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PREFACE

The "Technical Map of the Geothermal Resources of California" has been designed to provide the scientific community as well as the engineer and project designer with information on the technical aspects of geothermal occurrences throughout the state. This information is intended to help those interested in development of a geothermal resource to make an intelligent choice in the selection of the resource or resource area that best fits their specific needs.

In addition to the basic information on location, temperature, flow, and total dissolved solids that was presented on the first "Geothermal Resources of California Map," this second map with accompanying text provides both a visual display and a tabular breakdown of the chemistry for each well or spring throughout the state for which data are available. In addition, information is provided on geologic relationships and associations regarding faults and young volcanic occurrences. As with the first map, an outline is provided of the Known Geothermal Resources Areas (KGRAs), the areas with known thermal waters, and general areas of the state that are suitable for geothermal prospecting.

It has been shown that higher temperature geothermal waters are most frequently associated with higher sodium chloride and boron contents. However, as further aid to those interested in prospecting for a new or known geothermal occurrence to meet a specific need, statistical information has been developed and provided on the types of thermal waters that are most prevalent in each of the geomorphic/geothermal provinces of the state and also on the relationships of deleterious boron, pH, temperature, and TDS, to predominant constituents or water types.

When used in conjunction with a knowledge of the desired location, elevation, range of fluid temperature, and acceptable limits of various chemical constituents for an intended use, data presented in this Technical Map are expected to provide the potential developer of a geothermal resource with the information needed to choose a resource or resource area that will fulfill project needs and at the same time present a minimum of problems to be overcome. Only with information such as this map presents, can a rapid and economical decision as to the best site or sites for a geothermal project be made.

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INTRODUCTION

This is the second geothermal map produced as part of the statewide inventory and evaluation of California's geothermal resources conducted by the Department of Conservation, Division of Mines and Geology under the sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Energy. The first geothermal map (California Geologic Data Map Series Map Number 4) gathered together in a single source information on the distribution of geothermal resources in California, and was intended for use by interested members of the public at large as well as by members of the scientific community. The new geothermal map is intended primarily for use by the scientific community, and by engineers and developers who have a need for more technical and complex information than was presented on the first map. It is expected that this second map will provide the technical user with the information that is needed to select a satisfactory resource and design the necessary production facilities that will provide for the successful utilization of that resource.

The second map shows the relationships between the geothermal resources, faults, and Quaternary volcanic rocks. It also provides technical information on the character of the geothermal waters. This additional technical information includes details on the chemistry of the geothermal waters, interpretations of subsurface temperatures, and other resource parameters based on water chemistry, and an analysis of the significance of provincial distribution of thermal water types within the state, as well as explanations of the methodologies used.

Only a few of the springs and wells shown on this map are taken from data more recent than that used to compile the first map, which was published in 1980. A few spring or well names have been changed to better reflect the common usage by the local community. Data available as of June 15, 1981, have been included in the preparation of this map. Most of the wells shown on the map are agricultural or domestic wells, many of which are suitable for direct heat (non-electric) applications. Many commercial high temperature wells, especially in closely-spaced production fields, have not been plotted because of space limitations.

Springs and wells with temperatures 20°C and higher are shown. Not every spring and well in the state that is 20°C or above can be shown because of both graphical limitations and intended use of the map. The emphasis is on areas of geothermal activity as evidenced by the distribution of thermal springs and wells and attendant geochemical information.

Other pertinent data both presented on or excluded from the map include the following:

Data included:

- Volcanic rocks of the Quaternary period were taken from the Geologic Map of California (Jennings, 1977).
- Historic and Quaternary faults were taken from the Fault Map of California (Jennings, 1975).

Data excluded:

- Radiometric and seismic data are not included on this map but this information will be available on other maps which are to be published by the California Division of Mines and Geology in the future.

- Earthquake epicenter data are not included but the data are available on the earthquake epicenter map of California (Real, Topozada, and Parke, 1978).
- Geopressure data and data on geothermal exploratory wells and mineral deposits related to geothermal activity could not be shown on this map because of insufficient data.
- Areas of elevated bottom-hole temperatures in wells also could not be shown on this map because of time restrictions in obtaining the data.

Page-size maps of heat flow data, groundwater temperature, and mean annual air temperature for the State of California are shown as Figures 1-3. Heat flow data were taken from Muffler (1979), Lachenbruch and Sass (1980), and Mase, Sass, and Lachenbruch (1980). The data points were plotted on the map and contours were drawn. Maps for groundwater temperature and mean annual air temperature were taken from maps of the United States published in the year book of agriculture by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (1941). Portions showing the State of California were enlarged for the present use.

