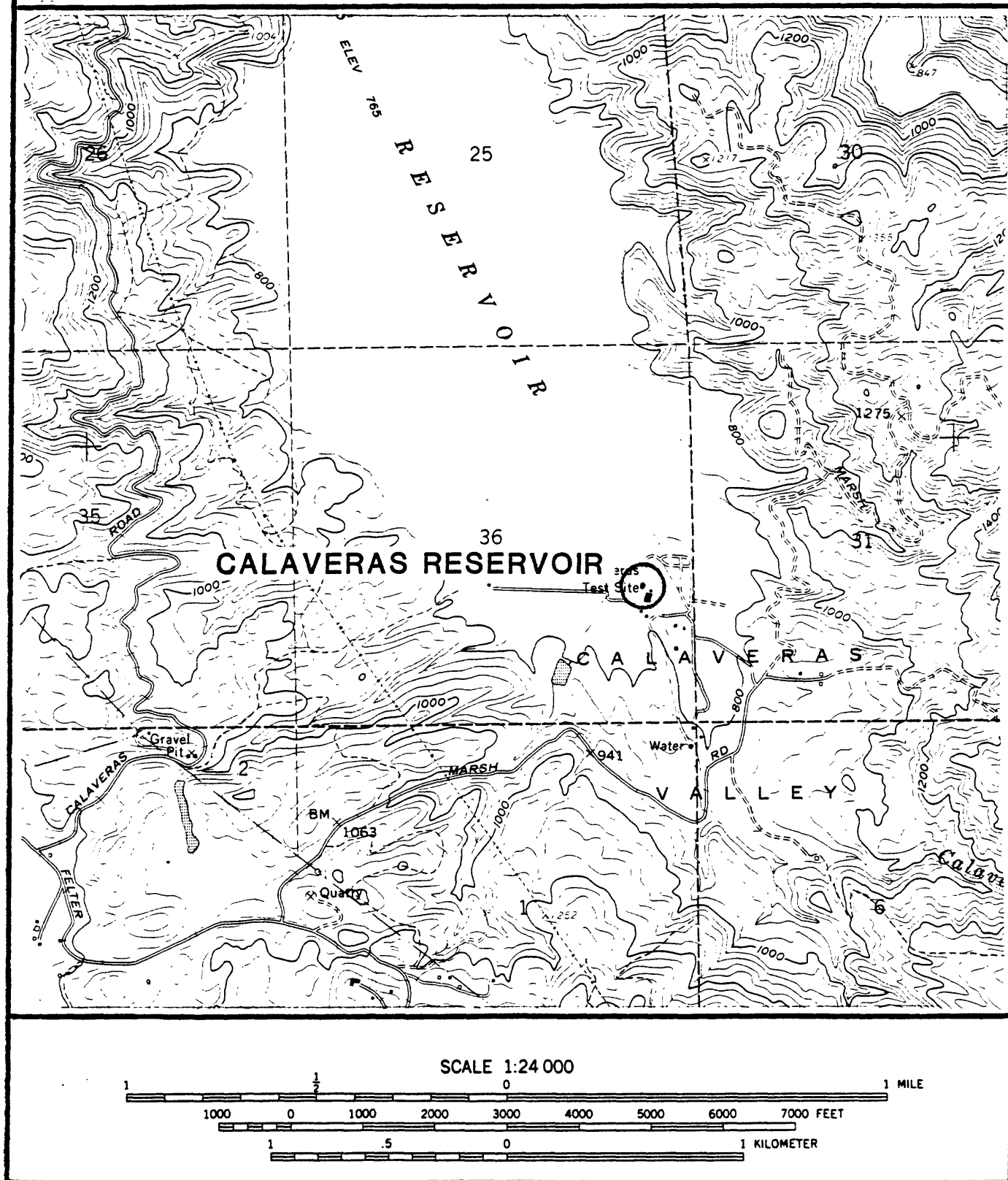


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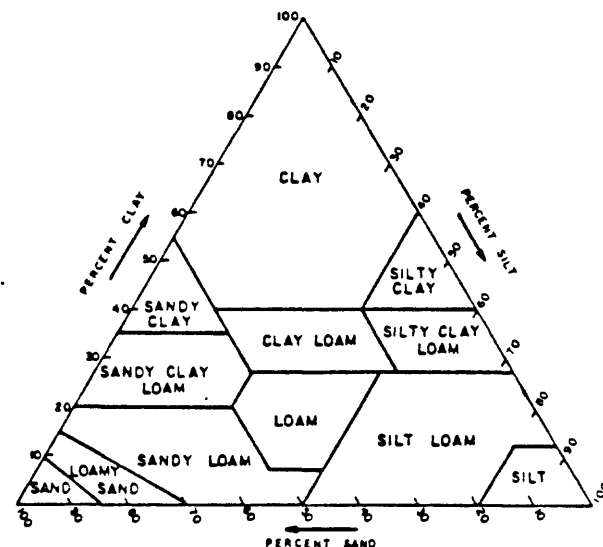
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30-50	dense	8-15	stiff
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		> 30	hard

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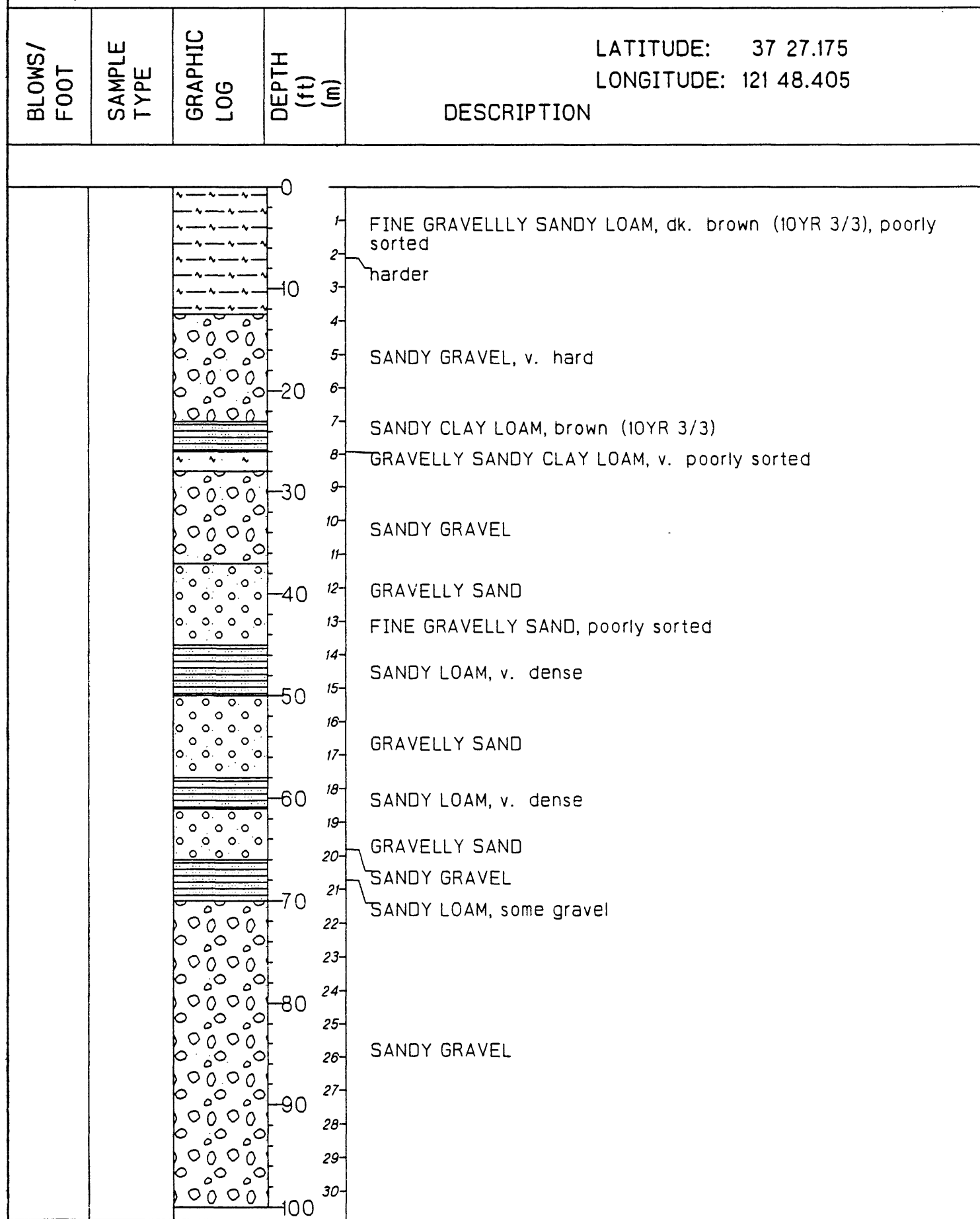


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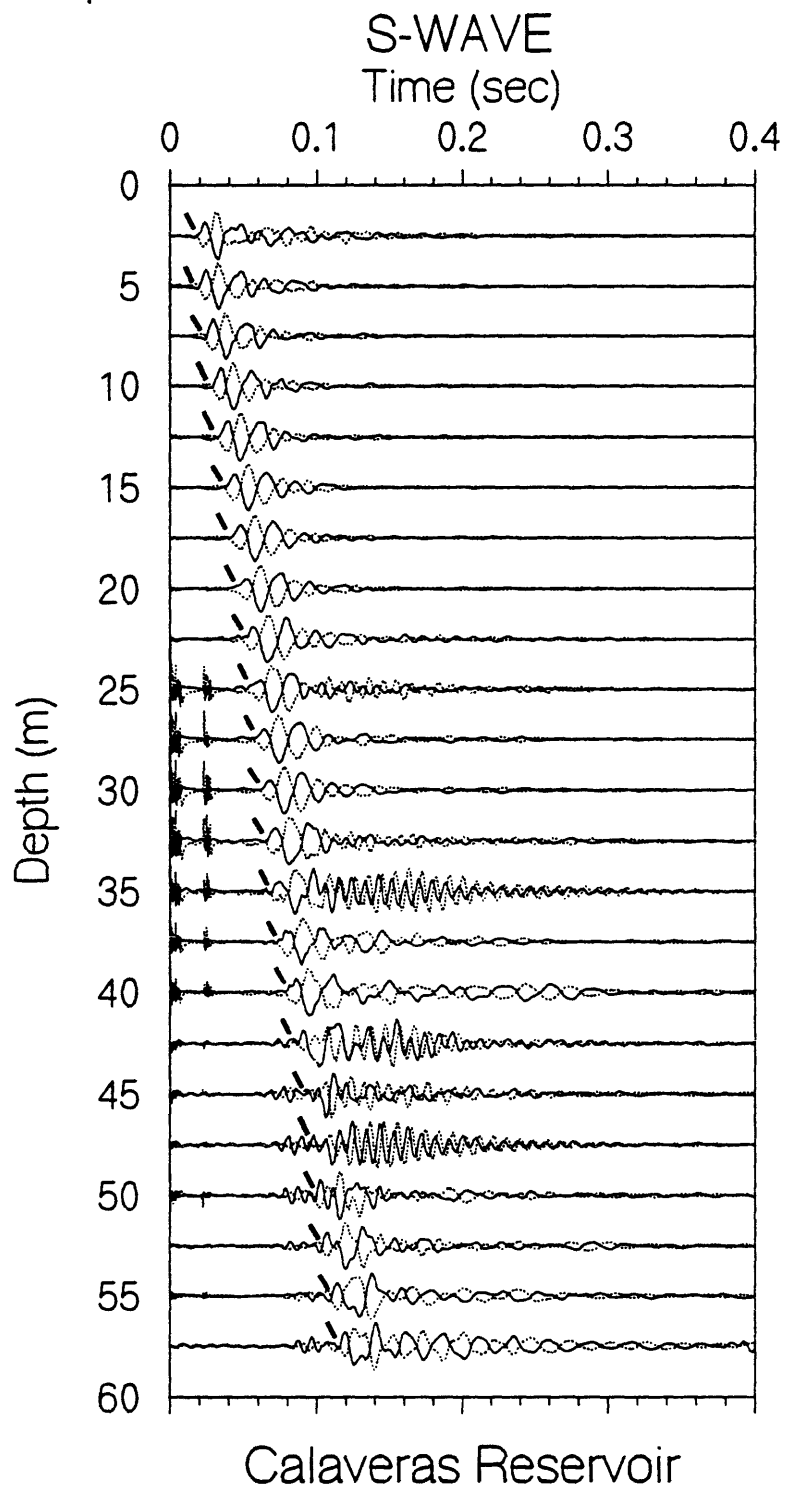


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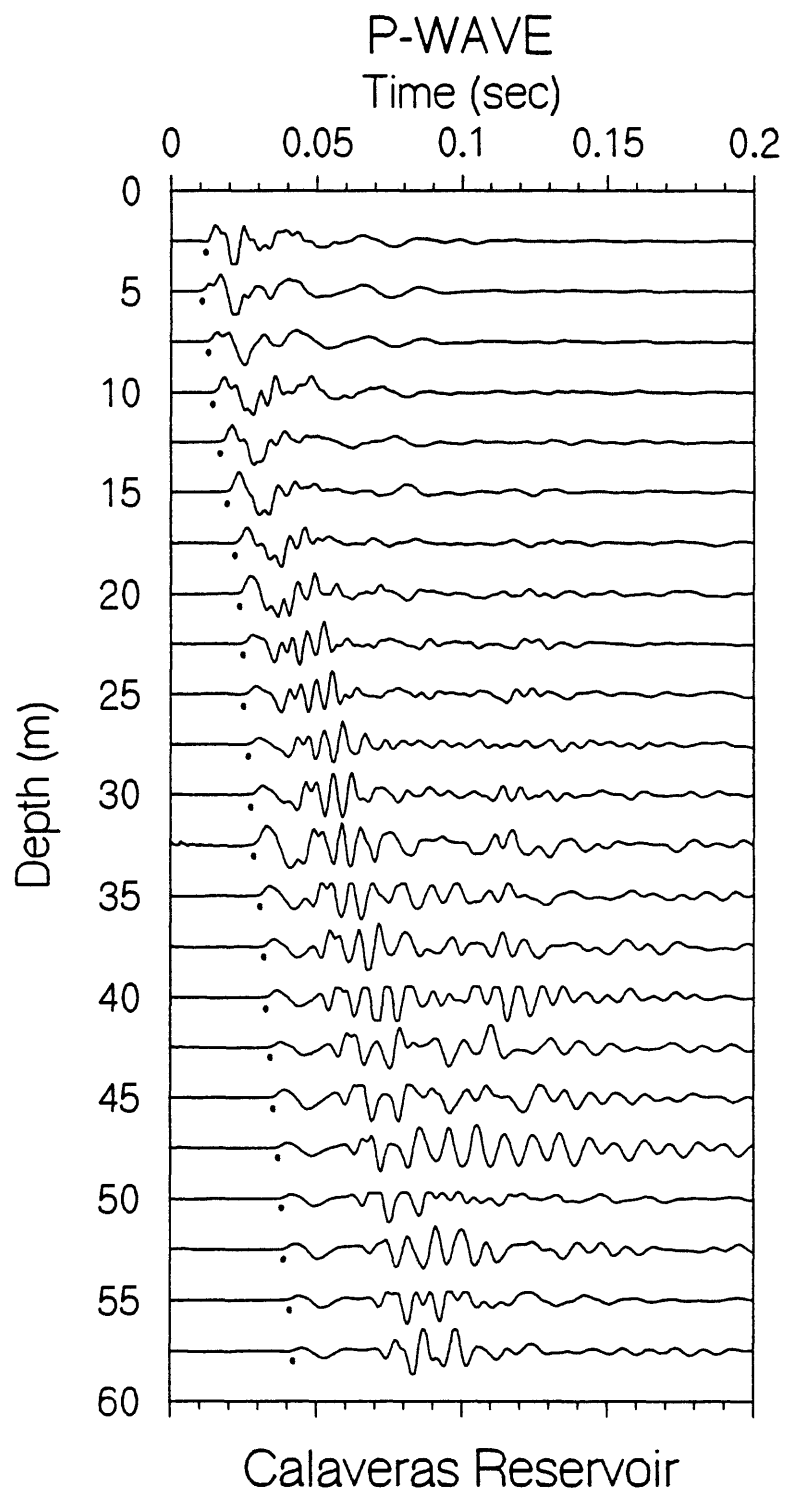


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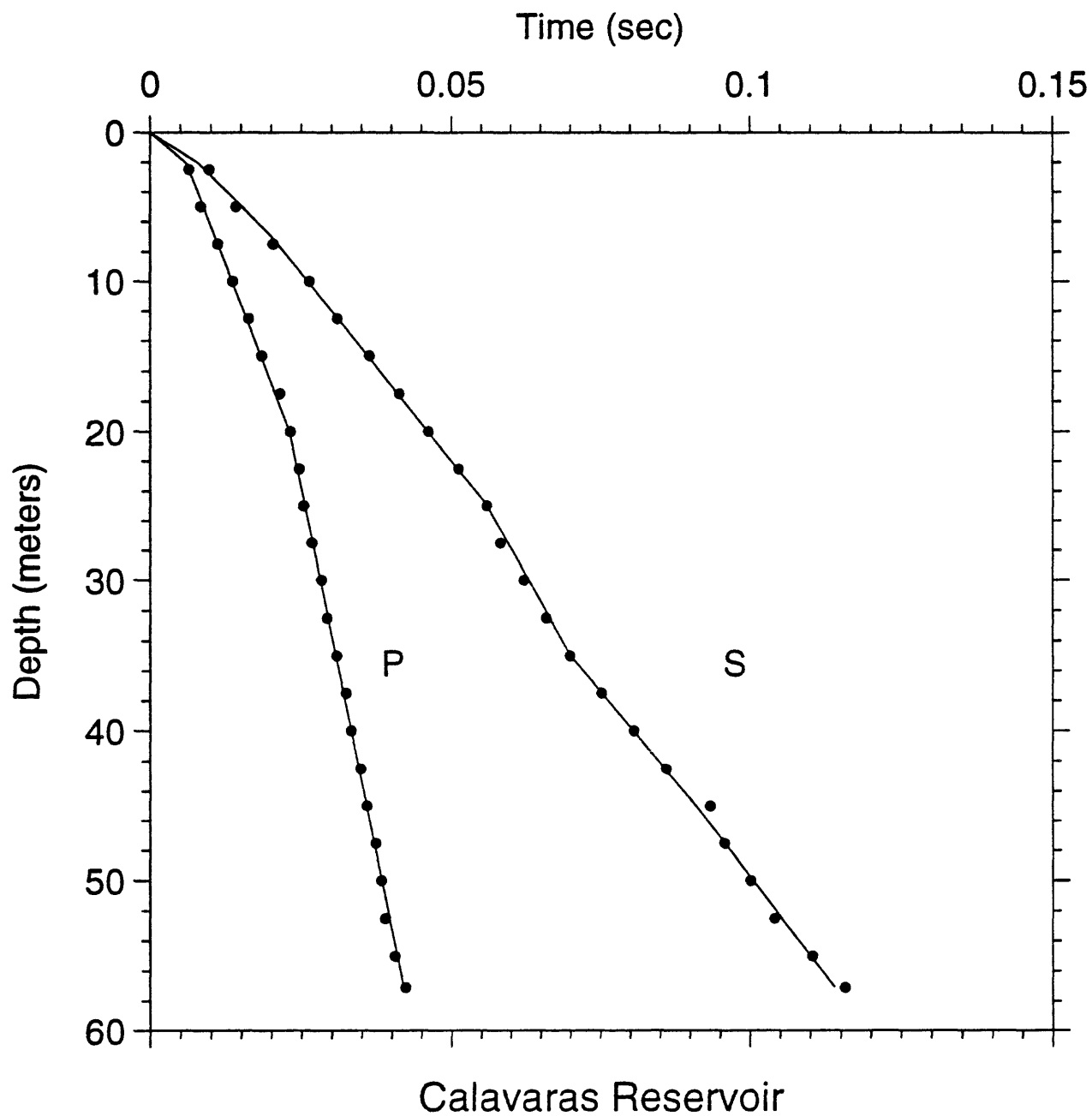


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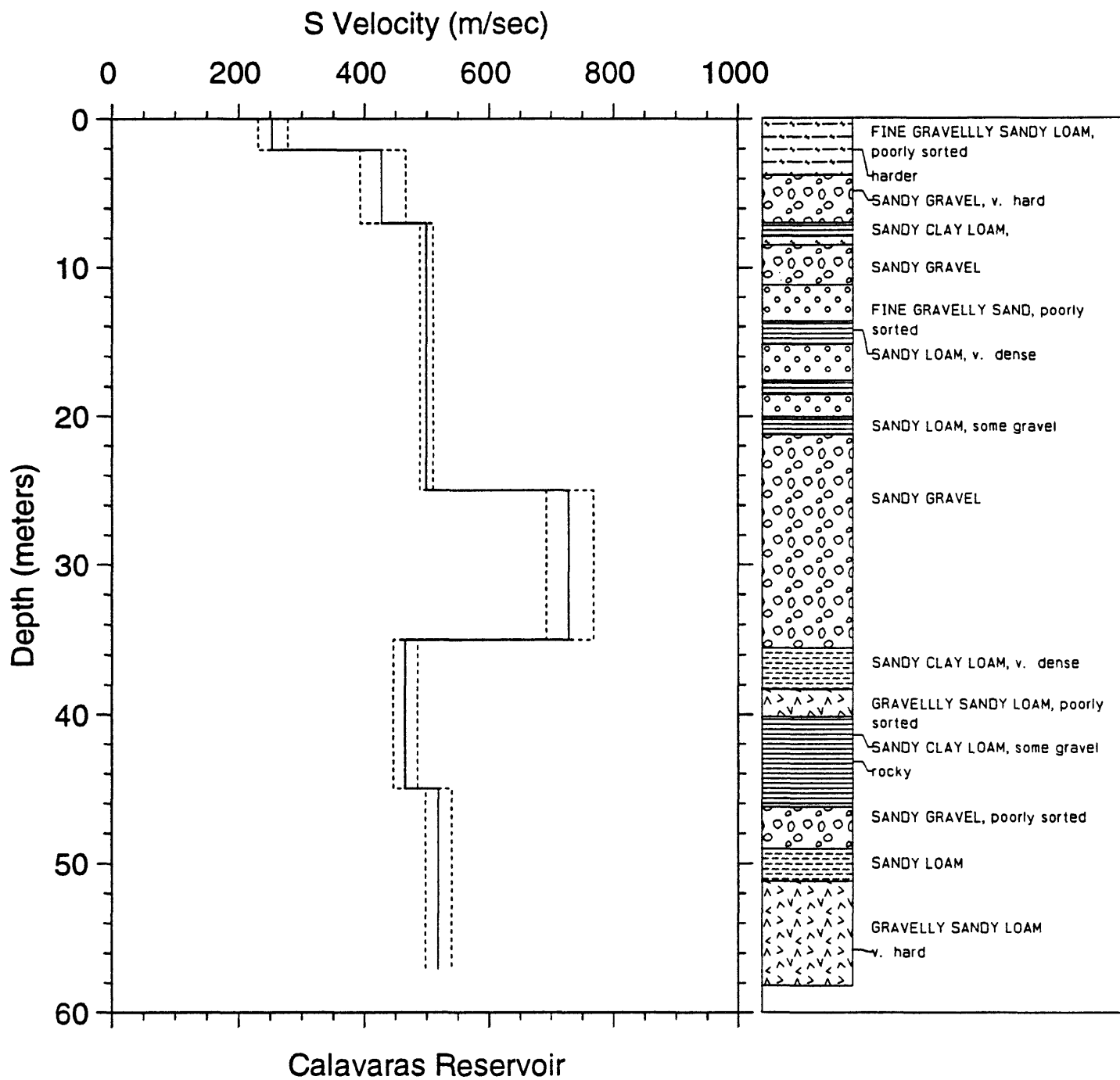


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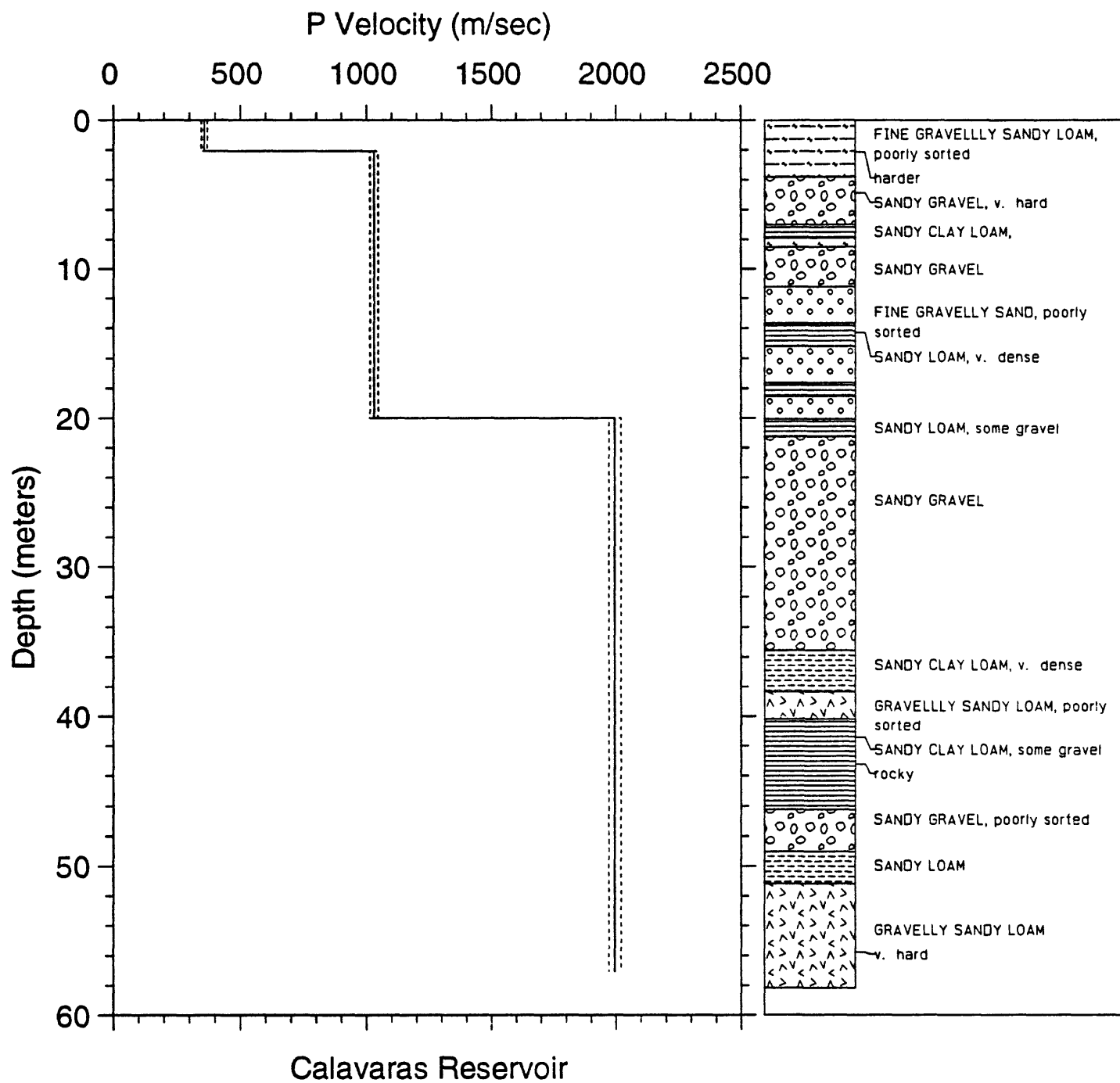


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2.5	8.2	.0097	1	.4	.0	.0	.000	253	231	278	829	759	913
5.0	16.4	.0141	1	-1.0	2.1	6.9	.008	253	231	278	829	759	913
7.5	24.6	.0203	1	-.5	7.0	23.0	.020	427	393	466	1399	1290	1529
10.0	32.8	.0263	1	.5	25.0	82.0	.056	499	489	510	1638	1605	1673
12.5	41.0	.0309	1	.1	35.0	114.8	.070	728	692	768	2390	2272	2521
15.0	49.2	.0363	1	.5	45.0	147.6	.091	465	446	485	1525	1464	1592
17.5	57.4	.0413	1	.5	57.1	187.3	.114	518	498	540	1700	1633	1772
20.0	65.6	.0461	1	.3									
22.5	73.8	.0512	1	.4									
25.0	82.0	.0559	1	.1									
27.5	90.2	.0582	1	-1.1									
30.0	98.4	.0622	1	-.5									
32.5	106.6	.0659	1	-.2									
35.0	114.8	.0699	1	.3									
37.5	123.0	.0752	1	.2									
40.0	131.2	.0806	1	.3									
42.5	139.4	.0860	1	.3									
45.0	147.6	.0934	2	1.2									
47.5	155.8	.0957	2	-.1									
50.0	164.0	.1001	1	-.6									
52.5	172.2	.1041	1	-1.5									
55.0	180.4	.1103	1	-.1									
57.1	187.3	.1157	1	1.3									

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7.5	24.6	.0111	1	.0	20.0	65.6	.023	1030	1014	1046	3380	3328	3433
10.0	32.8	.0136	1	.1	57.1	187.3	.042	1995	1971	2020	6546	6465	6629
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25.0	82.0	.0253	1	-.5									
27.5	90.2	.0267	1	-.3									
30.0	98.4	.0283	1	.0									
32.5	106.6	.0292	1	-.3									
35.0	114.8	.0308	1	.0									
37.5	123.0	.0324	1	.4									
40.0	131.2	.0332	1	-.1									
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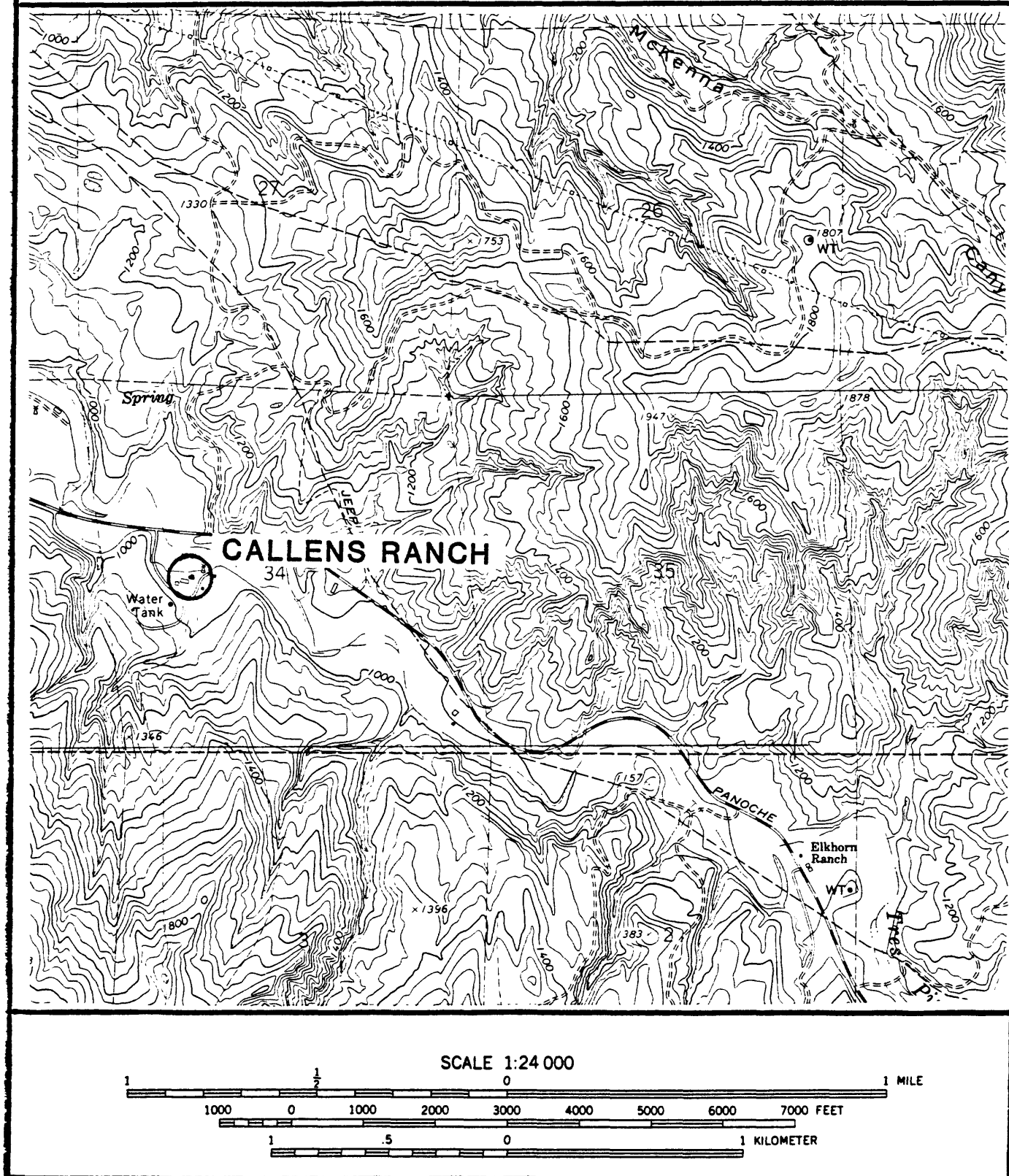


Figure 23. Location map for Callens Ranch borehole. The borehole is located approximately 20 meters from the strong-motion accelerograph.

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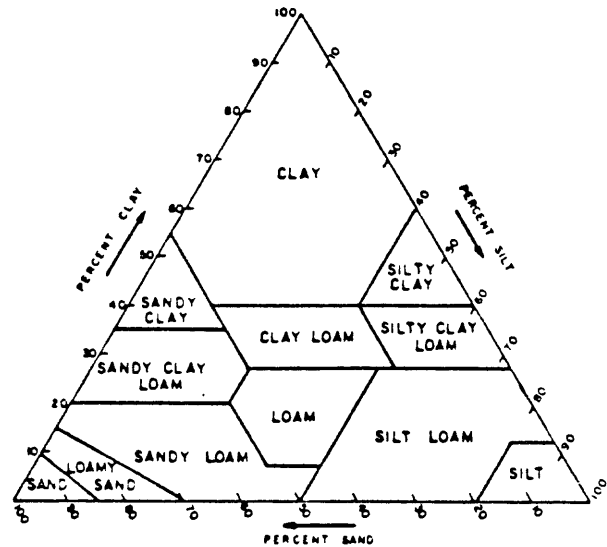
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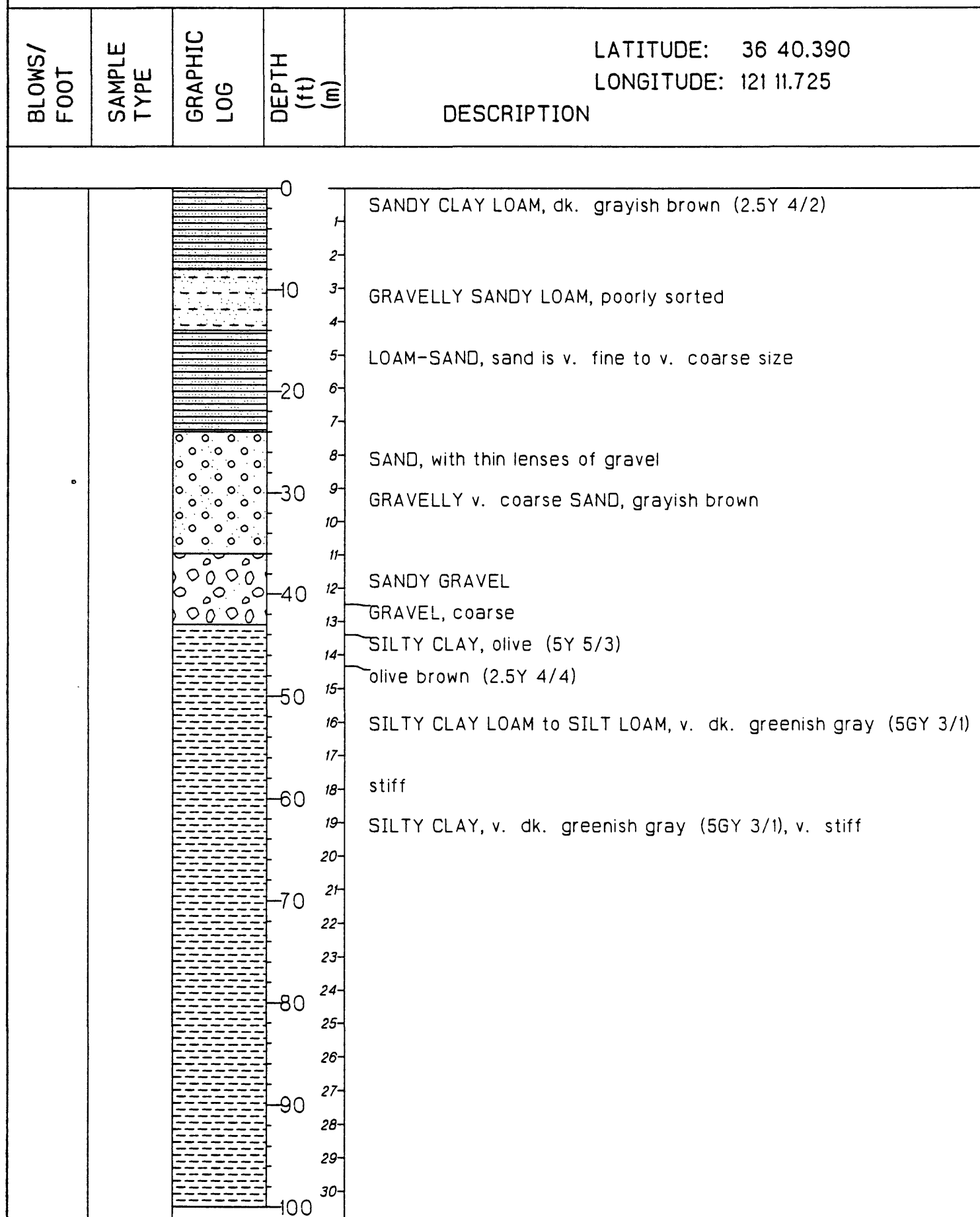


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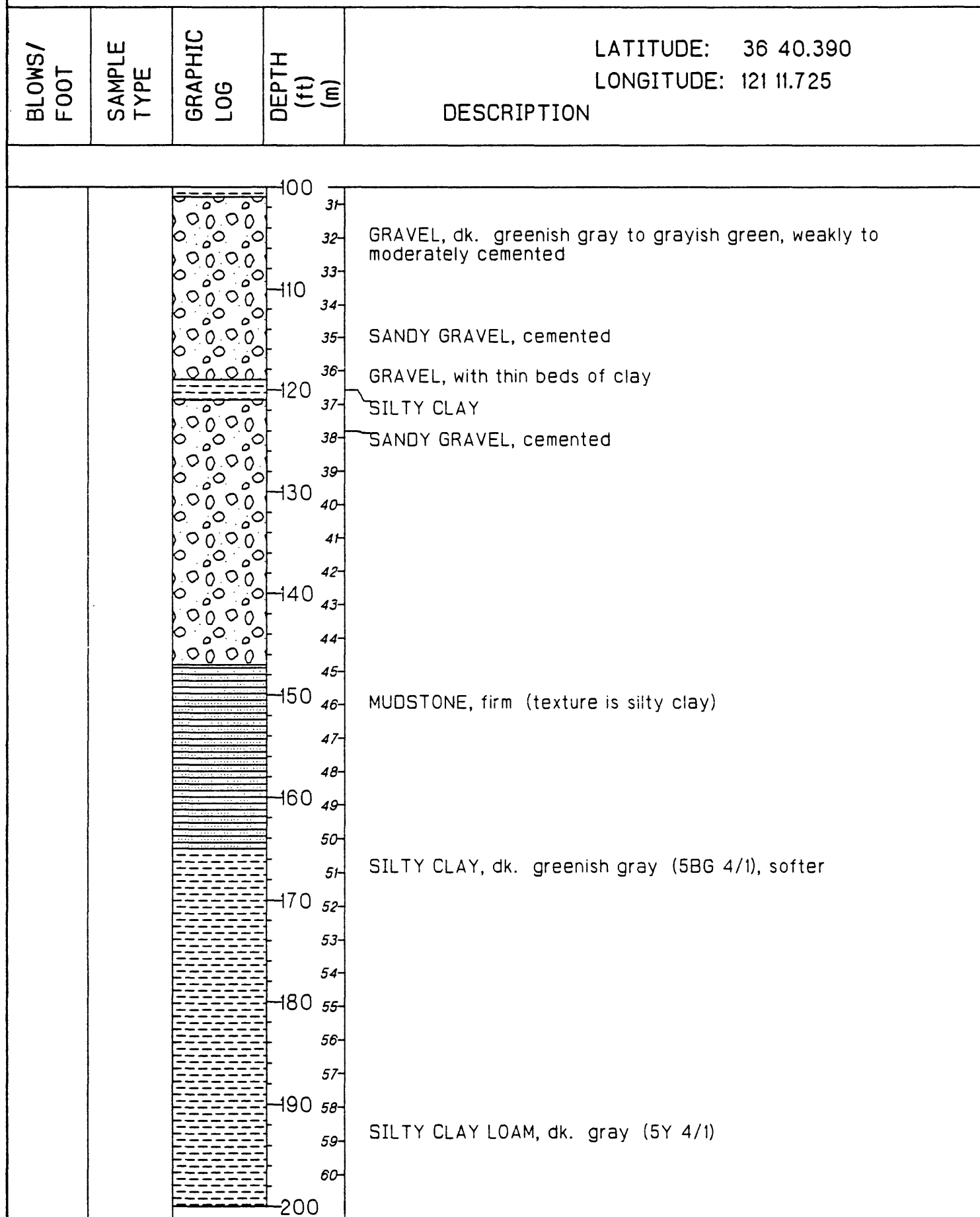


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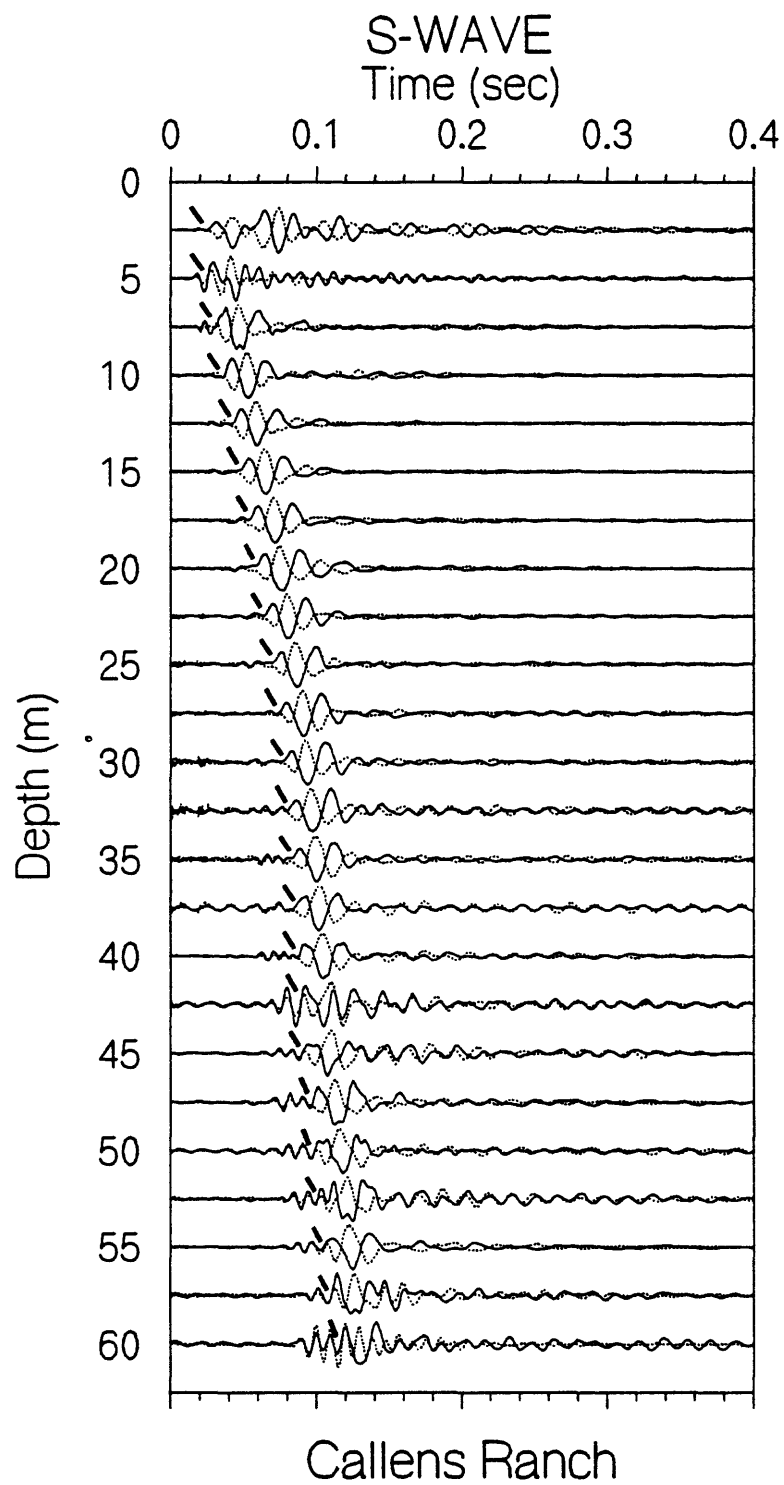


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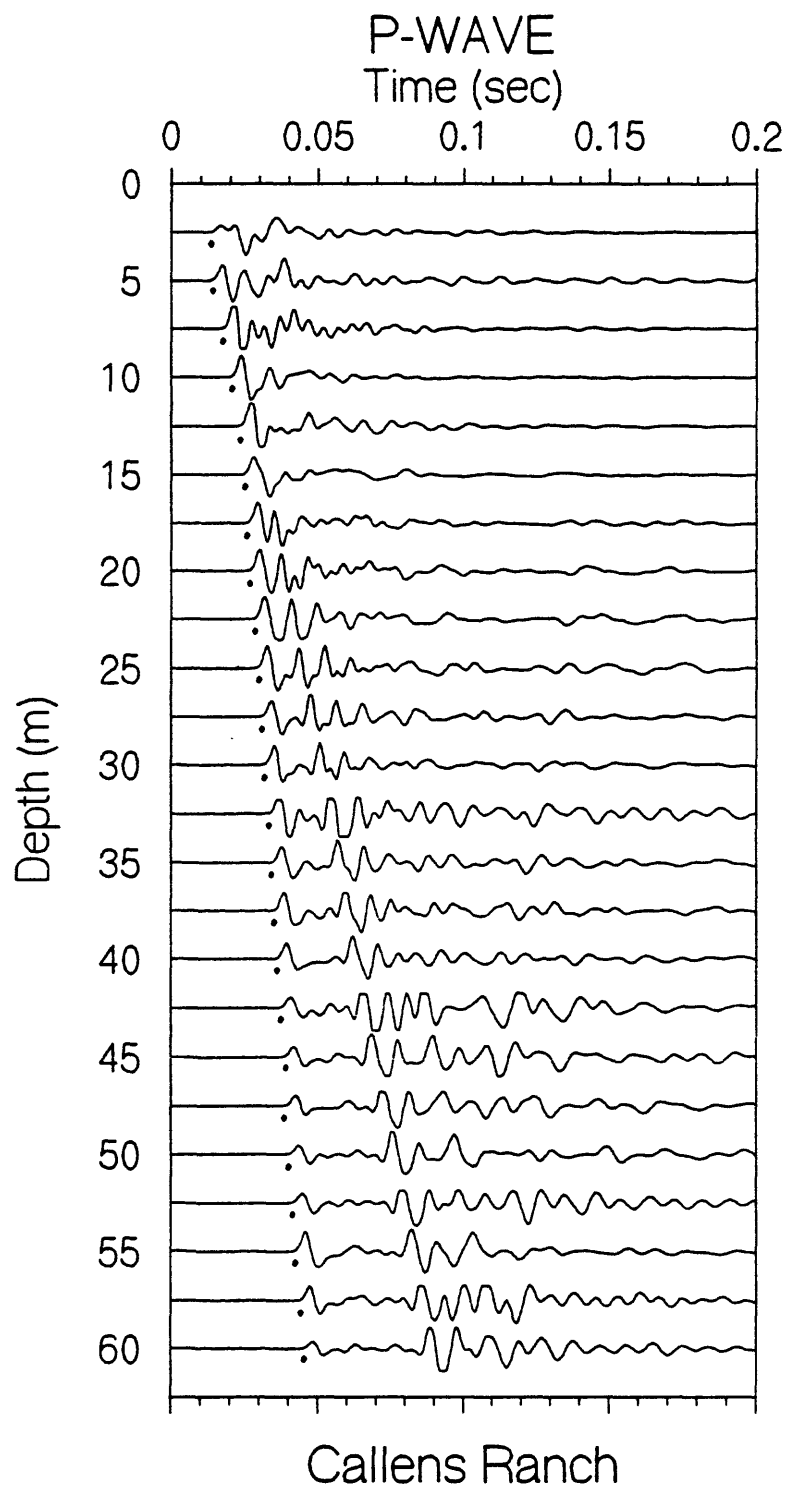