Most of the data for springs and wells were collected from the published and unpublished works of U.S. Geological Survey (GEOTHERM files), California Department of Water Resources, California Division of Mines and Geology, and California Division of Oil and Gas. Financial support from the U.S. Geological Survey for computer retrieval and computer calculations is gratefully acknowledged.

PHYSICAL PARAMETERS AND CHEMICAL CONSTITUENTS

In the table of springs and wells (Table 1), the temperatures in degrees Celsius (°C) are the highest reported and also the most recent listed. When the temperatures were not available, "W" (for warm waters) and "H" (for hot waters) symbols were used. The temperature recorded is the temperature for a spring or non-boiling well discharge, the temperature of steam separation for well discharges above boiling, or the downhole temperature if a downhole sampler was used or if the analysis was recalculated to downhole conditions.

Flow rates were measured for thermal springs and given in liters per minute (L/min.). The temperature along with the total dissolved solids and flow rate data can change with time and therefore they should be considered approximate. Springs commonly flow from more than one orifice. The temperature reported in such cases is the highest and most recent of the group. The flow rate reported in such cases is for the whole group. In some cases where a group of wells in a very small area have dried up subsequent to the latest temperature measurement, the group is represented by only one symbol on the map and the temperature reported is the highest and most recent for the group.

Where more than one set of chemical data are available for the same spring or well, only the most recent or the most complete analyses have been selected for inclusion in this table. The effec-

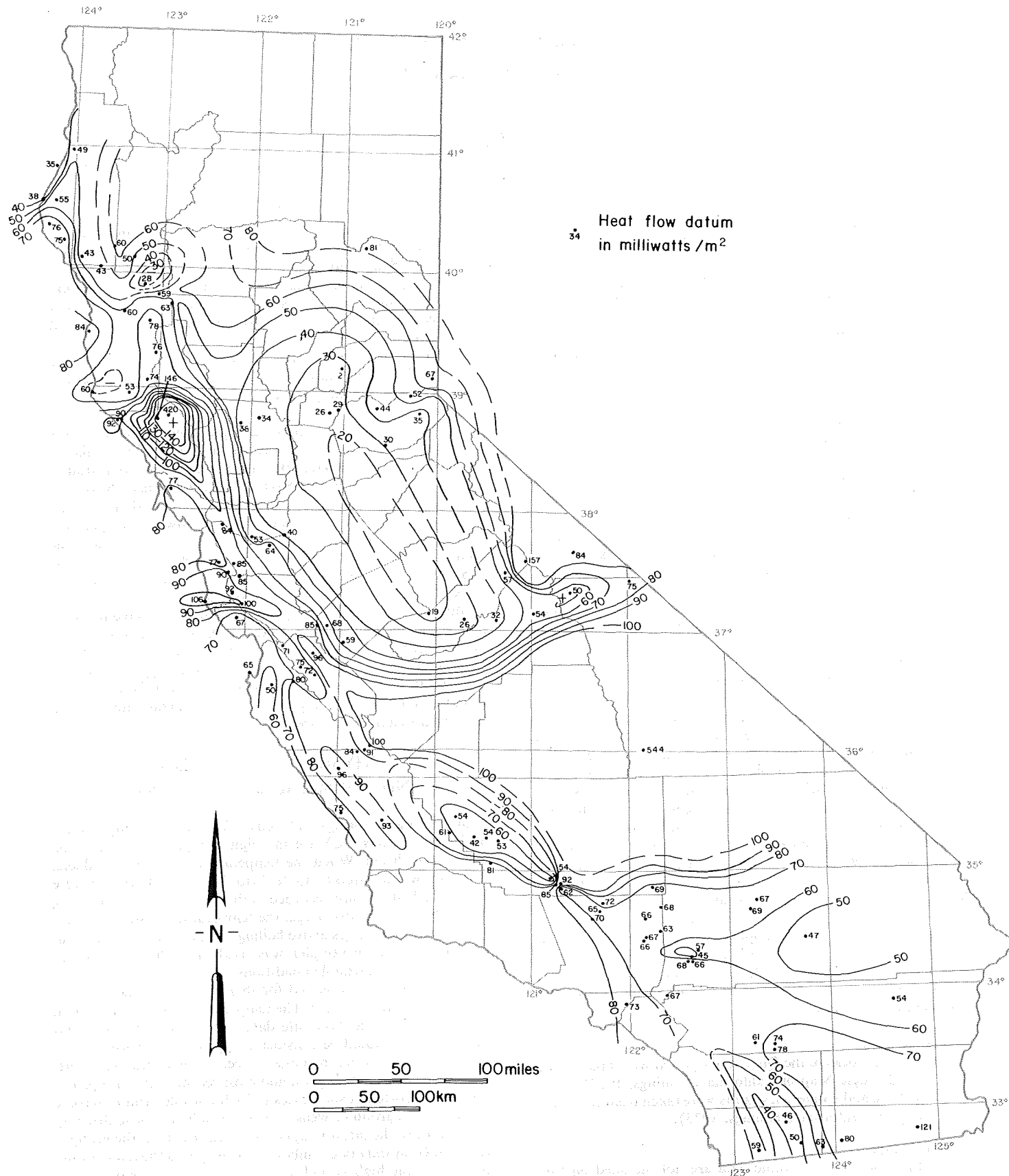


Figure 1. A contour map of observed heat flow measurements in California

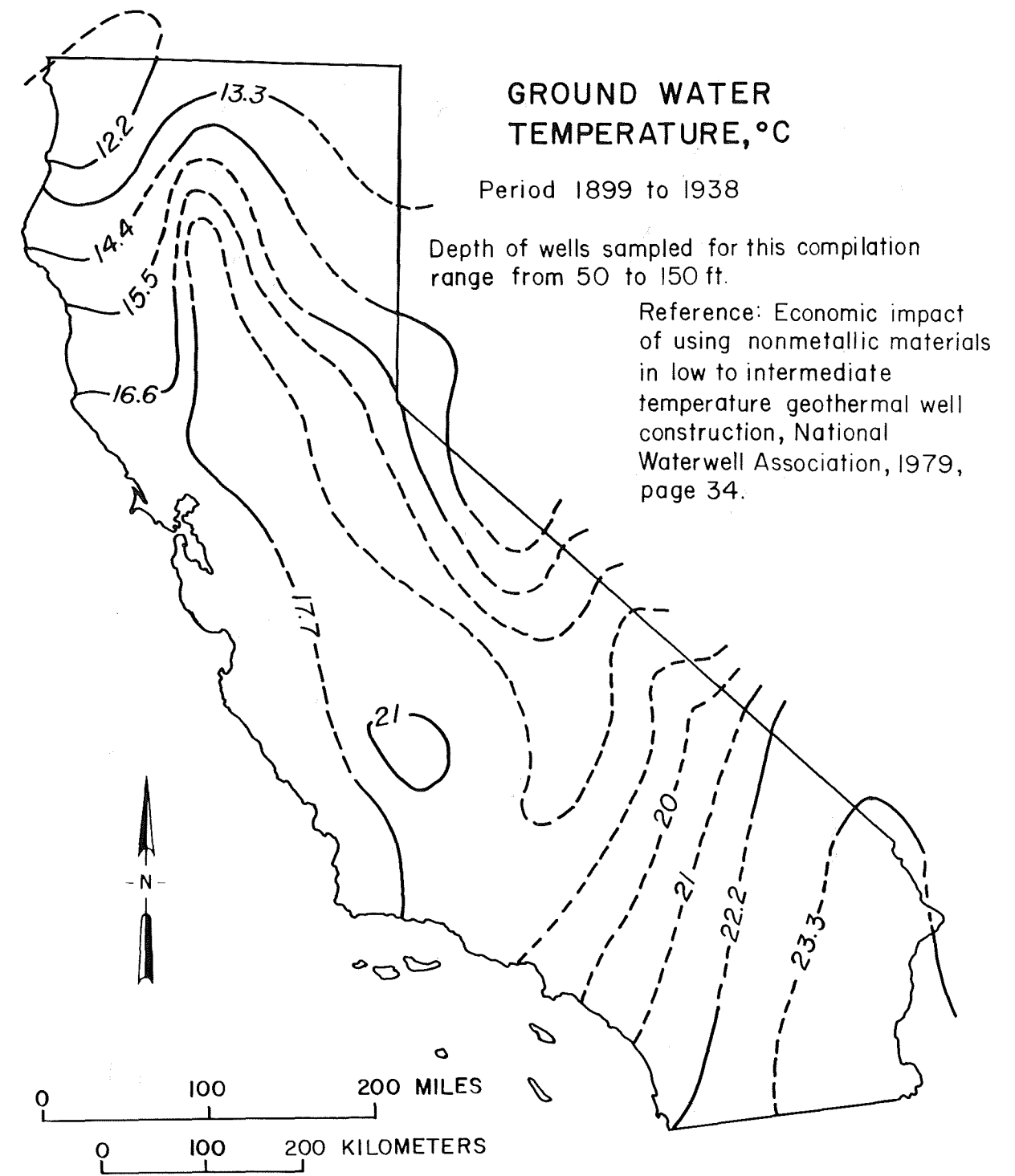


Figure 2. A contour map of groundwater temperatures in California.

Table 1. Physical Parameters and Chemical Constituents of Thermal Waters in California - Continued.

Table with columns: Name, Latitude (north, west), Longitude, Temp °C (Hi/Rec), Flow (L/min, pH), TDS (mg/L), Concentrations (mg/L) (Na, K, Ca, Mg, Cl, F, HCO3, SO4, SiO2, B, As), and Ref No. Rows include wells like IM-65, IM-66, IM-67, etc.

(W) = WELL (SP) = SPRING

Table 1. Physical Parameters and Chemical Constituents of Thermal Waters in California - Continued.

Table with columns: Name, Latitude (north, west), Longitude, Temp °C (Hi/Rec), Flow (L/min, pH), TDS (mg/L), Concentrations (mg/L) (Na, K, Ca, Mg, Cl, F, HCO3, SO4, SiO2, B, As), and Ref No. Rows include wells like IN-11, IN-12, IN-13, etc.

*R.H. Mariner, U.S. Geological Survey, reports this spring no longer exists.

(W) = WELL (SP) = SPRING

Table 1. Physical Parameters and Chemical Constituents of Thermal Waters in California - Continued.

Table with columns: Name, Latitude (north, west), Longitude (west), Temp °C (Hi/Rec), Flow (L/min, pH), TDS (mg/L), Concentrations (mg/L) (Li, Na, K, Ca, Mg, Cl, F, HCO3 Alk, SO4, SiO2, B, As), and Ref No. Rows include wells like LA-8, LA-9, LA-10, etc.

(W) = WELL (SP) = SPRING

Table 1. Physical Parameters and Chemical Constituents of Thermal Waters in California - Continued.

Table with columns: Name, Latitude (north, west), Longitude (west), Temp °C (Hi/Rec), Flow (L/min, pH), TDS (mg/L), Concentrations (mg/L) (Li, Na, K, Ca, Mg, Cl, F, HCO3 Alk, SO4, SiO2, B, As), and Ref No. Rows include wells like MT-6, MT-7, MT-8, etc.