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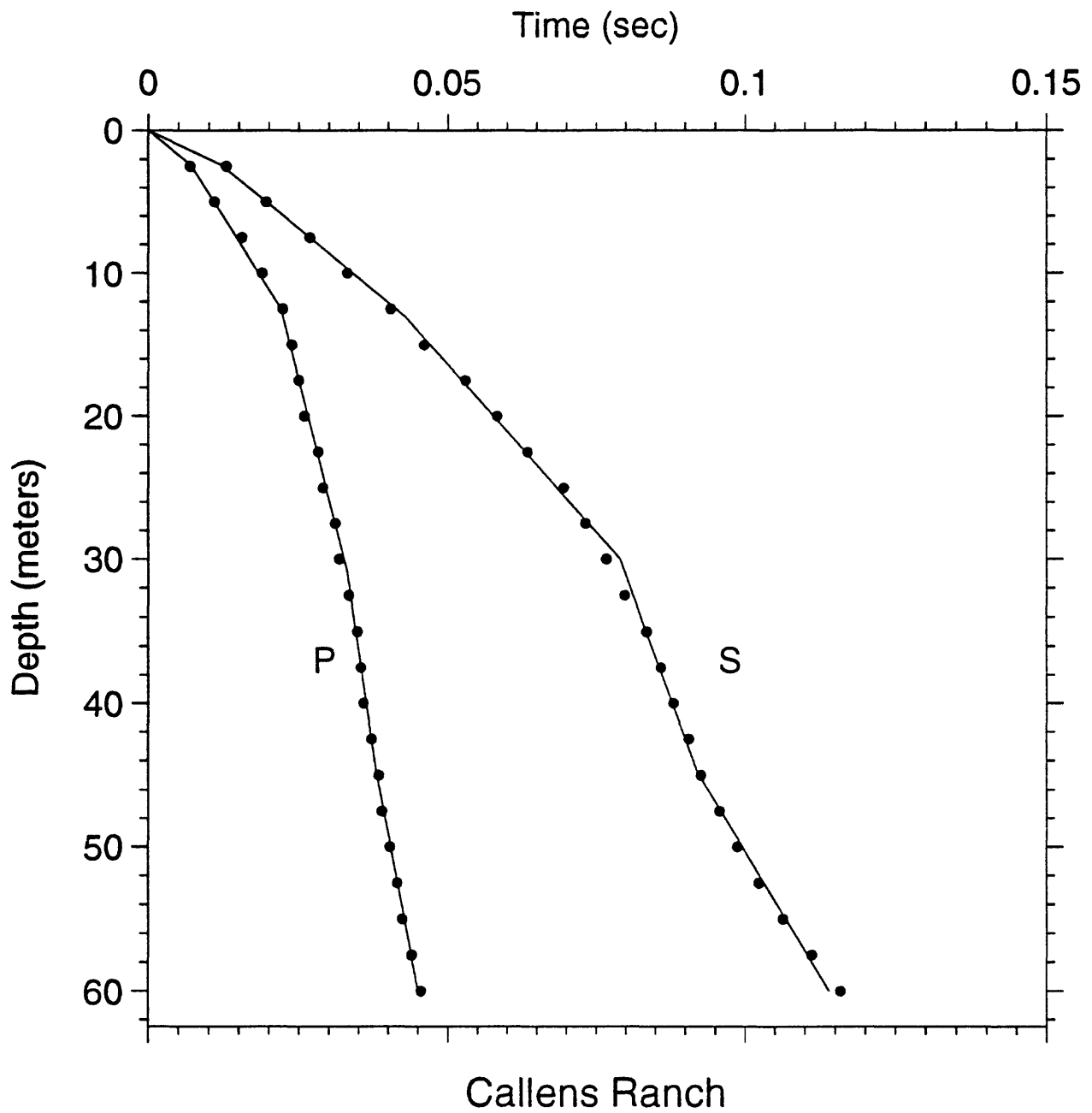


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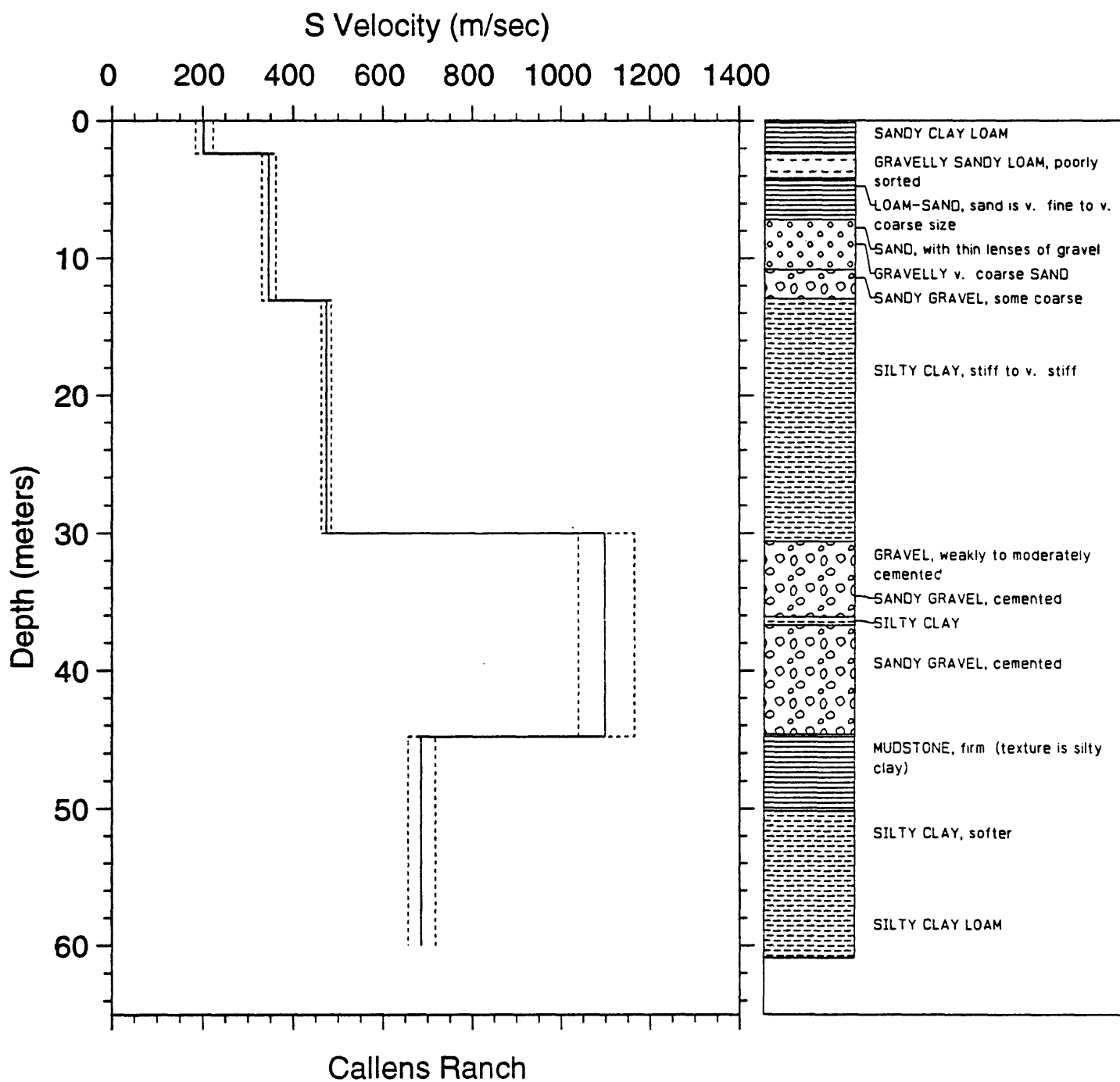


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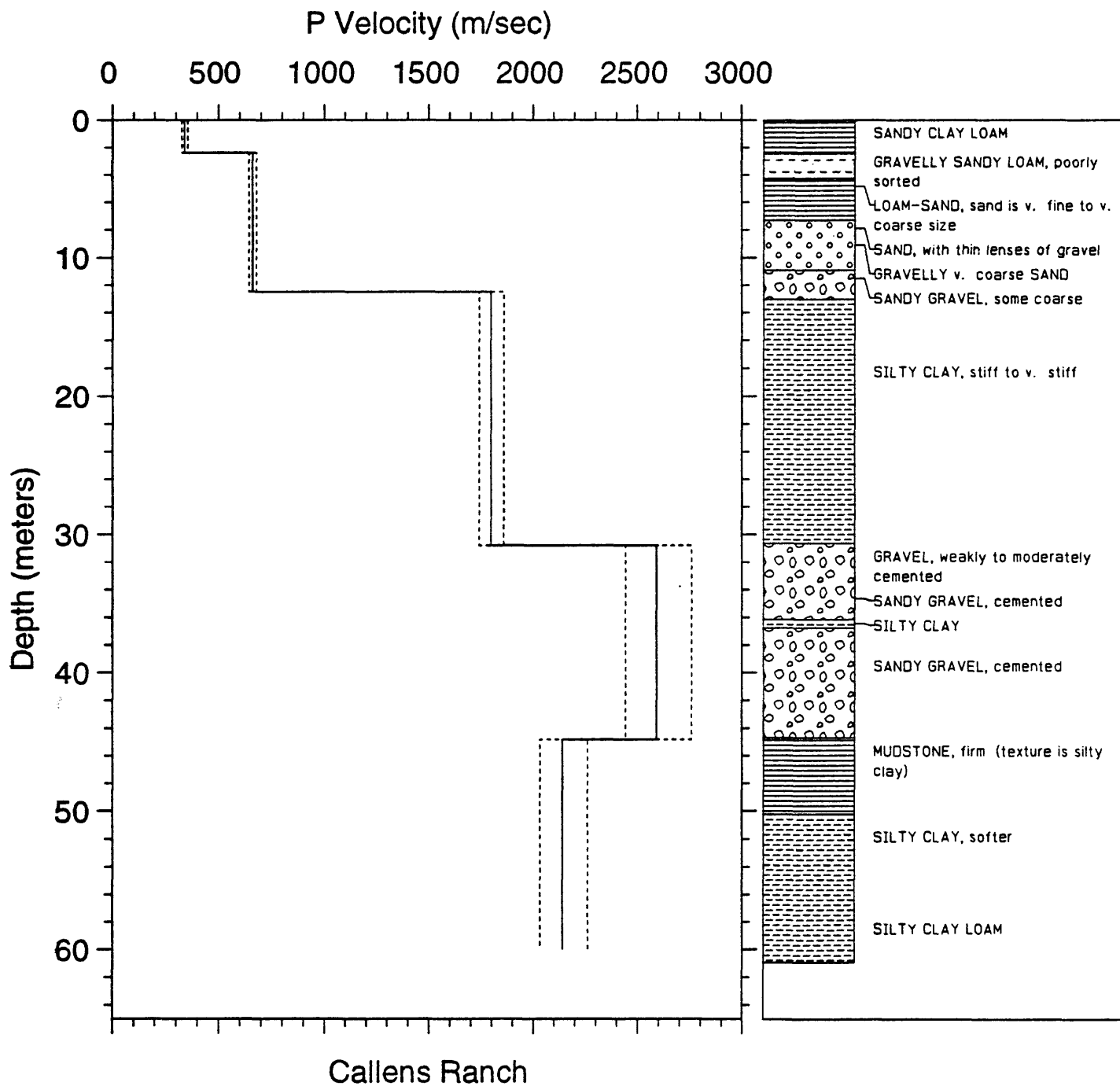


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5.0	16.4	.0195	2	.0	2.4	7.9	.012	202	184	223	661	605	730
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10.0	32.8	.0331	1	-.8	30.0	98.4	.079	474	463	485	1554	1519	1590
12.5	41.0	.0404	1	-.7	44.8	147.0	.092	1098	1039	1165	3604	3408	3823
15.0	49.2	.0460	1	-.9	60.0	196.9	.114	685	656	717	2248	2152	2352
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50.0	164.0	.0987	1	-.9									
52.5	172.2	.1023	1	-.9									
55.0	180.4	.1063	1	-.6									
57.5	188.6	.1111	1	-.6									
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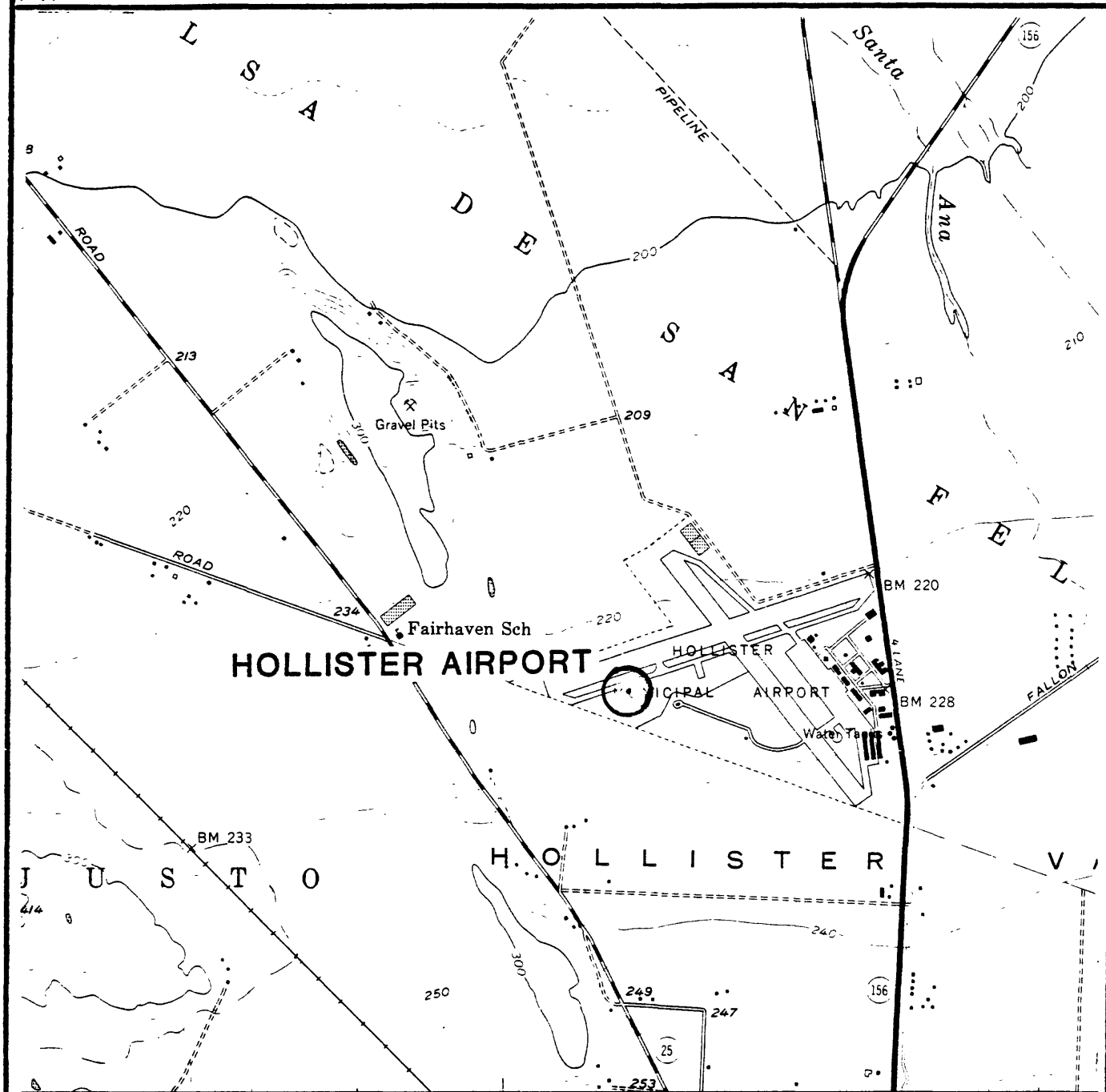


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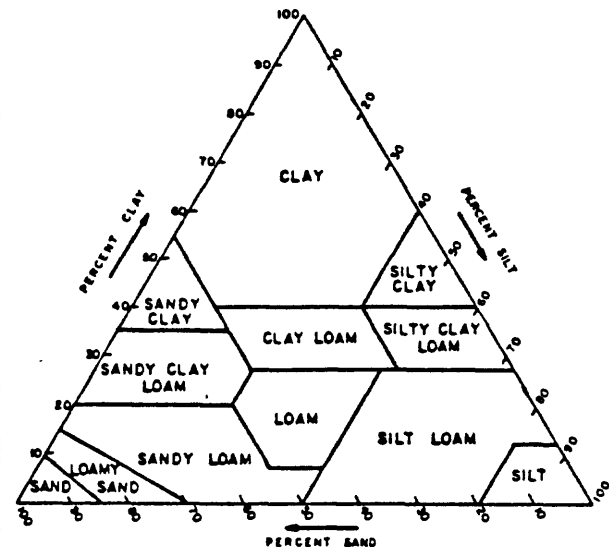
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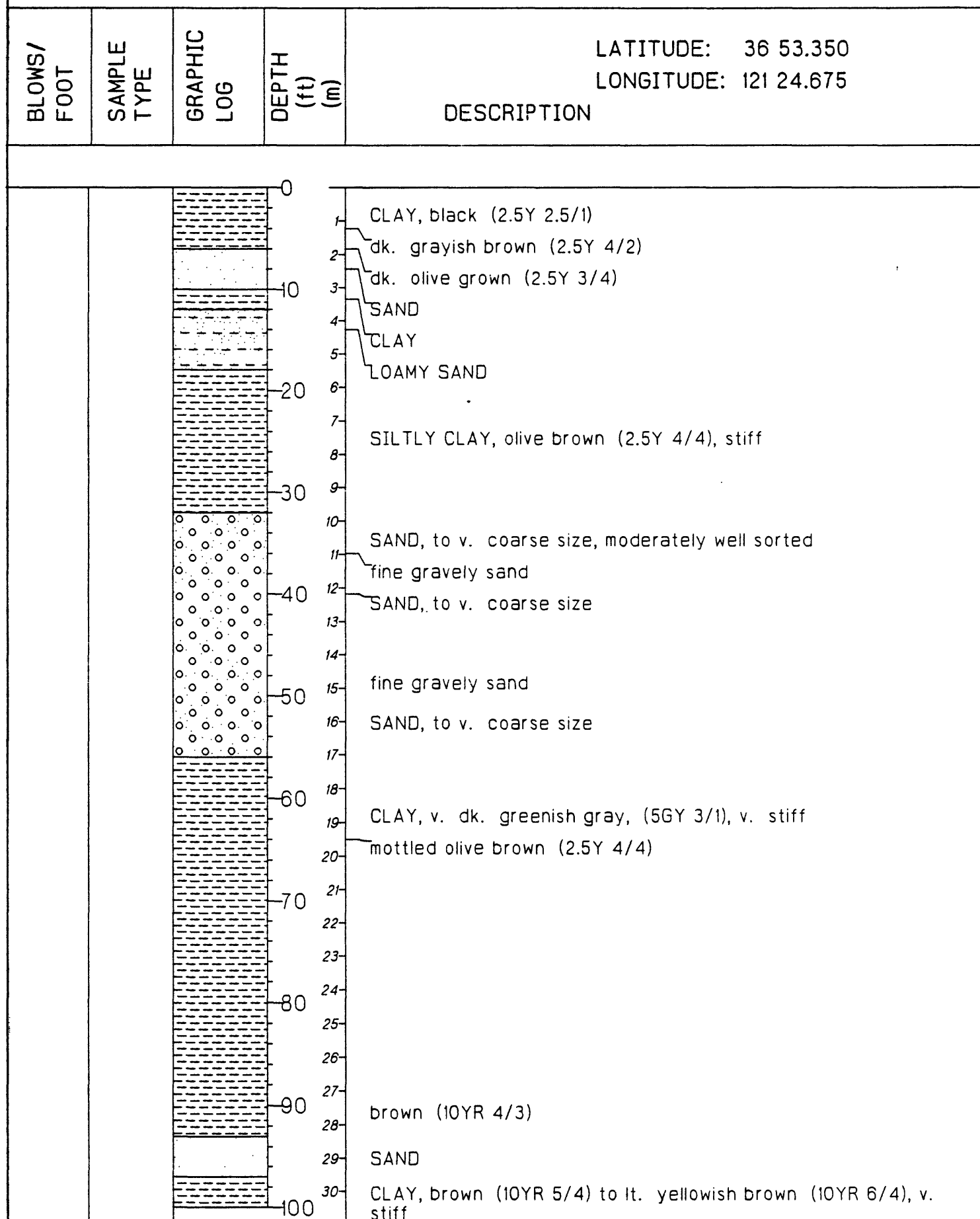


Figure 33. Geologic log of Hollister Airport borehole. 50

BLOWS/ FOOT	SAMPLE TYPE	GRAPHIC LOG	DEPTH (ft) (m)	LATITUDE: 36 53.350 LONGITUDE: 121 24.675 DESCRIPTION
			100	CLAY, brown (10YR 5/4) to lt. yellowish brown (10YR 6/4), v. stiff
			110	SANDY CLAY, lt. yellowish brown (10YR 6/4)
				GRAVELLY SAND, v. dense
			120	SANDY GRAVEL, hard
			130	
			140	SILTY CLAY LOAM, grayish brown (2.5Y 5/2)
				GRAVELLY SAND
			150	SANDY CLAY LOAM, grayish brown (2.5Y 5/2)
			160	SANDY GRAVEL
				SANDY CLAY LOAM
				GRAVELLY SAND
			170	SANDY GRAVEL
				GRAVELLY SAND
				SANDY CLAY LOAM, denser
			180	SAND
				SILT LOAM, olive gray (5Y 4/2), denser
			190	
			200	GRAVELLY SAND

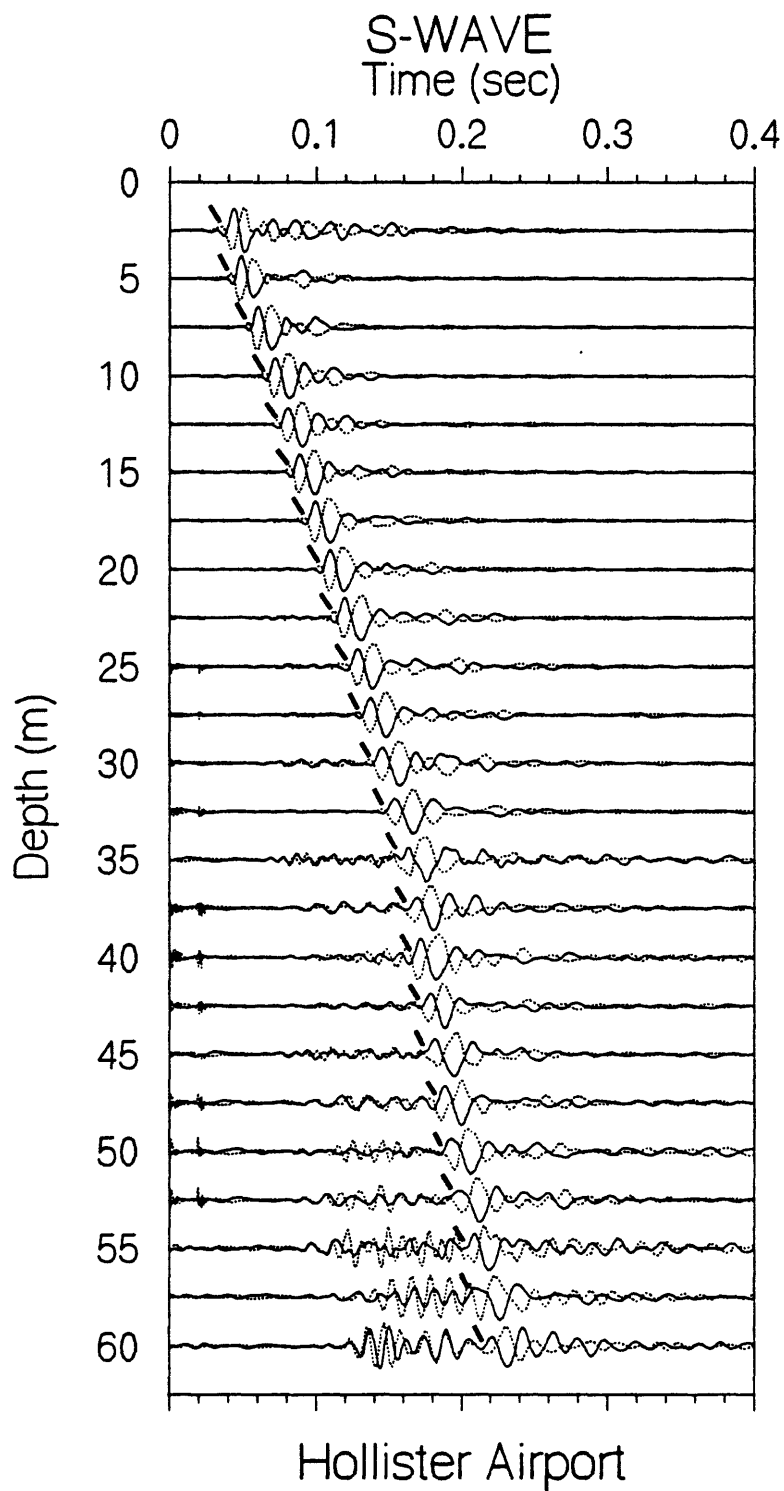


Figure 34. Horizontal-component record section (from horizontal impacts in opposite directions) superimposed for identification of S-wave onset. Approximate S-wave picks are indicated by the accent marks.

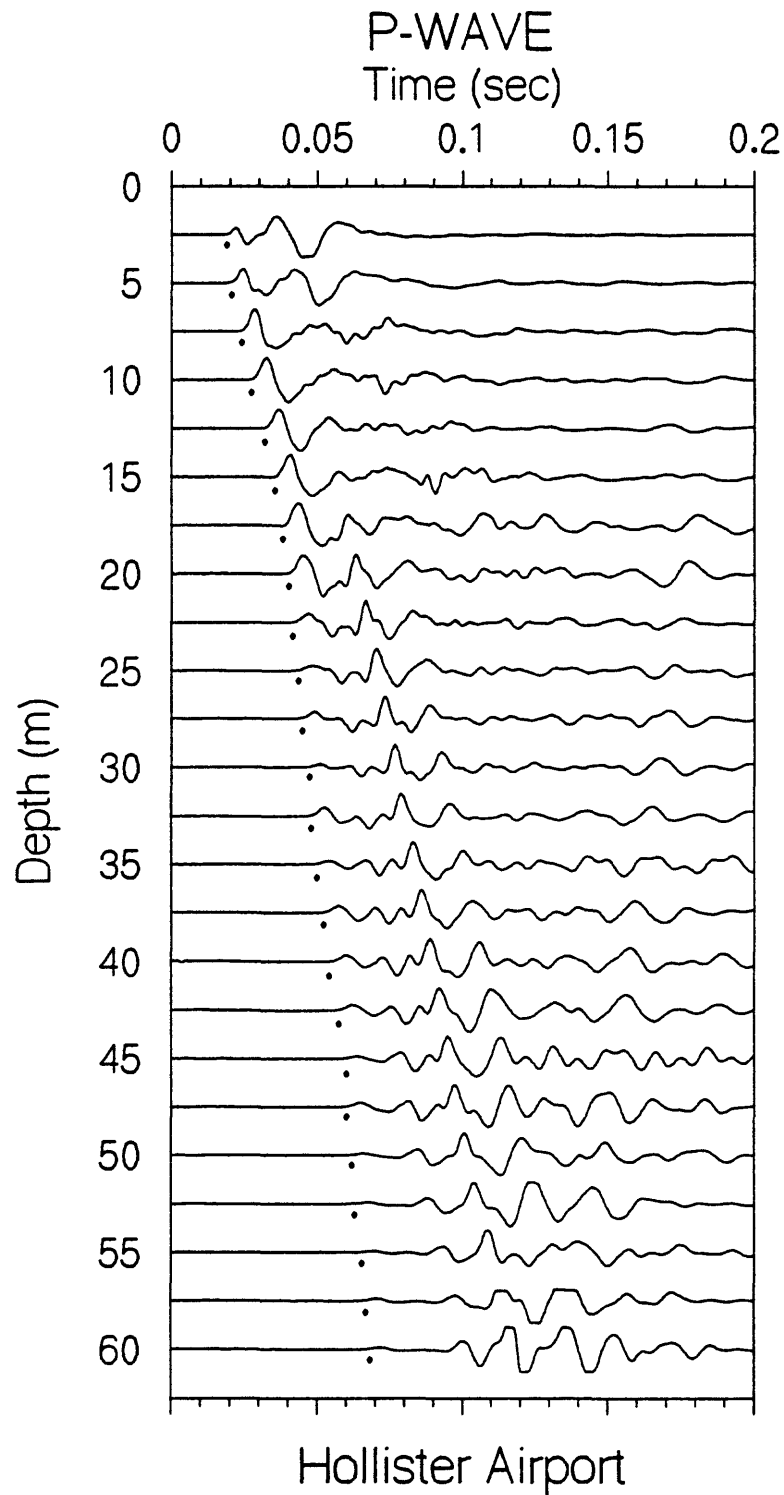


Figure 35. Vertical-component record section. Approximate P-wave picks are shown by the solid circles.

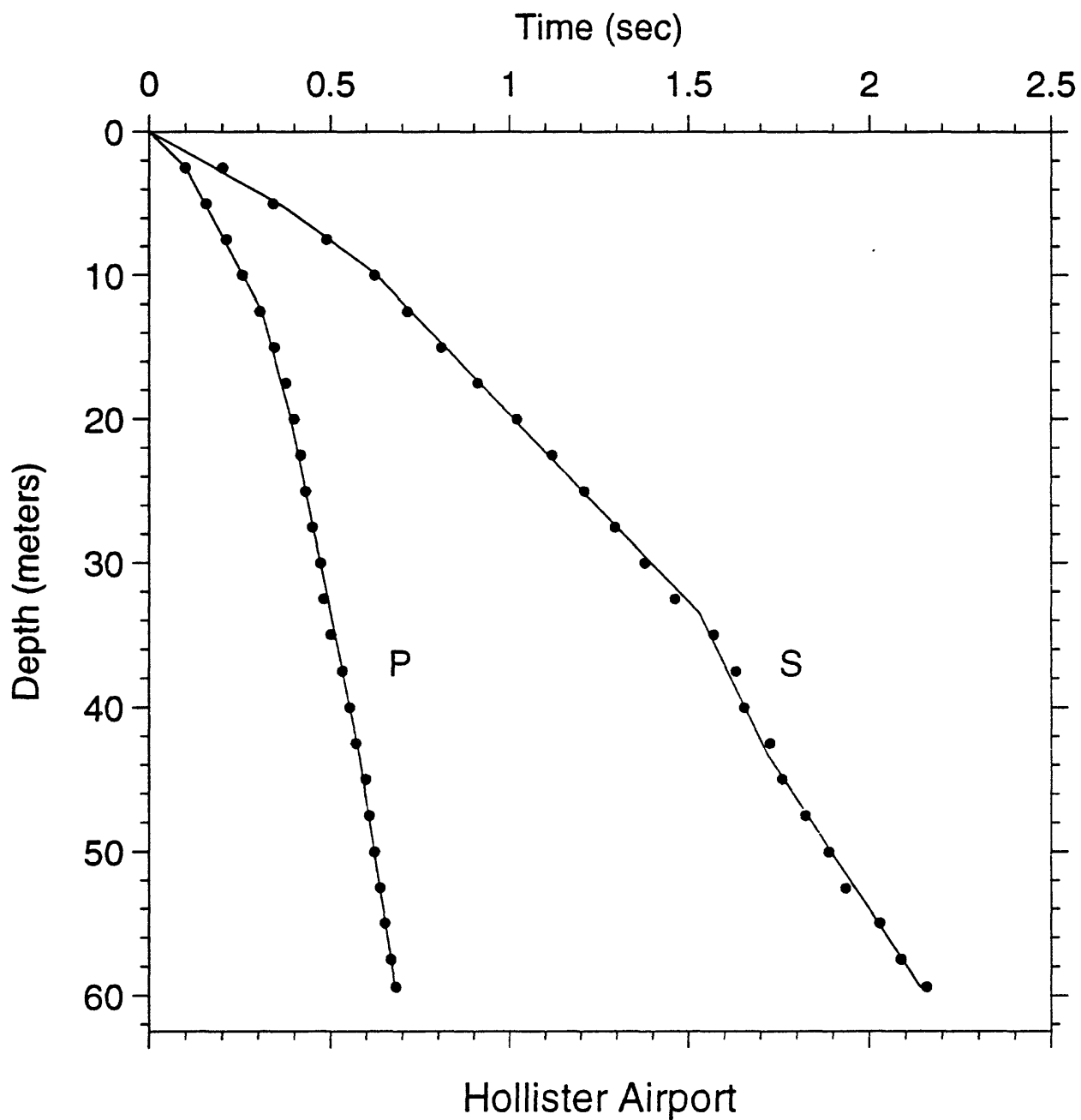


Figure 36. Time-depth graph of P-wave and S-wave picks. Line segments show the hinged-least-squares fit to the data points.



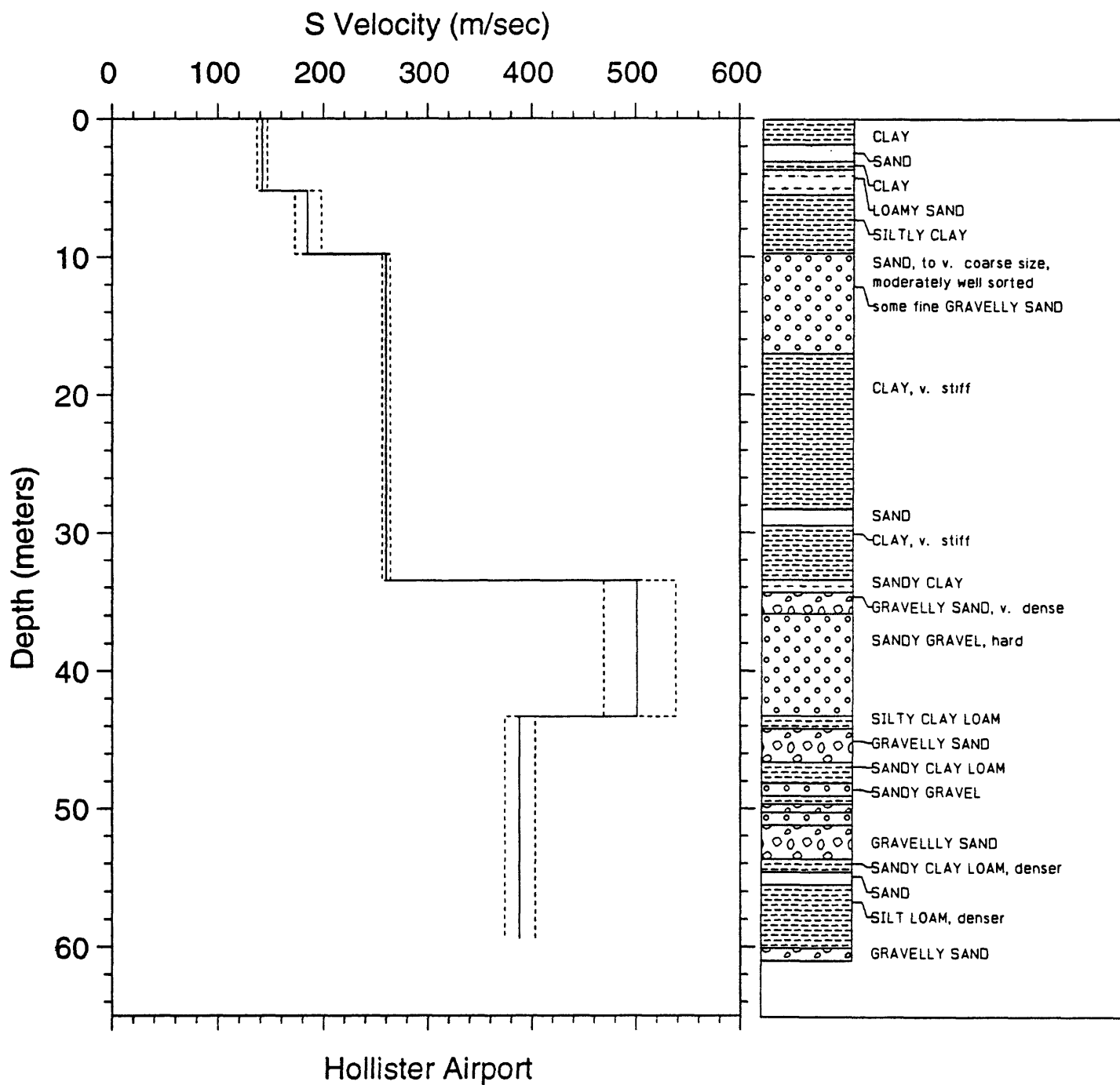


Figure 37. S-wave velocity profiles with dashed lines representing plus and minus one standard deviation. Simplified geologic log is shown for correlation with velocities.

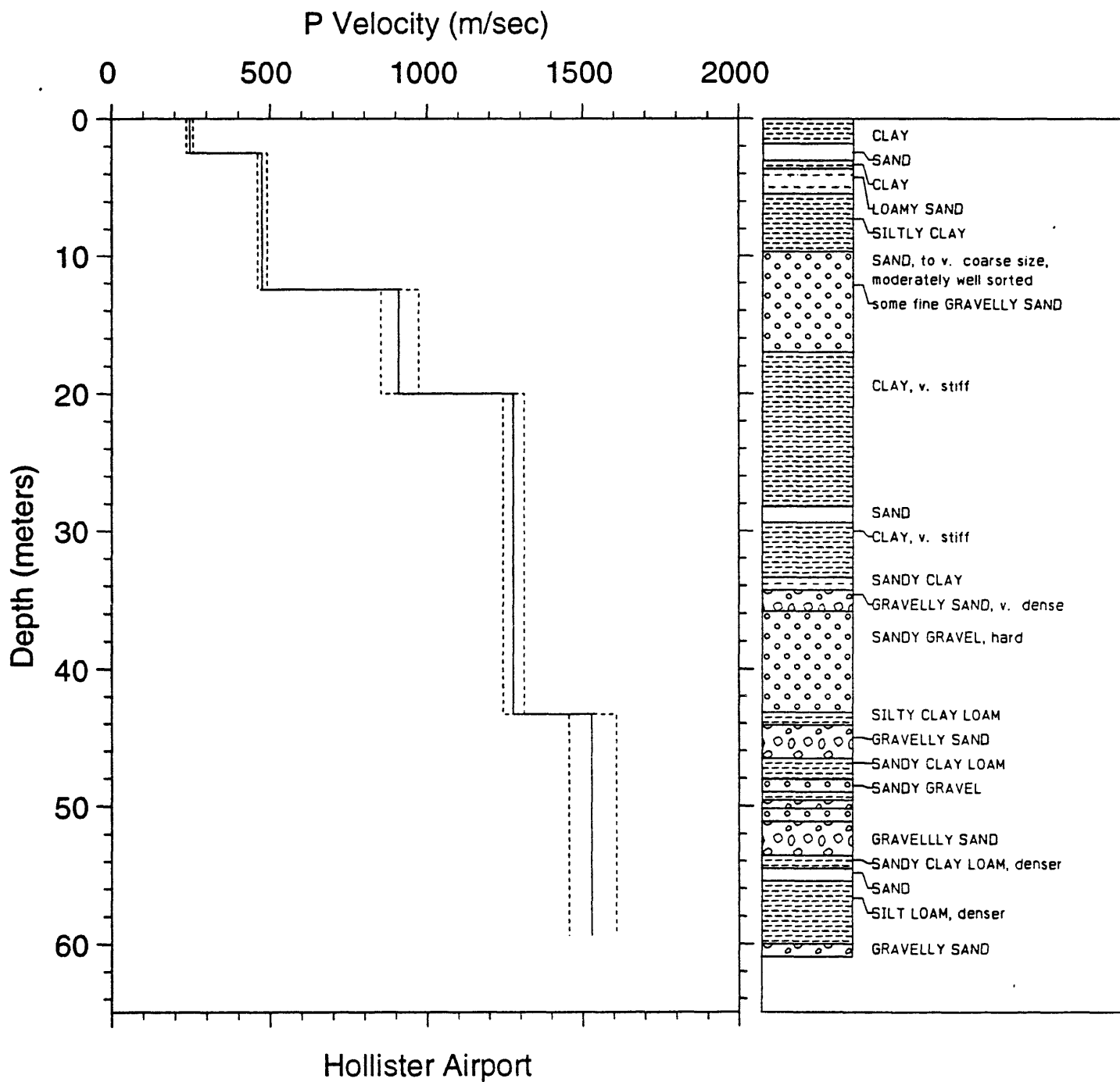


Figure 38. P-wave velocity profiles with dashed lines representing plus and minus one standard deviation. Simplified geologic log is shown for correlation with velocities.

TABLE 7. S-wave arrival times and velocity summaries for Hollister Airport site.

d(m)	d(ft)	t(sec)	sig	rsdl/sig	dtb(m)	dtb(ft)	t(b(s)	v(m/s)	vl(m/s)	vu(m/s)	v(ft/s)	vl(ft/s)	vu(ft/s)
2.5	8.2	.0201	1	2.5	.0	.0	.000	142	137	147	465	449	483
5.0	16.4	.0341	1	-1.1	5.2	17.1	.037	142	137	147	465	449	483
7.5	24.6	.0489	1	-2	9.8	32.2	.062	185	173	198	607	569	651
10.0	32.8	.0622	1	-1	33.5	109.9	.153	260	256	264	852	839	866
12.5	41.0	.0714	1	-5	43.3	142.1	.172	501	469	538	1645	1539	1766
15.0	49.2	.0808	1	-7	59.4	194.9	.214	388	374	403	1273	1227	1323
17.5	57.4	.0910	1	-2									
20.0	65.6	.1020	1	1.2									
22.5	73.8	.1119	1	1.5									
25.0	82.0	.1209	1	-9									
27.5	90.2	.1294	1	-3									
30.0	98.4	.1378	1	-1.5									
32.5	106.6	.1461	1	-2.8									
35.0	114.8	.1570	1	1.3									
37.5	123.0	.1631	1	2.4									
40.0	131.2	.1654	1	-3									
42.5	139.4	.1726	1	1.9									
45.0	147.6	.1759	1	-8									
47.5	155.8	.1824	1	-7									
50.0	164.0	.1888	1	-8									
52.5	172.2	.1934	1	-2.6									
55.0	180.4	.2029	1	.5									
57.5	188.6	.2087	1	-2									
59.4	194.9	.2157	1	1.9									

Explanation:

d(m) = depth in meters

d(ft) = depth in feet

t(sec) = arrival time in seconds (S-wave arrival times are the average of picks from traces obtained from hammer blows differing in direction by 180°)

sig = sigma, standard deviation normalized to the standard deviation of best picks

rsdl/sig = least-squares residual divided by sigma

dtb(m) = depth to bottom of layer in meters

dtb(ft) = depth to bottom of layer in feet

t(b(s) = arrival time in seconds to bottom of layer

v(m/s) = velocity in meters per second

vl(m/s) = lower limit of velocity in meters per second \*

vu(m/s) = upper limit of velocity in meters per second

v(ft/s) = velocity in feet per second

vl(ft/s) = lower limit of velocity in feet per second

vu(ft/s) = upper limit of velocity in feet per second

\* see text for explanation of velocity limits

TABLE 8. P-wave arrival times and velocity summaries for Hollister Airport site.

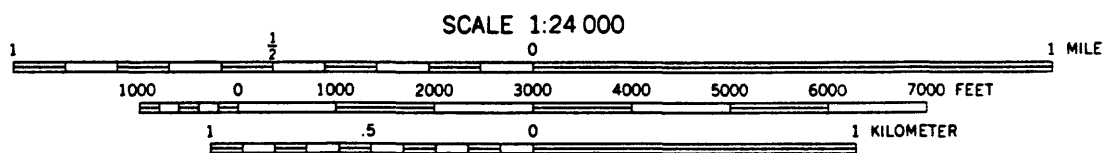
d(m)	d(ft)	t(sec)	sig	rsdl/sig	dtb(m)	dtb(ft)	tbt(s)	v(m/s)	vl(m/s)	vu(m/s)	v(ft/s)	vl(ft/s)	vu(ft/s)
2.5	8.2	.0098	1	-.3	.0	.0	.000	247	236	258	809	775	846
5.0	16.4	.0156	1	.2	2.5	8.2	.010	247	236	258	809	775	846
7.5	24.6	.0212	1	.5	12.5	41.0	.031	475	460	491	1559	1510	1611
10.0	32.8	.0256	1	-.3	20.0	65.6	.039	909	853	973	2983	2800	3191
12.5	41.0	.0305	1	-.7	43.3	142.1	.058	1277	1244	1312	4190	4081	4305
15.0	49.2	.0344	1	.5	59.4	194.9	.088	1528	1456	1608	5014	4776	5276
17.5	57.4	.0376	1	.9									
20.0	65.6	.0398	1	.4									
22.5	73.8	.0417	1	.3									
25.0	82.0	.0431	1	-.3									
27.5	90.2	.0449	1	-.4									
30.0	98.4	.0472	1	-.1									
32.5	106.6	.0480	1	-1.2									
35.0	114.8	.0501	1	-1.1									
37.5	123.0	.0533	1	.2									
40.0	131.2	.0553	1	.2									
42.5	139.4	.0571	1	.0									
45.0	147.6	.0598	1	1.0									
47.5	155.8	.0608	1	.4									
50.0	164.0	.0622	1	.1									
52.5	172.2	.0638	2	.0									
55.0	180.4	.0652	1	-.1									
57.5	188.6	.0668	1	-.2									
59.4	194.9	.0682	1	.0									

Explanation:

- d(m) = depth in meters
- d(ft) = depth in feet
- t(sec) = arrival time in seconds (S-wave arrival times are the average of picks from traces obtained from hammer blows differing in direction by 180°)
- sig = sigma, standard deviation normalized to the standard deviation of best picks
- rsdl/sig = least-squares residual divided by sigma
- dtb(m) = depth to bottom of layer in meters
- dtb(ft) = depth to bottom of layer in feet
- tbt(s) = arrival time in seconds to bottom of layer
- v(m/s) = velocity in meters per second
- vl(m/s) = lower limit of velocity in meters per second \*
- vu(m/s) = upper limit of velocity in meters per second
- v(ft/s) = velocity in feet per second
- vl(ft/s) = lower limit of velocity in feet per second
- vu(ft/s) = upper limit of velocity in feet per second

\* see text for explanation of velocity limits

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## Definitions of terms used for descriptions of sedimentary deposits and bedrock materials

**Rock hardness:** response to hand and geologic hammer: (Ellen et al., 1972)

hard - hammer bounces off with solid sound  
 firm - hammer dents with thud, pick point dents or penetrates slightly  
 soft - pick points penetrates  
 friable material can be crumbled into individual grains by hand.

**Fracture spacing:** (Ellen et al., 1972)

cm	in	fracture spacing
0-1	0-1/2	v. close
1-5	1/2-2	close
5-30	2-12	moderate
30-100	12-36	wide
> 100	> 36	v. wide

**Weathering:**

Fresh: no visible signs of weathering

Slight: no visible decomposition of minerals, slight discoloration

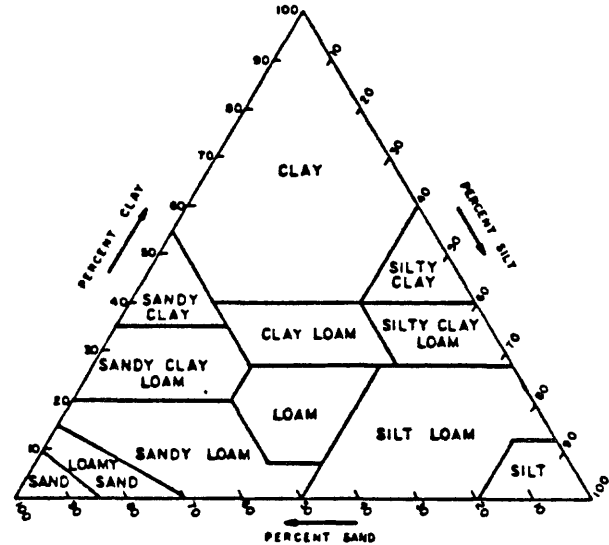
Moderate: slight decomposition of minerals and disintegration of rock, deep and thorough discoloration

Deep: extensive decomposition of minerals and complete disintegration of rock but original structure is preserved.

Relative density of sand and consistency of clay is correlated with penetration resistance: (Terzaghi and Peck, 1948)

blows/ft.	relative density	blows/ft.	consistency
0-4	v. loose	< 2	v. soft
4-10	loose	2-4	soft
10-30	medium	4-8	medium
30-50	dense	8-15	stiff
> 50	v. dense	15-30	v. stiff
		> 30	hard

**Texture:** the relative proportions of clay, silt, and sand below 2mm. Proportions of larger particles are indicated by modifiers of textural class names. Determination is made in the field mainly by feeling the moist soil (Soil Survey, Staff, 1951).



**Color:** Standard Munsell color names are given for the dominant color of the moist soil and for prominent mottles.

**Types of samples**

SP - Standard Penetration 1 + 3/8 in in ID sampler)

S - Thin-wall push sampler

O - Osterberg fixed-piston sampler

P - Pitcher Barrel sampler

CH - California Penetration (2 in ID sampler)

DC - Diamond Core

Figure 40. Explanation of geologic logs.