(W) = WELL (SP) = SPRING

Table 1. Physical Parameters and Chemical Constituents of Thermal Waters in California - Continued.

Table with columns: Name, Latitude (north, west), Longitude, Temp °C (Hi/Rec), Flow (L/min, pH), TDS (mg/L), Concentrations (mg/L) (Li, Na, K, Ca, Mg, Cl, F, HCO3, SO4, SiO2, B, As), and Ref No. Rows include wells like THURMAN RAGSDALE WELL, STANLEY RAGSDALE (W), SUNLAND OIL WELL, etc.

(W) = WELL (SP) = SPRING

Table 1. Physical Parameters and Chemical Constituents of Thermal Waters in California - Continued.

Table with columns: Name, Latitude (north, west), Longitude, Temp °C (Hi/Rec), Flow (L/min, pH), TDS (mg/L), Concentrations (mg/L) (Li, Na, K, Ca, Mg, Cl, F, HCO3, SO4, SiO2, B, As), and Ref No. Rows include wells like PASO ROBLES ART. SPRING, PASO ROB. MUD BTH (S), UNNAMED SPRING, etc.

(W) = WELL (SP) = SPRING

tive activity (concentration) of hydrogen ions (pH) may be expressed in the same kind of units as other dissolved constituents, provided H+ concentrations in milligrams per liter(mg/L) are high enough to show, as in strongly acidic waters. In general cases, the concentrations of hydrogen ions are very low and therefore its activity can be most conveniently expressed in logarithmic units. The pH represents the negative logarithm to the base 10 of the hydrogen-ion activity in moles per liter. The pH of a water represents the interrelated result of a number of chemical equilibria. To satisfactorily get the original equilibrium conditions of an aquifer, a pH measurement must be taken immediately at the time of sampling. The pH measured after a sample has been stored for sometime in the laboratory, has no relation to the original equilibrium conditions. This is also true with the samples containing dissolved gases (Hem, 1979).

Total dissolved solids (TDS) are the measure of salts in solution. Water-quality criteria for this study are based on the type and amount of dissolved mineral matter in water, and on intended use of the thermal water. Dissolved matter in water is mainly in the form of electrically charged particles (ions) whose concentration is measured in mg/L. Positively charged ions are called cations and negatively charged ions are called anions. Total dissolved solids can be determined by evaporating an aliquot of water to dryness and weighing the residue. It can also be approximated by measuring the specific conductance of the water. A third and easy procedure for determining TDS is to sum up the concentrations reported for various dissolved constituents and subtract part of the bicarbonate after converting it to carbonate. For certain types of water, this computation method is more reliable than the residue or evaporation method. In the present study, TDS were obtained by summing up the constituents present in the water analysis for each spring or well and subtracting part of the bicarbonate. This is done by dividing the bicarbonate value by a factor of 2.03 (Skougstad and others, 1979) or by multiplying the bicarbonate value by a factor of 0.4917 (Hem, 1970) and subtracting this figure from the total sum of all the cations and anions. Table 1 lists the physical parameters and chemical constituents of thermal waters in California. Table 1a lists the chemical characteristics of these thermal waters.

In hydrogeochemistry, alkalinity is defined as the capacity of the solution to neutralize acid. In most natural water, the alkalinity is practically all produced by dissolved carbonate and bicarbonate ions. A more meaningful and useful statement of the alkalinity in these geothermal waters is obtained by expressing the results of the determination as concentrations of bicarbonate and carbonate. Carbonate values are converted to bicarbonate values by multiplying them by 2.03, and these converted values are added to the bicarbonate values and tabulated in Table 1 as a column designated as "HCO₃ Alk" (bicarbonate alkalinity).

GEOTHERMOMETRY

Table 2 lists the estimated temperatures by various geothermometers for each of the analyzed thermal springs and wells plotted on the geothermal resources map, along with the most recent surface temperature and calculated water type. Estimation of subsurface temperatures were made for 448 of the analyzed springs and wells in California (97.2% of the total analyzed springs and wells). These estimates were made from the constituents of thermal waters (Table 1) by the U.S. Geological Survey using its computer program GEOTHERM. Estimates of subsurface temperatures by isotope-geothermometers were not included because of insufficient data.

Information on the subsurface temperature, flow patterns, the

recharge source, type of reservoir rock, and other important parameters of the geothermal system can be obtained from the chemical and isotopic composition of the geothermal waters when they reach the surface in springs or wells. Thus, geothermometry is the estimation of subsurface temperatures of geothermal waters by relating certain of the chemical component concentrations or ratios. The theory of quantitative chemical geothermometers has been discussed by Fournier, White, and Trudell (1974), and Fournier and Trudell (1974). These geothermometers depend on the existence of temperature-dependent equilibria and water-rock reactions at depth. The most common soluble chemical constituents of thermal waters are SiO₂, Na, K, Ca, Mg, Cl, HCO₃, and CO₃. The silica and Na-K-Ca geothermometers are those most commonly used to estimate subsurface temperature of the reservoir.

The validity of these geothermometers is based on the following assumptions:

- 1. Temperature-dependent reactions at depth;
2. An adequate supply of reactants from the reservoir;
3. Water-mineral equilibrium in the reservoir;
4. The constituents do not re-equilibrate with the confining rock as the water flows to the surface; and
5. Dilution or mixing of thermal and non-thermal groundwater does not occur.

Mixing, which is possible for many of the thermal springs, leads to low aquifer-temperature estimates from the silica geothermometer. Isotope-chloride relationships indicate the mixtures of thermal and surface waters. Re-equilibrium of water with its environment probably affects the Na-K-Ca geothermometer more often than the silica geothermometer. Loss of calcium due to precipitation of CaCO₃ is probably the major cause of excessively high temperature estimates from the Na-K-Ca geothermometer. A correction is made to the Na-K-Ca geothermometer when magnesium makes up a significant part of the cation composition. At high magnesium concentrations the correction factor reduces the calculated temperature to agree with observed temperatures.