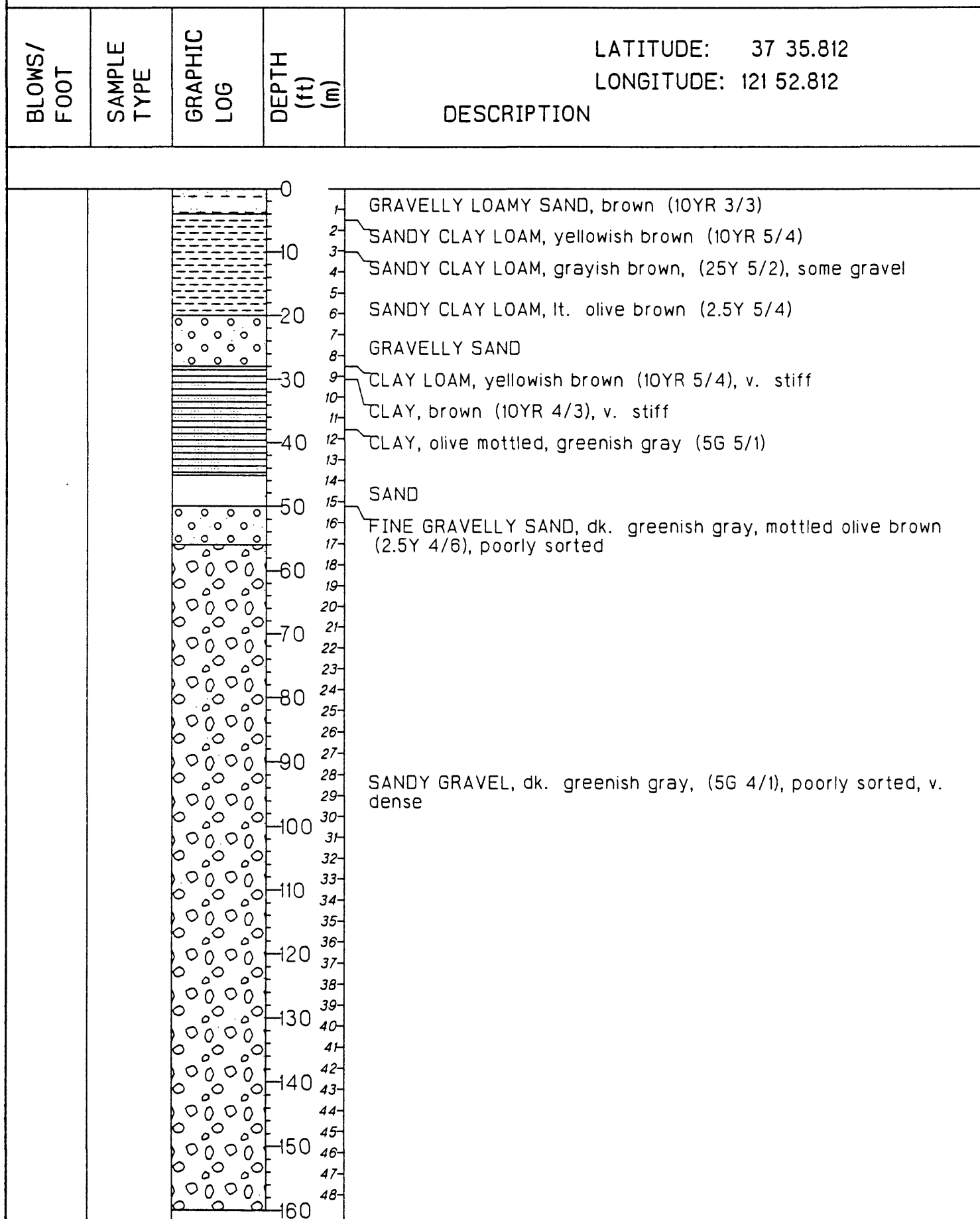


Figure 41. Geologic log of Sunol Fire Station borehole.

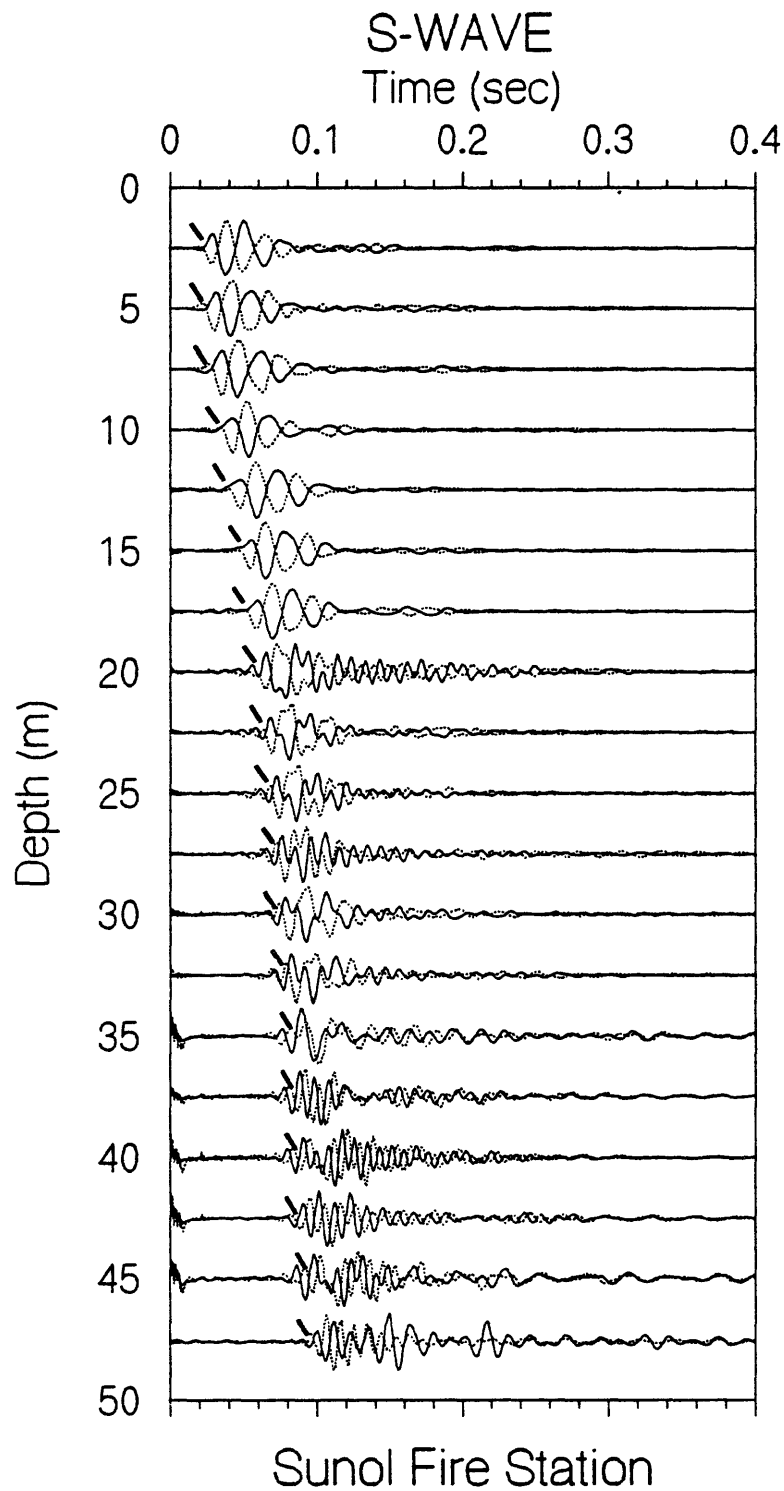
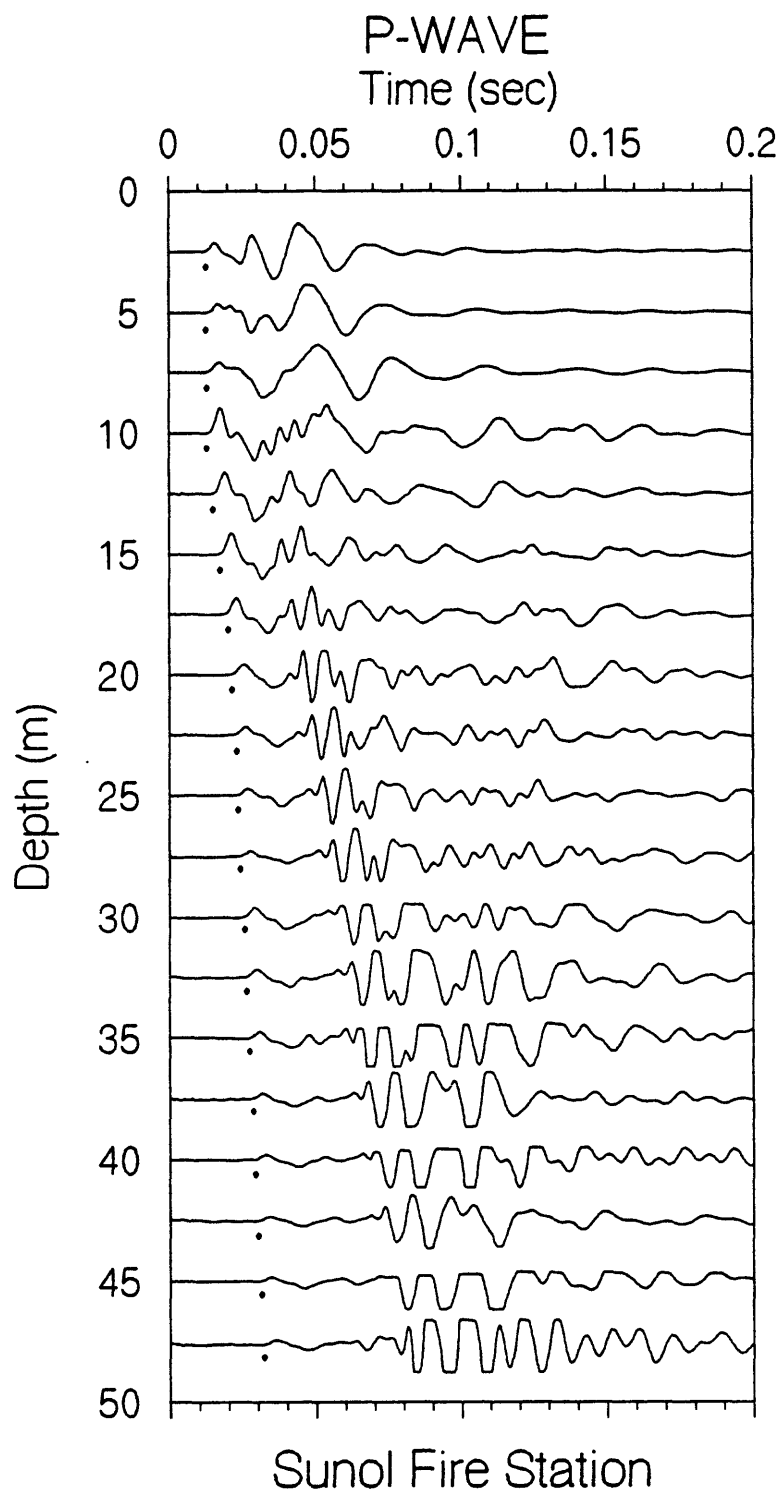


Figure 42. Horizontal-component record section (from horizontal impacts in opposite directions) superimposed for identification of S-wave onset. Approximate S-wave picks are indicated by the accent marks.





**Figure 43.** Vertical-component record section. P-wave arrivals are shown by the solid circles.

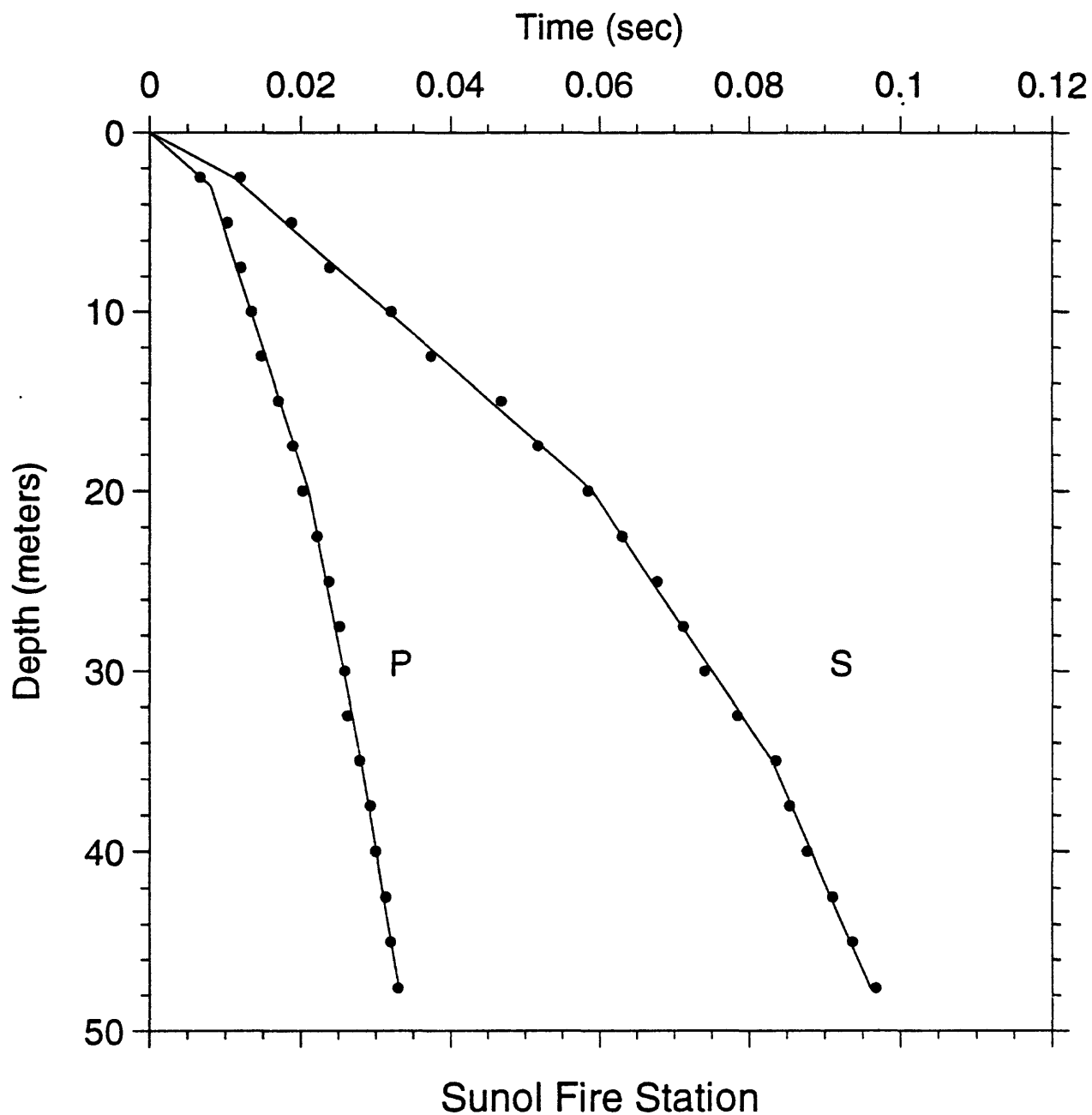


Figure 44. Time-depth graph of P-wave and S-wave picks. Line segments show the hinged-least-squares fit to the data points.

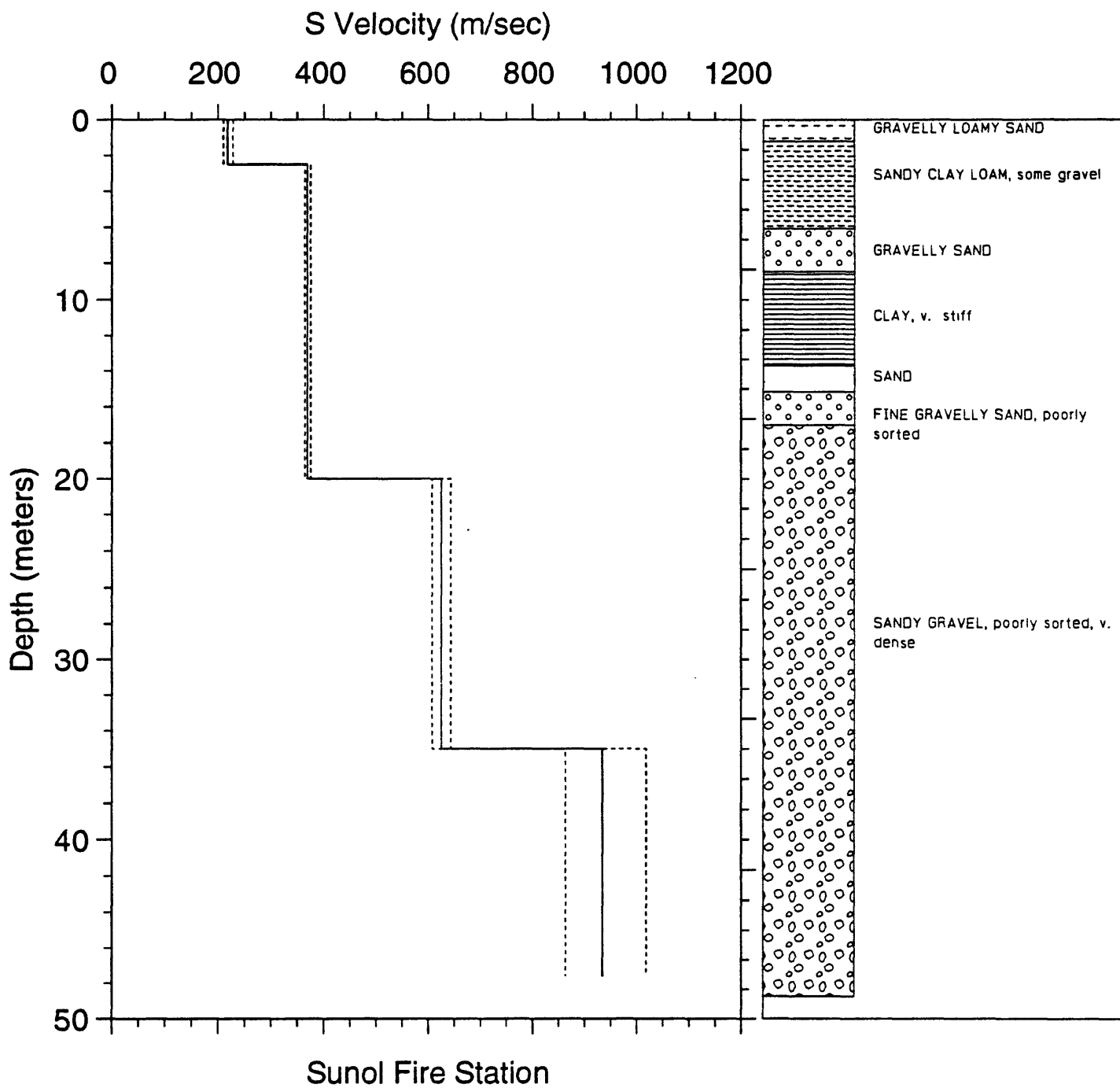


Figure 45. S-wave velocity profiles with dashed lines representing plus and minus one standard deviation. Simplified geologic log is shown for correlation with velocities.

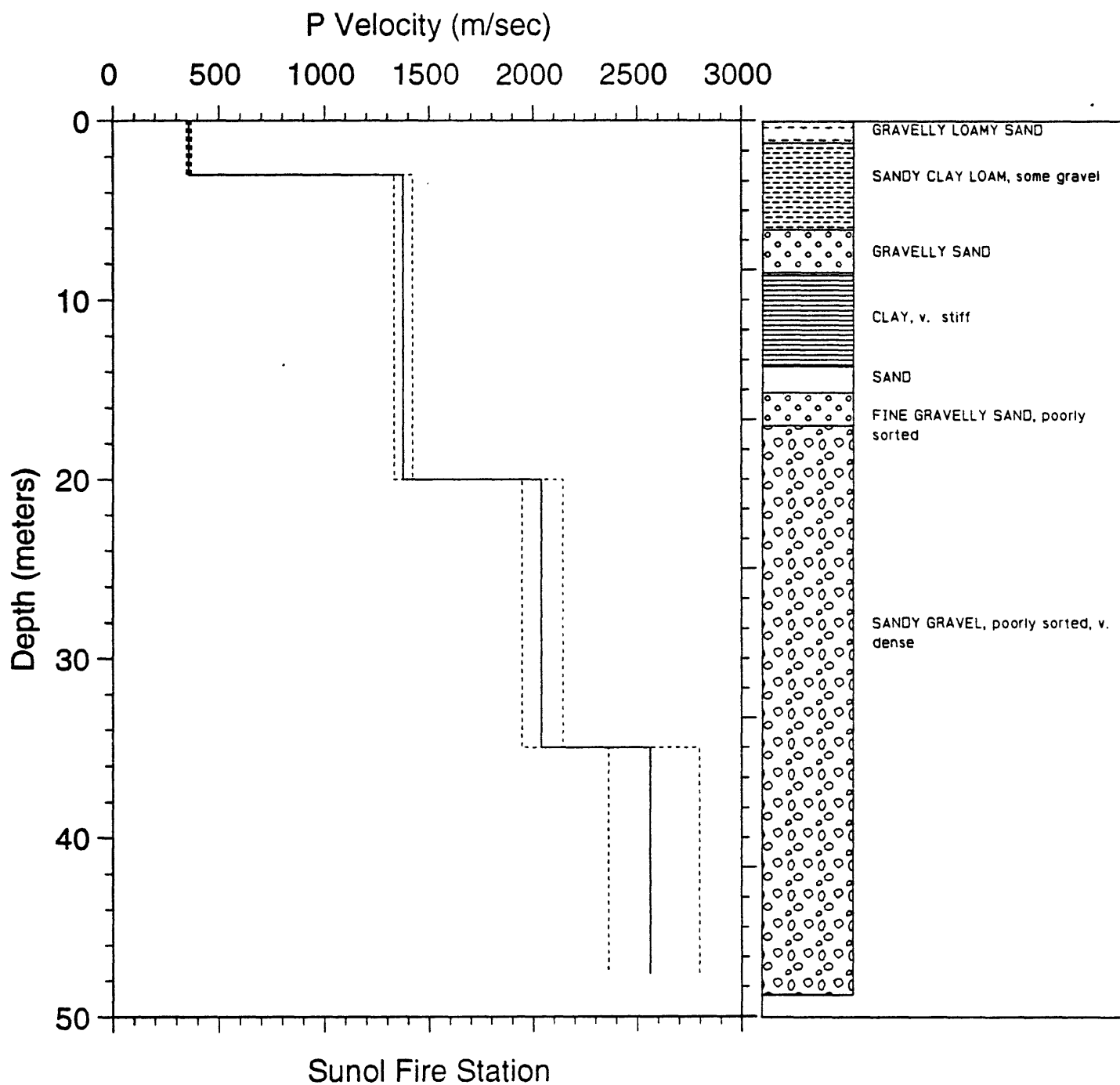


Figure 46. P-wave velocity profiles with dashed lines representing plus and minus one standard deviation. Simplified geologic log is shown for correlation with velocities.