The geothermometers which are currently available include a set using silica. The SiO₂ concentrations used in all computations are mg/L. The following computations were used for various types of silica geothermometers:

Table with 3 columns: Type, Computation used, and values. Rows include Quartz (conductive), Quartz (adiabatic), Chalcedony, alpha-cristobalite, and Amorphous silica.

Table 1A. Chemical Characteristics of the Springs and Wells of California

Large table with columns: COUNTY CODE #, CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS, COUNTY CODE #, CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS. Lists various chemical compositions for different county codes across California.

Table 1A. Chemical Characteristics of the Springs and Wells of California - Continued.

COUNTY CODE #	CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS	COUNTY CODE #	CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS	COUNTY CODE #	CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS	COUNTY CODE #	CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS	COUNTY CODE #	CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS
MD-33	No Chemistry	OR-4	No Chemistry	RV-41	Partial Chemistry	SD-5	Mixed Cations Mixed Anions	SH-3	Sodium Chloride
MD-34	Sodium Sulfate	OR-5	No Chemistry	RV-42	Partial Chemistry	SD-6	Partial Chemistry	SH-4	No Chemistry
MD-35	Sodium Mixed Anions	OR-6	No Chemistry	RV-43	Partial Chemistry	SD-7	Partial Chemistry	SH-5	No Chemistry
MONO COUNTY									
MO-1	Sodium Mixed Anions	OR-7	No Chemistry	RV-44	Partial Chemistry	SD-8	Partial Chemistry	SH-6	No Chemistry
MO-2	Sodium Chloride	OR-8	Partial Chemistry	RV-45	Partial Chemistry	SD-9	Partial Chemistry	SH-7	Mixed Cations Sulfate
MO-3	No Chemistry	OR-9	Sodium Bicarbonate	RV-46	Partial Chemistry	SD-10	Partial Chemistry	SIERRA COUNTY	
MO-4	Sodium Bicarbonate	OR-10	Mixed Cations Bicarbonate	RV-47	Partial Chemistry	SD-11	Partial Chemistry	SI-1	Sodium Chloride
MO-5	No Chemistry	OR-11	Sodium Mixed Anions	RV-48	Partial Chemistry	SD-12	Partial Chemistry	SI-2	No Chemistry
MO-6	Sodium Mixed Anions	PLACER COUNTY		RV-49	Sodium Sulfate	SD-13	Partial Chemistry	SI-3	Sodium Chloride
MO-7	Sodium Bicarbonate	PC-1	Sodium Chloride	RV-50	Calcium Bicarbonate	SD-14	Partial Chemistry	SI-4	Partial Chemistry
MO-8	Sodium Bicarbonate	PLUMAS COUNTY		RV-51	Sodium Chloride	SD-15	Mixed Cations Sulfate	SI-5	No Chemistry
MO-9	No Chemistry	PL-1	No Chemistry	RV-52	Sodium Chloride	SD-16	Sodium Mixed Anions	SI-6	Sodium Bicarbonate
MO-10	Partial Chemistry	PL-2	Mixed Cations Sulfate	RV-53	Sodium Chloride	SD-17	Partial Chemistry	SI-7	Sodium Mixed Anions
MO-11	Sodium Chloride	PL-3	No Chemistry	RV-54	Sodium Chloride	SD-18	Sodium Chloride	SI-8	Sodium Mixed Anions
MO-12	Sodium Chloride	PL-4	Mixed Cations Sulfate	RV-55	Sodium Chloride	SD-19	Partial Chemistry	SISKIYOU COUNTY	
MO-13	No Chemistry	PL-5	No Chemistry	RV-56	Partial Chemistry	SD-20	Mixed Cations Bicarbonate	SK-1	Sodium Chloride
MO-14	Sodium Bicarbonate	PL-6	No Chemistry	RV-57	Partial Chemistry	SD-21	Mixed Cations Chloride	SK-2	Sodium Chloride
MO-15	Sodium Mixed Anions	PL-7	No Chemistry	RV-58	Sodium Mixed Anions	SD-22	Mixed Cations Chloride	SK-3	Sodium Chloride
MO-16	No Chemistry	PL-8	Sodium Bicarbonate	RV-59	Sodium Chloride	SD-23	Mixed Cations Mixed Anions	SK-4	Sodium Chloride
MO-17	Sodium Bicarbonate	PL-9	Sodium Mixed Anions	RV-60	Sodium Sulfate	SD-24	Sodium Chloride	SK-5	No Chemistry
MO-18	No Chemistry	PL-10	Sodium Chloride	RV-61	Sodium Mixed Anions	SD-25	Mixed Cations Chloride	SK-6	No Chemistry
MO-19	No Chemistry	PL-11	Sodium Chloride	RV-62	Sodium Mixed Anions	SD-26	Sodium Mixed Anions	SK-7	Magnesium Sulfate
MO-20	No Chemistry	PL-12	Sodium Bicarbonate	RV-63	Sodium Chloride	SD-27	Sodium Mixed Anions	SOLANO COUNTY	
MO-21	Sodium Mixed Anions	PL-13	Sodium Bicarbonate	RV-64	Sodium Chloride	SD-28	Sodium Chloride	SO-1	Sodium Chloride
MO-22	Sodium Bicarbonate	PL-14	Sodium Bicarbonate	RV-65	No Chemistry	SD-29	Sodium Chloride	SO-2	No Chemistry
MO-23	Sodium Bicarbonate	PL-15	Sodium Bicarbonate	RV-66	Partial Chemistry	SD-30	Calcium Chloride	SO-3	Sodium Bicarbonate
MO-24	Sodium Mixed Anions	PL-16	Sodium Chloride	RV-67	Sodium Chloride	SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY		SONOMA COUNTY	
MO-25	No Chemistry	PL-17	Sodium Chloride	SAN BENITO COUNTY		SJ-1	Magnesium Bicarbonate	SN-1	No Chemistry
MO-26	Sodium Bicarbonate	PL-18	No Chemistry	SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY		SJ-2	Mixed Cations Mixed Anions	SN-2	Magnesium Sulfate
MO-27	Sodium Bicarbonate	PL-19	No Chemistry	SB-1	Sodium Bicarbonate	SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY		SN-3	No Chemistry
MO-28	Sodium Bicarbonate	RIVERSIDE COUNTY		SB-2	Sodium Mixed Anions	SL-1	Sodium Mixed Anions	SN-4	No Chemistry
MO-29	Sodium Bicarbonate	RV-1	Sodium Sulfate	SB-3	Mixed Cations Sulfate	SL-2	Sodium Chloride	SN-5	Sodium Bicarbonate
MO-30	No Chemistry	RV-2	No Chemistry	SB-4	No Chemistry	SL-3	Sodium Bicarbonate	SN-6	Mixed Cations Bicarbonate
MO-31	Sodium Mixed Anions	RV-3	Mixed Cations Bicarbonate	SB-5	Sodium Mixed Anions	SL-4	No Chemistry	SN-7	Mixed Cations Bicarbonate
MO-32	No Chemistry	RV-4	No Chemistry	SB-6	Sodium Chloride	SL-5	No Chemistry	SN-8	Sodium Bicarbonate
MONTEREY COUNTY									
MT-1	No Chemistry	RV-5	Calcium Bicarbonate	SB-7	Sodium Chloride	SL-6	Sodium Bicarbonate	SN-9	Sodium Bicarbonate
MT-2	No Chemistry	RV-6	Sodium Bicarbonate	SB-8	Sodium Mixed Anions	SL-7	Sodium Mixed Anions	SN-10	Sodium Chloride
MT-3	No Chemistry	RV-7	No Chemistry	SB-9	Sodium Mixed Anions	SL-8	No Chemistry	SN-11	Sodium Mixed Anions
MT-4	Sodium Mixed Anions	RV-8	No Chemistry	SB-10	Sodium Chloride	SL-9	No Chemistry	SN-12	Sodium Chloride
MT-5	Sodium Bicarbonate	RV-9	Sodium Chloride	SB-11	Sodium Chloride	SL-10	No Chemistry	SN-13	Sodium Chloride