TABLE 9. S-wave arrival times and velocity summaries for Sunol Fire Station borehole.

d(m)	d(ft)	t(sec)	sig	rsdl/sig	dtb(m)	dtb(ft)	tth(s)	v(m/s)	vl(m/s)	vu(m/s)	v(ft/s)	vl(ft/s)	vu(ft/s)
2.5	8.2	.0119	1	.4	.0	.0	.000	218	210	228	716	688	747
5.0	16.4	.0187	1	.5	2.5	8.2	.011	218	210	228	716	688	747
7.5	24.6	.0238	1	-1.2	20.0	65.6	.059	369	364	375	1212	1194	1230
10.0	32.8	.0320	1	.2	35.0	114.8	.083	625	607	643	2050	1993	2110
12.5	41.0	.0373	1	-1.2	47.6	156.2	.096	934	863	1018	3063	2830	3339
15.0	49.2	.0468	1	1.5									
17.5	57.4	.0517	1	-.4									
20.0	65.6	.0584	1	-.4									
22.5	73.8	.0630	1	.2									
25.0	82.0	.0677	1	.9									
27.5	90.2	.0712	1	-.4									
30.0	98.4	.0740	1	-.8									
32.5	106.6	.0784	1	-.4									
35.0	114.8	.0835	1	.7									
37.5	123.0	.0853	2	-1.1									
40.0	131.2	.0876	2	-.4									
42.5	139.4	.0910	2	-.1									
45.0	147.6	.0936	2	.0									
47.6	156.2	.0967	2	.2									

## Explanation:

d(m) = depth in meters

d(ft) = depth in feet

t(sec) = arrival time in seconds (S-wave arrival times are the average of picks from traces obtained from hammer blows differing in direction by 180°)

sig = sigma, standard deviation normalized to the standard deviation of best picks

rsdl/sig = least-squares residual divided by sigma

dtb(m) = depth to bottom of layer in meters

dtb(ft) = depth to bottom of layer in feet

tth(s) = arrival time in seconds to bottom of layer

v(m/s) = velocity in meters per second

vl(m/s) = lower limit of velocity in meters per second \*

vu(m/s) = upper limit of velocity in meters per second

v(ft/s) = velocity in feet per second

vl(ft/s) = lower limit of velocity in feet per second

vu(ft/s) = upper limit of velocity in feet per second

\* see text for explanation of velocity limits

TABLE 10. P-wave arrival times and velocity summaries for Sunol Fire Station borehole.

d(m)	d(ft)	t(sec)	sig	rsdl/sig	dtb(m)	dtb(ft)	tth(s)	v(m/s)	vl(m/s)	vu(m/s)	v(ft/s)	vl(ft/s)	vu(ft/s)
2.5	8.2	.0066	1	-.4	.0	.0	.000	359	348	371	1177	1141	1216
5.0	16.4	.0102	1	.4	3.0	9.8	.008	359	348	371	1177	1141	1216
7.5	24.6	.0120	1	-.4	20.0	65.6	.021	1375	1333	1421	4512	4372	4661
10.0	32.8	.0134	1	.0	35.0	114.8	.028	2040	1946	2143	6692	6386	7029
12.5	41.0	.0147	1	-.6	47.6	156.2	.033	2562	2362	2798	8405	7749	9181
15.0	49.2	.0170	1	-.1									
17.5	57.4	.0189	1	.0									
20.0	65.6	.0202	1	-.5									
22.5	73.8	.0221	1	.2									
25.0	82.0	.0237	1	.5									
27.5	90.2	.0251	1	.7									
30.0	98.4	.0258	1	.2									
32.5	106.6	.0262	1	-.6									
35.0	114.8	.0278	1	-.3									
37.5	123.0	.0292	1	.1									
40.0	131.2	.0299	1	-.1									
42.5	139.4	.0313	1	.3									
45.0	147.6	.0319	1	-.1									
47.6	156.2	.0329	1	-.1									

Explanation:

- d(m) = depth in meters
- d(ft) = depth in feet
- t(sec) = arrival time in seconds (S-wave arrival times are the average of picks from traces obtained from hammer blows differing in direction by 180°)
- sig = sigma, standard deviation normalized to the standard deviation of best picks
- rsdl/sig = least-squares residual divided by sigma
- dtb(m) = depth to bottom of layer in meters
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- tth(s) = arrival time in seconds to bottom of layer
- v(m/s) = velocity in meters per second
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- vu(m/s) = upper limit of velocity in meters per second
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- vu(ft/s) = upper limit of velocity in feet per second

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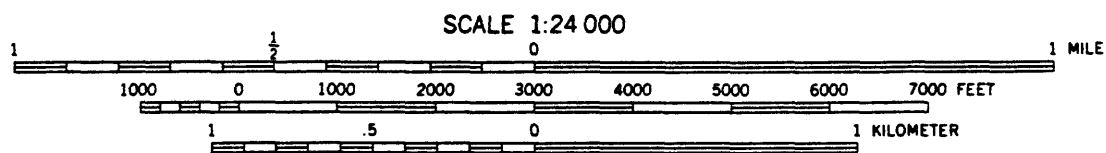
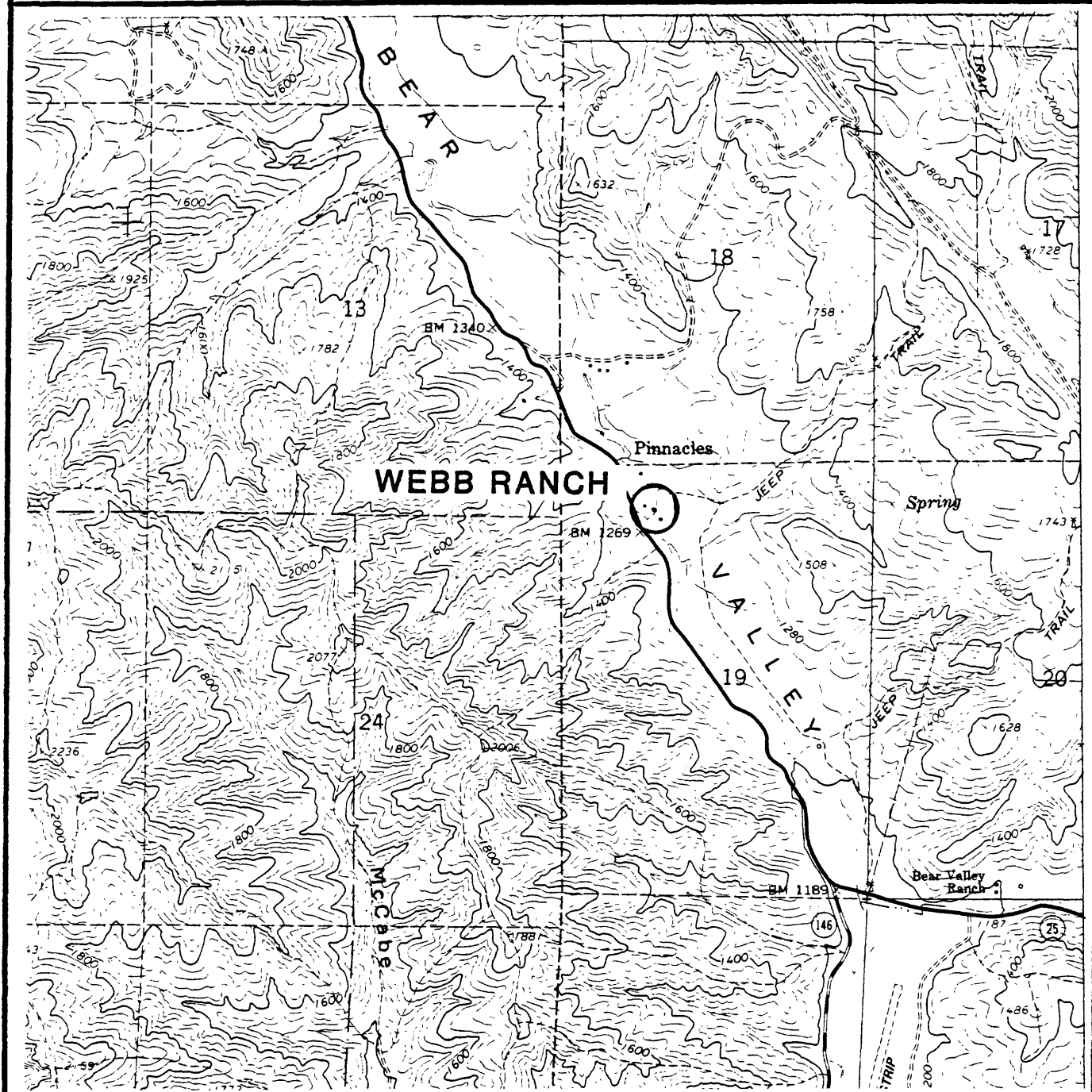


Figure 47. Location map for Webb Ranch borehole. The borehole is located approximately 30 meters from the strong-motion recorder.

## Definitions of terms used for descriptions of sedimentary deposits and bedrock materials

**Rock hardness:** response to hand and geologic hammer: (Ellen et al., 1972)

**hard** - hammer bounces off with solid sound

**firm** - hammer dents with thud, pick point dents or penetrates slightly

**soft** - pick points penetrates

**friable material** can be crumbled into individual grains by hand.

**Fracture spacing:** (Ellen et al., 1972)

cm	in	fracture spacing
0-1	0-1/2	v. close
1-5	1/2-2	close
5-30	2-12	moderate
30-100	12-36	wide
> 100	> 36	v. wide

**Weathering:**

**Fresh:** no visible signs of weathering

**Slight:** no visible decomposition of minerals, slight discoloration

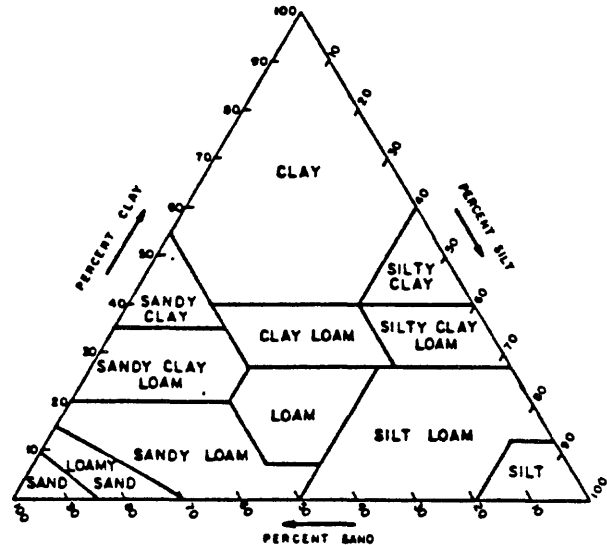
**Moderate:** slight decomposition of minerals and disintegration of rock, deep and thorough discoloration

**Deep:** extensive decomposition of minerals and complete disintegration of rock but original structure is preserved.

**Relative density of sand and consistency of clay is correlated with penetration resistance: (Terzaghi and Peck, 1948)**

blows/ft.	relative density	blows/ft.	consistency
0-4	v. loose	<2	v. soft
4-10	loose	2-4	soft
10-30	medium	4-8	medium
30-50	dense	8-15	stiff
>50	v. dense	15-30	v. stiff
		> 30	hard

**Texture:** the relative proportions of clay, silt, and sand below 2mm. Proportions of larger particles are indicated by modifiers of textural class names. Determination is made in the field mainly by feeling the moist soil (Soil Survey, Staff, 1951).



**Color:** Standard Munsell color names are given for the dominant color of the moist soil and for prominent mottles.

**Types of samples**

SP - Standard Penetration 1 + 3/8 in in ID sampler)

S - Thin-wall push sampler

O - Osterberg fixed-piston sampler

P - Pitcher Barrel sampler

CH - California Penetration (2 in ID sampler)

DC - Diamond Core

Figure 48. Explanation of geologic log.



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DATE: 3-14-91

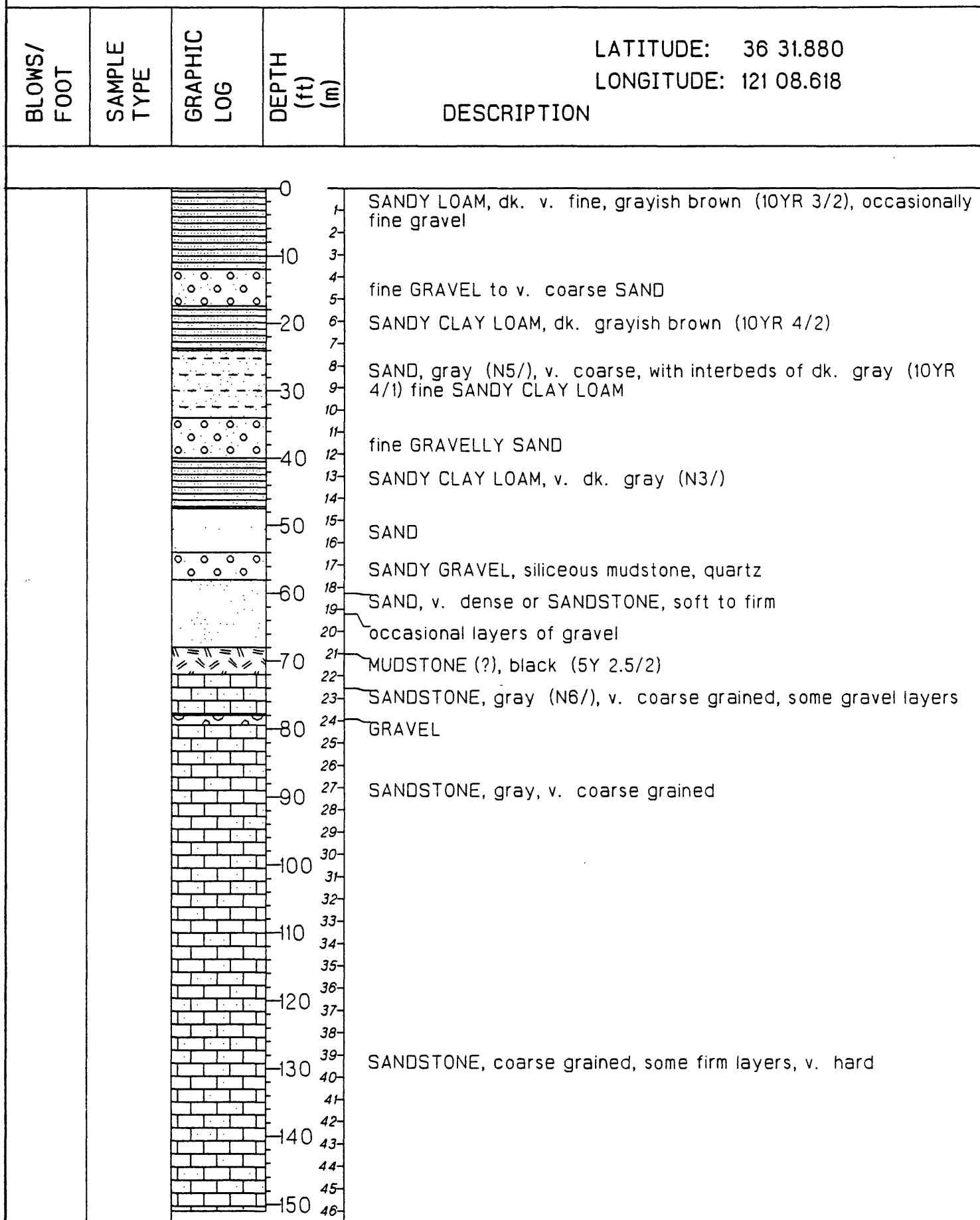


Figure 49. Geologic log of Webb Ranch borehole. 71

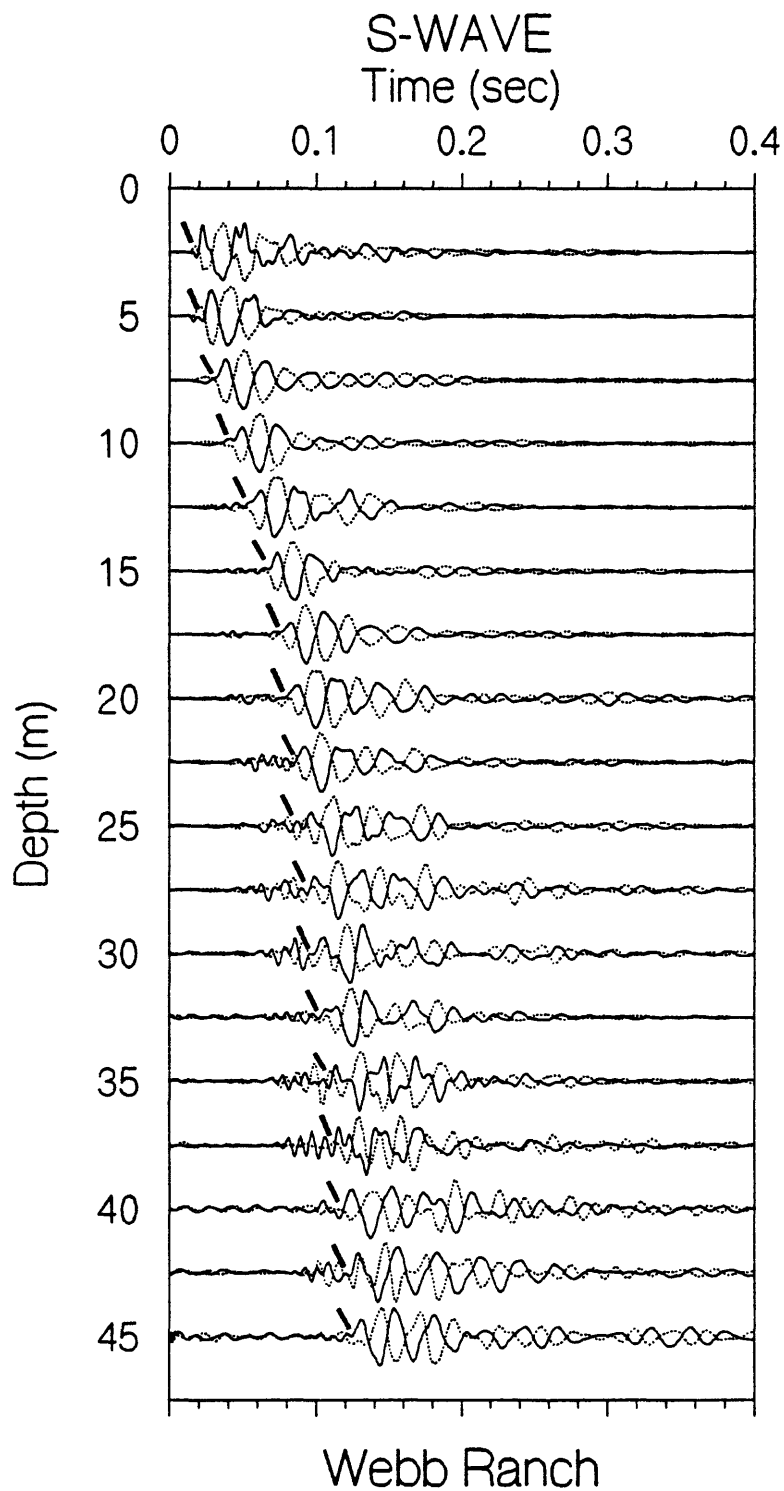


Figure 50. Horizontal-component record section (from horizontal impacts in opposite directions) superimposed for identification of S-wave onset. Approximate S-wave picks are indicated by the accent marks.

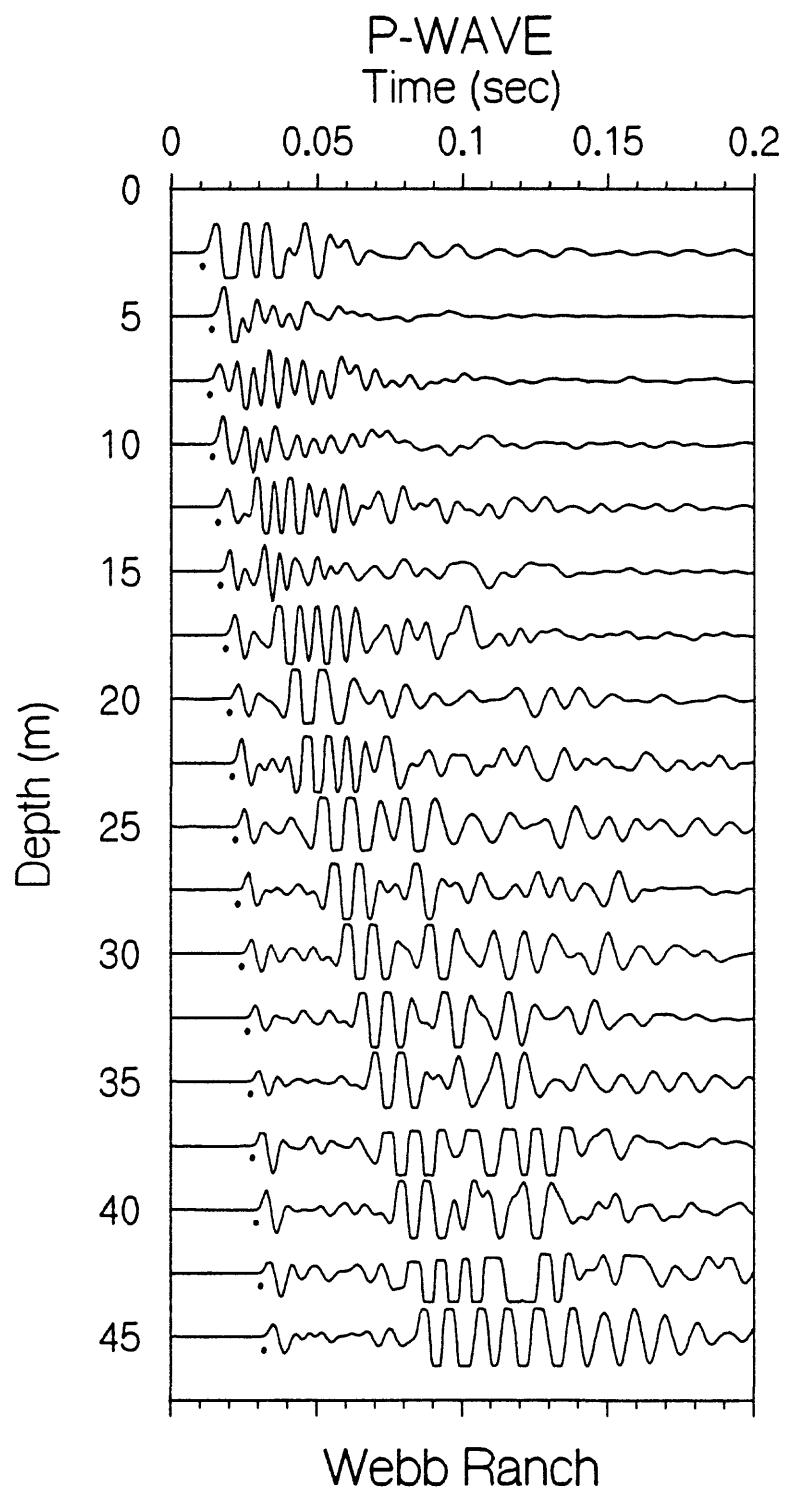


Figure 51. Vertical-component record section. P-wave arrivals are shown by the solid circles.

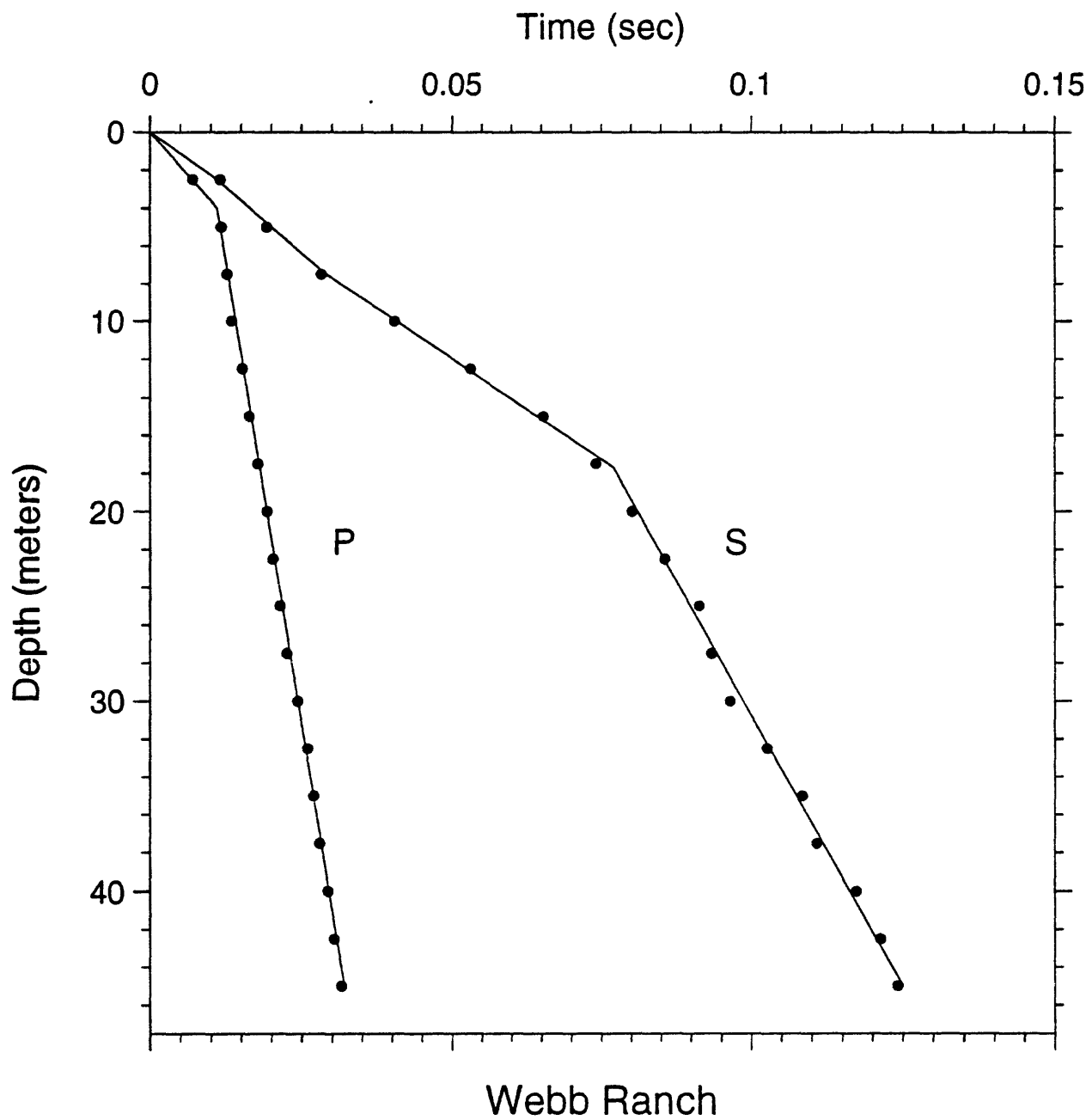


Figure 52. Time-depth graph of P-wave and S-wave picks. Line segments show the hinged-least-squares fit to the data points.

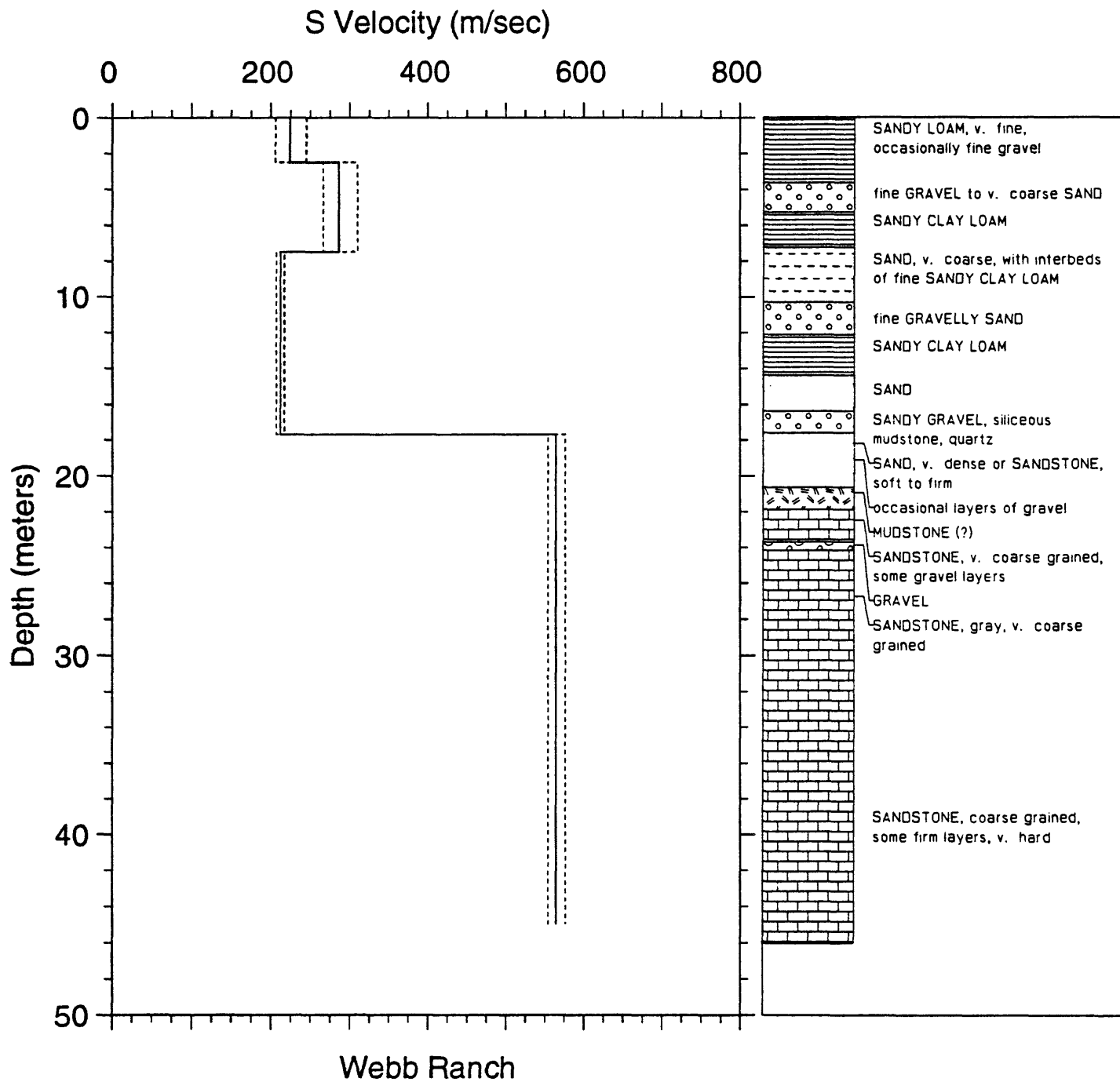


Figure 53. S-wave velocity profiles with dashed lines representing plus and minus one standard deviation. Simplified geologic log is shown for correlation with velocities.

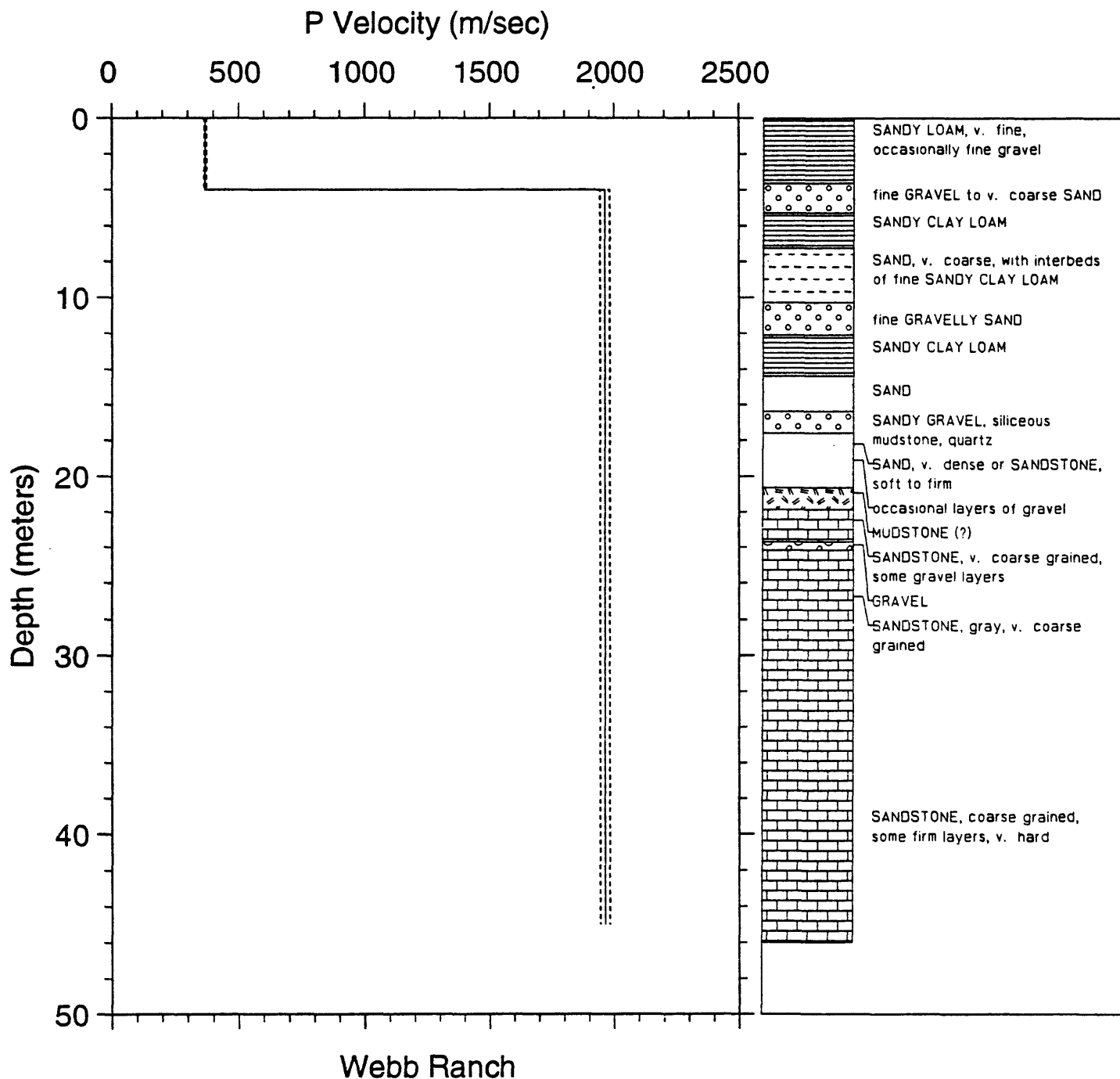


Figure 54. P-wave velocity profiles with dashed lines representing plus and minus one standard deviation. Simplified geologic log is shown for correlation with velocities.

TABLE 11. S-wave arrival times and velocity summaries for Webb Ranch site.

d(m)	d(ft)	t(sec)	sig	rsdl/sig	dtb(m)	dtb(ft)	tth(s)	v(m/s)	vl(m/s)	vu(m/s)	v(ft/s)	vl(ft/s)	vu(ft/s)
2.5	8.2	.0115	1	.3	.0	.0	.000	224	206	245	735	676	805
5.0	16.4	.0192	1	-.7	2.5	8.2	.011	224	206	245	735	676	805
7.5	24.6	.0282	1	-.4	7.5	24.6	.029	286	266	310	940	873	1017
10.0	32.8	.0404	1	.0	17.7	58.1	.077	212	207	217	695	681	711
12.5	41.0	.0531	1	.9	45.0	147.6	.125	564	554	576	1852	1817	1888
15.0	49.2	.0653	1	1.3									
17.5	57.4	.0741	1	-1.7									
20.0	65.6	.0801	1	-.7									
22.5	73.8	.0856	1	-.4									
25.0	82.0	.0913	1	1.6									
27.5	90.2	.0934	2	-.5									
30.0	98.4	.0965	2	-1.4									
32.5	106.6	.1026	1	-.4									
35.0	114.8	.1084	1	1.0									
37.5	123.0	.1108	1	-1.0									
40.0	131.2	.1173	1	1.0									
42.5	139.4	.1213	1	-.6									
45.0	147.6	.1241	1	-1.0									

Explanation:

- d(m) = depth in meters
- d(ft) = depth in feet
- t(sec) = arrival time in seconds (S-wave arrival times are the average of picks from traces obtained from hammer blows differing in direction by 180°)
- sig = sigma, standard deviation normalized to the standard deviation of best picks
- rsdl/sig = least-squares residual divided by sigma
- dtb(m) = depth to bottom of layer in meters
- dtb(ft) = depth to bottom of layer in feet
- tth(s) = arrival time in seconds to bottom of layer
- v(m/s) = velocity in meters per second
- vl(m/s) = lower limit of velocity in meters per second \*
- vu(m/s) = upper limit of velocity in meters per second
- v(ft/s) = velocity in feet per second
- vl(ft/s) = lower limit of velocity in feet per second
- vu(ft/s) = upper limit of velocity in feet per second

\* see text for explanation of velocity limits

TABLE 12. P-wave arrival times and velocity summaries for Webb Ranch site.

d(m)	d(ft)	t(sec)	sig	rsdl/sig	dtb(m)	dtb(ft)	tth(s)	v(m/s)	vl(m/s)	vu(m/s)	v(ft/s)	vl(ft/s)	vu(ft/s)
2.5	8.2	.0070	1	-.2	.0	.0	.000	368	364	373	1209	1195	1222
5.0	16.4	.0117	1	.3	4.0	13.1	.011	368	364	373	1209	1195	1222
7.5	24.6	.0126	1	.0	45.0	147.6	.032	1963	1944	1983	6441	6378	6505
10.0	32.8	.0134	1	-.5									
12.5	41.0	.0152	1	.0									
15.0	49.2	.0163	1	-.2									
17.5	57.4	.0177	1	.0									
20.0	65.6	.0192	1	.2									
22.5	73.8	.0202	1	-.1									
25.0	82.0	.0214	1	-.2									
27.5	90.2	.0225	1	-.3									
30.0	98.4	.0243	1	.2									
32.5	106.6	.0259	1	.5									
35.0	114.8	.0269	1	.3									
37.5	123.0	.0279	1	.0									
40.0	131.2	.0293	1	.1									
42.5	139.4	.0303	1	-.2									
45.0	147.6	.0315	1	-.2									

Explanation:

d(m) = depth in meters

d(ft) = depth in feet

t(sec) = arrival time in seconds (S-wave arrival times are the average of picks from traces obtained from hammer blows differing in direction by 180°)

sig = sigma, standard deviation normalized to the standard deviation of best picks

rsdl/sig = least-squares residual divided by sigma

dtb(m) = depth to bottom of layer in meters

dtb(ft) = depth to bottom of layer in feet

tth(s) = arrival time in seconds to bottom of layer

v(m/s) = velocity in meters per second

vl(m/s) = lower limit of velocity in meters per second \*

vu(m/s) = upper limit of velocity in meters per second

v(ft/s) = velocity in feet per second

vl(ft/s) = lower limit of velocity in feet per second

vu(ft/s) = upper limit of velocity in feet per second

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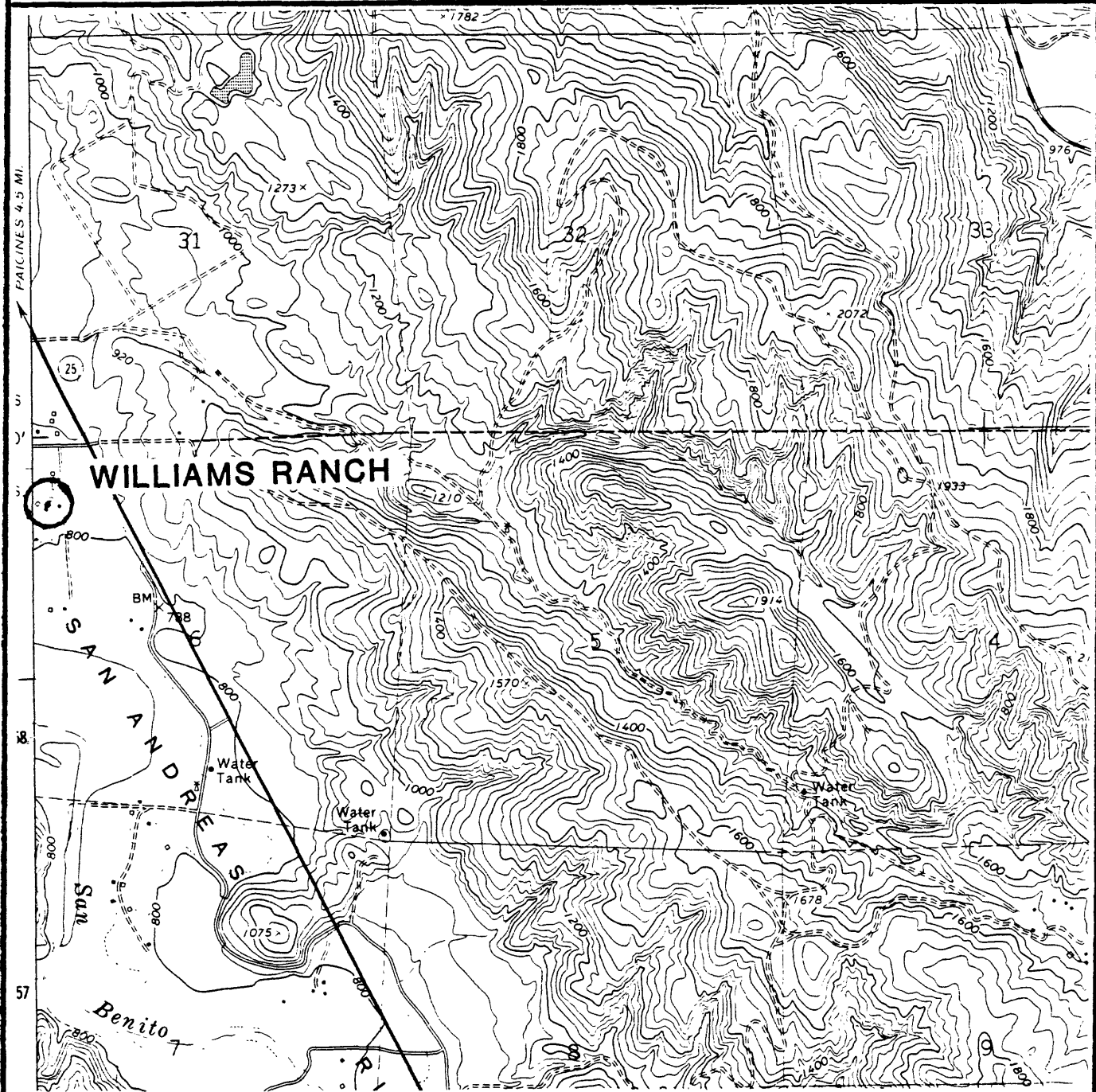


Figure 55. Site location map for Williams Ranch borehole. The borehole is located approximately 10 meters from the strong-motion recorder.

## Definitions of terms used for descriptions of sedimentary deposits and bedrock materials

**Rock hardness:** response to hand and geologic hammer: (Ellen et al., 1972)

**hard** - hammer bounces off with solid sound

**firm** - hammer dents with thud, pick point dents or penetrates slightly

**soft** - pick points penetrates

**friable** material can be crumbled into individual grains by hand.

**Fracture spacing:** (Ellen et al., 1972)

cm	in	fracture spacing
0-1	0-1/2	v. close
1-5	1/2-2	close
5-30	2-12	moderate
30-100	12-36	wide
>100	>36	v. wide

**Weathering:**

**Fresh:** no visible signs of weathering

**Slight:** no visible decomposition of minerals, slight discoloration

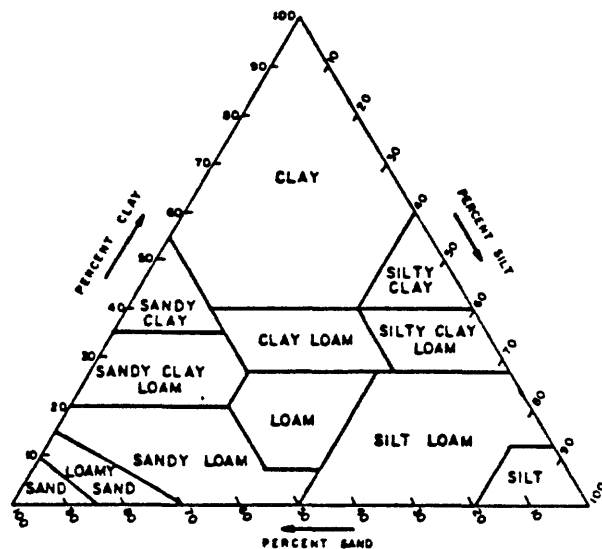
**Moderate:** slight decomposition of minerals and disintegration of rock, deep and thorough discoloration

**Deep:** extensive decomposition of minerals and complete disintegration of rock but original structure is preserved.

**Relative density of sand and consistency of clay is correlated with penetration resistance:** (Terzaghi and Peck, 1948)

blows/ft.	relative density	blows/ft.	consistency
0-4	v. loose	<2	v. soft
4-10	loose	2-4	soft
10-30	medium	4-8	medium
30-50	dense	8-15	stiff
>50	v. dense	15-30	v. stiff
		>30	hard

**Texture:** the relative proportions of clay, silt, and sand below 2mm. Proportions of larger particles are indicated by modifiers of textural class names. Determination is made in the field mainly by feeling the moist soil (Soil Survey, Staff, 1951).



**Color:** Standard Munsell color names are given for the dominant color of the moist soil and for prominent mottles.

**Types of samples**

SP - Standard Penetration (1 + 3/8 in in ID sampler)

S - Thin-wall push sampler

O - Osterberg fixed-piston sampler

P - Pitcher Barrel sampler

CH - California Penetration (2 in ID sampler)

DC - Diamond Core

Figure 56. Explanation of geologic log.

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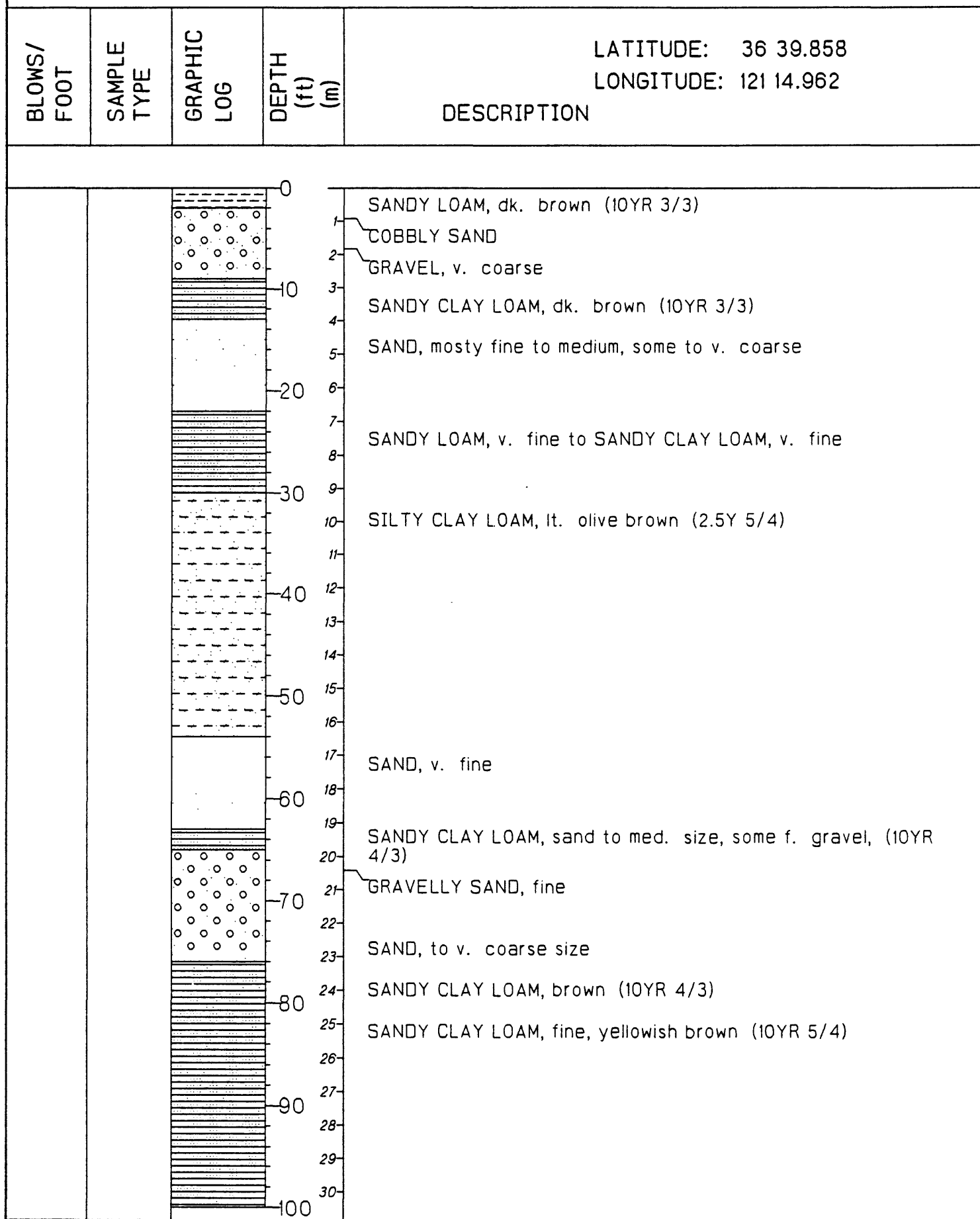


Figure 57. Geologic log of the Williams Ranch borehole.

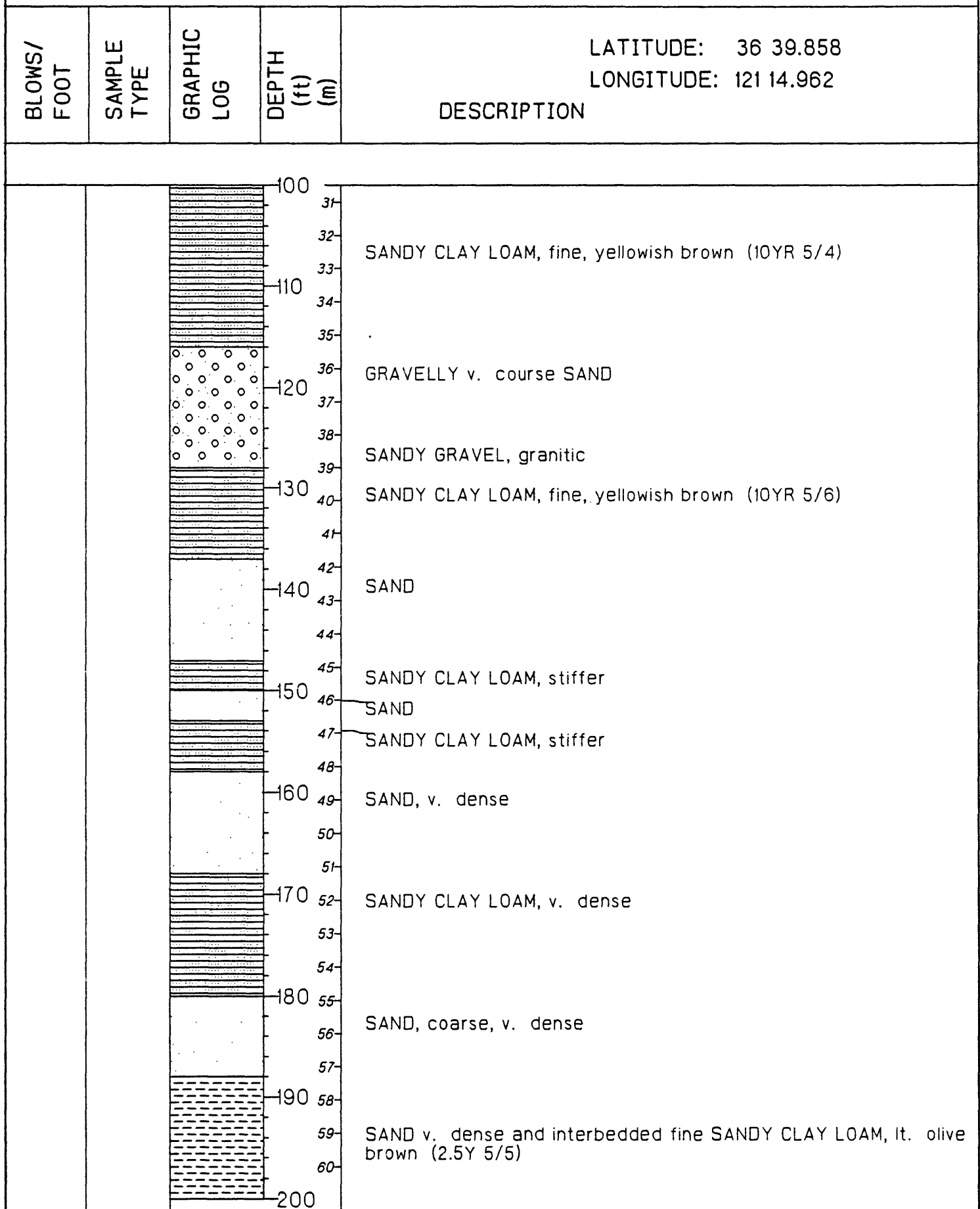


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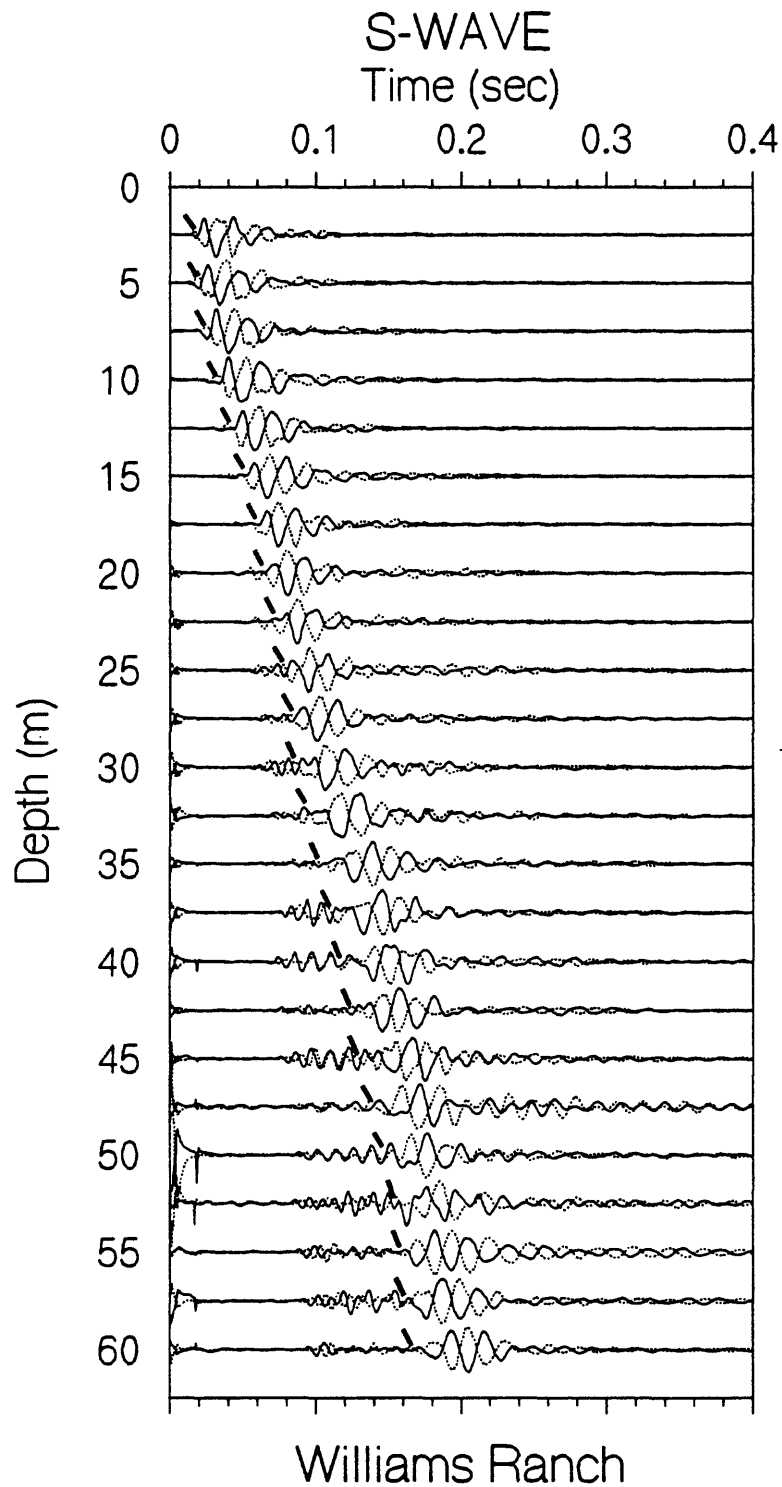


Figure 58. Horizontal-component record section (from horizontal impacts in opposite directions) superimposed for identification of S-wave onset. Approximate S-wave picks are indicated by the accent marks.

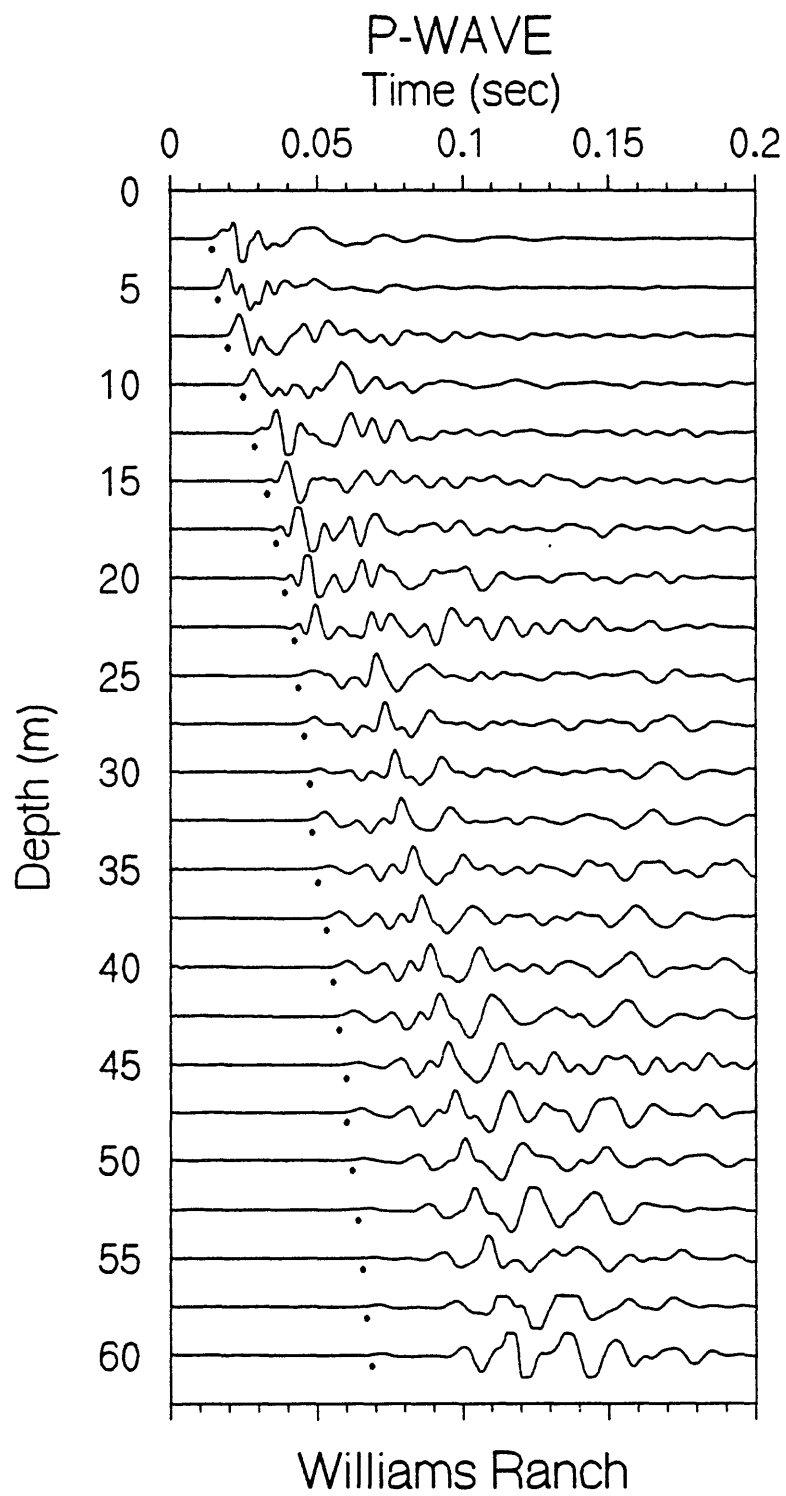


Figure 59. Vertical-component record section. P-wave arrivals are shown by the solid circles.

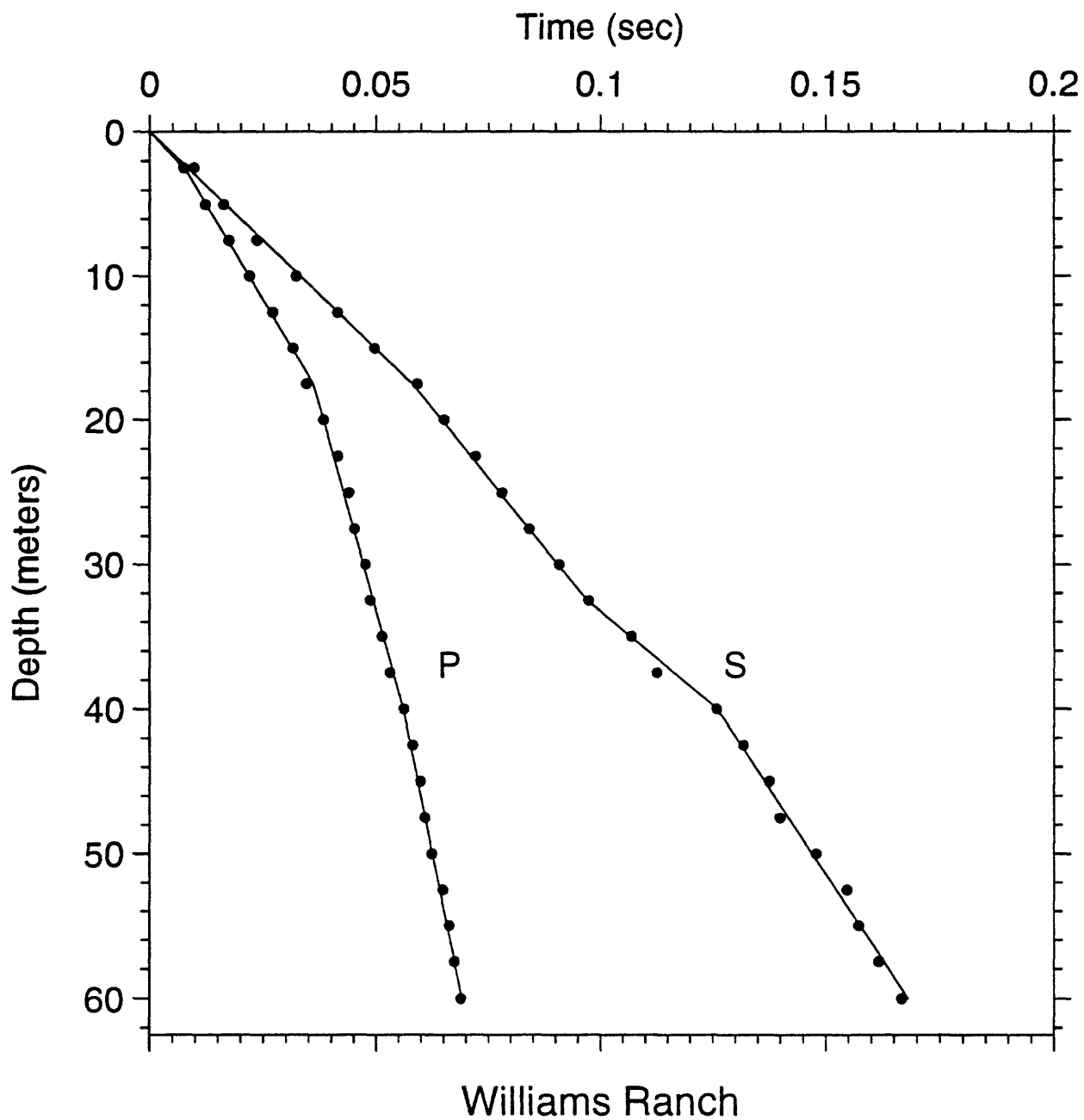


Figure 60. Time-depth graph of P-wave and S-wave picks. Line segments show the hinged-least-squares fit to the data points.

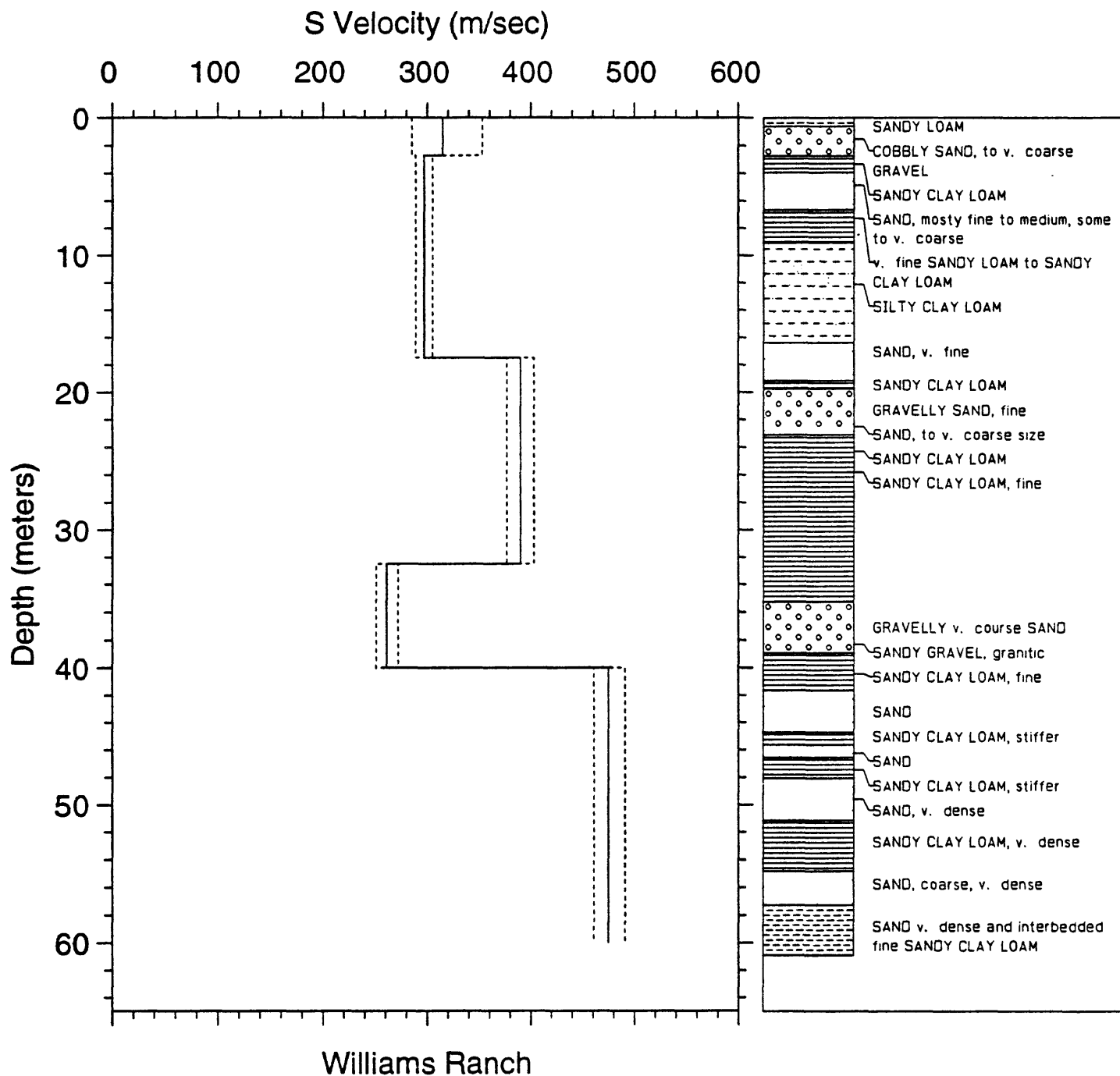


Figure 61. S-wave velocity profiles with dashed lines representing plus and minus one standard deviation. Simplified geologic log is shown for correlation with velocities.



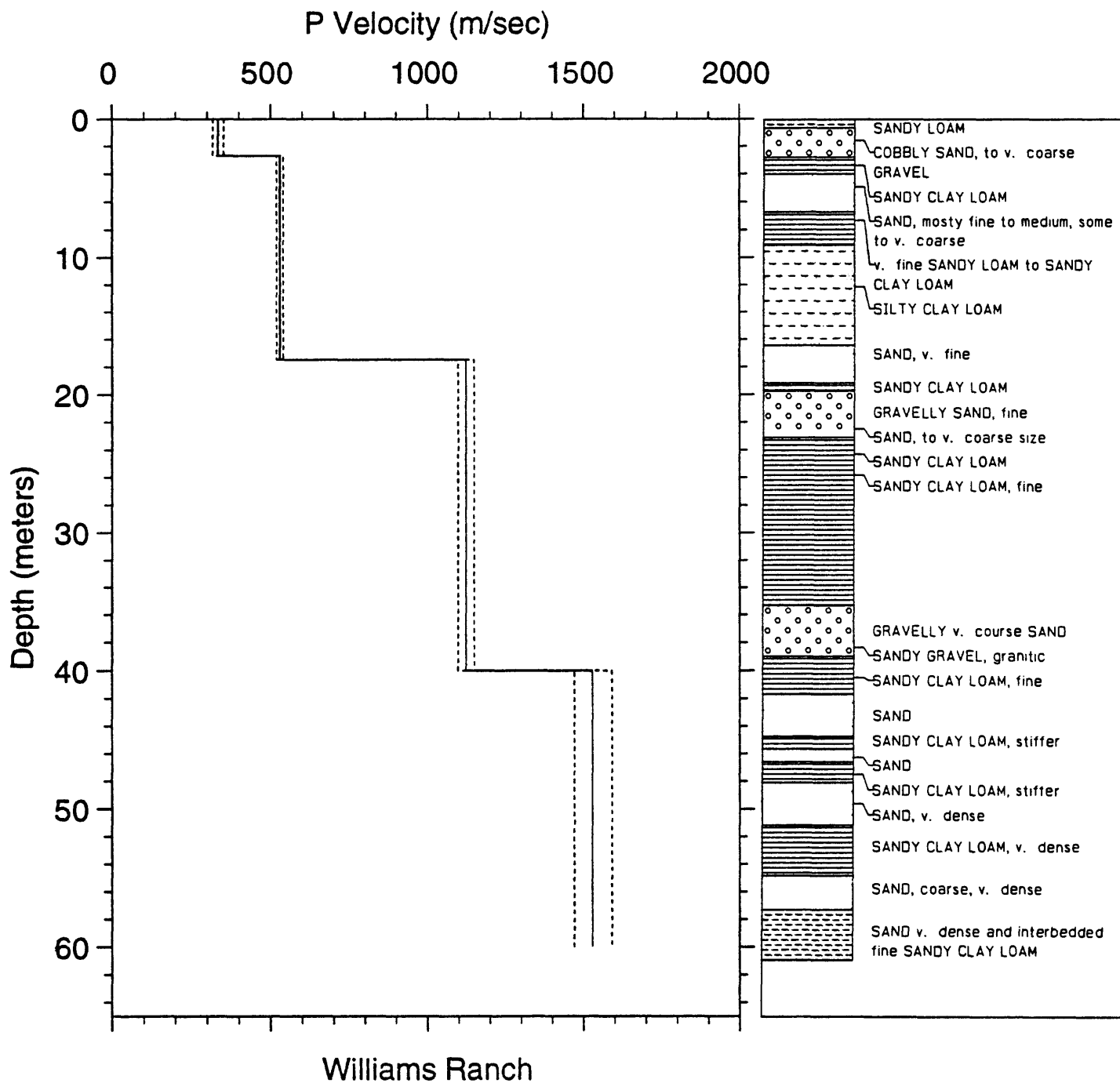


Figure 62. P-wave velocity profiles with dashed lines representing plus and minus one standard deviation. Simplified geologic log is shown for correlation with velocities.

TABLE 13. S-wave arrival times and velocity summaries for Williams Ranch site.

d(m)	d(ft)	t(sec)	sig	rsdl/sig	dtb(m)	dtb(ft)	ttb(s)	v(m/s)	vl(m/s)	vu(m/s)	v(ft/s)	vl(ft/s)	vu(ft/s)
2.5	8.2	.0097	1	1.8	.0	.0	.000	315	285	353	1034	933	1158
5.0	16.4	.0162	1	-1.1	2.7	8.9	.009	315	285	353	1034	933	1158
7.5	24.6	.0235	1	-1.3	17.5	57.4	.058	297	289	305	973	947	1000
10.0	32.8	.0322	1	-1.0	32.5	106.6	.097	390	377	403	1278	1238	1321
12.5	41.0	.0413	1	-1.3	40.0	131.2	.126	261	251	272	857	822	894
15.0	49.2	.0496	1	-1.4	60.0	196.9	.168	475	461	491	1559	1512	1610
17.5	57.4	.0591	1	-1.6									
20.0	65.6	.0651	1	-2.2									
22.5	73.8	.0721	1	-1.8									
25.0	82.0	.0780	1	-3.3									
27.5	90.2	.0841	1	-0.0									
30.0	98.4	.0908	1	-2.2									
32.5	106.6	.0973	1	-3.3									
35.0	114.8	.1069	1	-1.4									
37.5	123.0	.1126	1	-3.5									
40.0	131.2	.1258	1	-1.1									
42.5	139.4	.1318	1	-1.8									
45.0	147.6	.1375	1	1.3									
47.5	155.8	.1399	1	-1.6									
50.0	164.0	.1479	1	1.2									
52.5	172.2	.1546	1	2.6									
55.0	180.4	.1572	1	-1.1									
57.5	188.6	.1616	1	-1.9									
60.0	196.9	.1666	1	-1.2									

Explanation:

d(m) = depth in meters

d(ft) = depth in feet

t(sec) = arrival time in seconds (S-wave arrival times are the average of picks from traces obtained from hammer blows differing in direction by 180°)

sig = sigma, standard deviation normalized to the standard deviation of best picks

rsdl/sig = least-squares residual divided by sigma

dtb(m) = depth to bottom of layer in meters

dtb(ft) = depth to bottom of layer in feet

ttb(s) = arrival time in seconds to bottom of layer

v(m/s) = velocity in meters per second

vl(m/s) = lower limit of velocity in meters per second \*

vu(m/s) = upper limit of velocity in meters per second

v(ft/s) = velocity in feet per second

vl(ft/s) = lower limit of velocity in feet per second

vu(ft/s) = upper limit of velocity in feet per second

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TABLE 14. P-wave arrival times and velocity summaries for Williams Ranch site.

d(m)	d(ft)	t(sec)	sig	rsdl/sig	dtb(m)	dtb(ft)	t(b(s)	v(m/s)	vl(m/s)	vu(m/s)	v(ft/s)	vl(ft/s)	vu(ft/s)
2.5	8.2	.0074	1	-1.1	.0	.0	.000	334	318	352	1096	1045	1154
5.0	16.4	.0122	1	-2.2	2.7	8.9	.008	334	318	352	1096	1045	1154
7.5	24.6	.0173	1	.1	17.5	57.4	.036	529	519	540	1735	1701	1771
10.0	32.8	.0219	1	.0	40.0	131.2	.056	1123	1098	1149	3685	3603	3771
12.5	41.0	.0270	1	.4	60.0	196.9	.069	1528	1471	1591	5014	4825	5218
15.0	49.2	.0315	1	.2									
17.5	57.4	.0345	1	-1.6									
20.0	65.6	.0382	1	-1.1									
22.5	73.8	.0414	1	.9									
25.0	82.0	.0438	1	1.1									
27.5	90.2	.0451	1	.1									
30.0	98.4	.0476	1	.4									
32.5	106.6	.0486	1	.8									
35.0	114.8	.0513	1	-3.3									
37.5	123.0	.0531	1	-8.8									
40.0	131.2	.0561	1	.0									
42.5	139.4	.0581	1	.4									
45.0	147.6	.0598	1	.4									
47.5	155.8	.0608	1	-2.2									
50.0	164.0	.0624	1	-2.2									
52.5	172.2	.0648	1	.5									
55.0	180.4	.0662	1	.3									
57.5	188.6	.0674	1	-1.1									
60.0	196.9	.0688	1	-4.4									

Explanation:

d(m) = depth in meters

d(ft) = depth in feet

t(sec) = arrival time in seconds (S-wave arrival times are the average of picks from traces obtained from hammer blows differing in direction by 180°)

sig = sigma, standard deviation normalized to the standard deviation of best picks

rsdl/sig = least-squares residual divided by sigma

dtb(m) = depth to bottom of layer in meters

dtb(ft) = depth to bottom of layer in feet

t(b(s) = arrival time in seconds to bottom of layer

v(m/s) = velocity in meters per second

vl(m/s) = lower limit of velocity in meters per second \*

vu(m/s) = upper limit of velocity in meters per second

v(ft/s) = velocity in feet per second

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