MT-6	Sodium Bicarbonate	RV-10	Sodium Bicarbonate	SB-12	Sodium Mixed Anions	SL-11	Mixed Cations Bicarbonate	SANTA BARBARA COUNTY	
MT-7	Sodium Sulfate	RV-11	Sodium Bicarbonate	SB-13	Sodium Chloride	SL-12	Sodium Bicarbonate	SA-1	Sodium Sulfate
MT-8	Sodium Sulfate	RV-12	Sodium Chloride	SB-14	Sodium Mixed Anions	SL-13	Mixed Cations Bicarbonate	SA-2	Sodium Chloride
MT-9	Magnesium Bicarbonate	RV-13	Sodium Chloride	SB-15	Sodium Sulfate	SANTA CLARA COUNTY		SA-3	Sodium Mixed Anions
NAPA COUNTY									
NA-1	Mixed Cations Mixed Anions	RV-14	Sodium Mixed Anions	SB-16	Sodium Mixed Anions	SA-4	Sodium Bicarbonate	SA-5	Sodium Mixed Anions
NA-2	Sodium Bicarbonate	RV-15	Sodium Mixed Anions	SB-17	Sodium Sulfate	SA-6	Sodium Chloride	SA-7	Sodium Mixed Anions
NA-3	No Chemistry	RV-16	Mixed Cations Mixed Anions	SB-18	Sodium Chloride	SA-8	Sodium Bicarbonate	SA-9	Sodium Bicarbonate
NA-4	Sodium Chloride	RV-17	Mixed Cations Sulfate	SB-19	Sodium Sulfate	SA-10	Sodium Bicarbonate	SA-11	No Chemistry
NA-5	Sodium Chloride	RV-18	Mixed Cations Bicarbonate	SB-20	No Chemistry	SA-12	Sodium Bicarbonate	SA-13	Sodium Chloride
NA-6	Sodium Chloride	RV-19	Mixed Cations Sulfate	SB-21	No Chemistry	SC-1	Sodium Bicarbonate	SANTA CRUZ COUNTY	
NA-7	No Chemistry	RV-20	Mixed Cations Bicarbonate	SB-22	No Chemistry	SC-2	Sodium Bicarbonate	VN-1	Sodium Mixed Anions
NA-8	Magnesium Bicarbonate	RV-21	Mixed Cations Bicarbonate	SB-23	No Chemistry	SC-3	Sodium Bicarbonate	VN-2	Sodium Bicarbonate
NA-9	No Chemistry	RV-22	Mixed Cations Mixed Anions	SB-24	Sodium Sulfate	SANTA CLARA COUNTY		VN-3	Sodium Chloride
NA-10	Sodium Chloride	RV-23	Sodium Chloride	SB-25	No Chemistry	SA-1	Sodium Sulfate	VN-4	Sodium Chloride
NA-11	No Chemistry	RV-24	Mixed Cations Mixed Anions	SB-26	Sodium Sulfate	SA-2	Sodium Chloride	VN-5	Sodium Bicarbonate
NA-12	No Chemistry	RV-25	Sodium Chloride	SB-27	No Chemistry	SA-3	Sodium Mixed Anions	VN-6	No Chemistry
NA-13	No Chemistry	RV-26	Sodium Chloride	SB-28	No Chemistry	SA-4	Sodium Chloride	VN-7	Sodium Bicarbonate
NA-14	No Chemistry	RV-27	Sodium Mixed Anions	SB-29	No Chemistry	SA-5	Sodium Chloride	TEHAMA COUNTY	
NA-15	Mixed Cations Bicarbonate	RV-28	Mixed Cations Mixed Anions	SB-30	Sodium Sulfate	SA-6	Sodium Mixed Anions	TH-1	Sodium Chloride
NA-16	No Chemistry	RV-29	No Chemistry	SB-31	No Chemistry	SA-7	Sodium Chloride	TH-2	Sodium Chloride
NA-17	No Chemistry	RV-30	Sodium Bicarbonate	SB-32	No Chemistry	SA-8	Sodium Chloride	TH-3	Sodium Chloride
NA-18	No Chemistry	RV-31	Sodium Sulfate	SB-33	No Chemistry	SA-9	Sodium Chloride	TH-4	Sodium Chloride
NA-19	No Chemistry	RV-32	Sodium Mixed Anions	SB-34	No Chemistry	SA-10	Sodium Chloride	TULARE COUNTY	
ORANGE COUNTY									
OR-1	Sodium Bicarbonate	RV-33	Sodium Bicarbonate	SB-35	No Chemistry	SA-11	No Chemistry	TU-1	Sodium Chloride
OR-2	Magnesium Bicarbonate	RV-34	Sodium Chloride	SB-36	Sodium Bicarbonate	SA-12	Sodium Chloride	TU-2	Sodium Mixed Anions
OR-3	No Chemistry	RV-35	Sodium Chloride	SAN DIEGO COUNTY		SA-13	Sodium Chloride	TU-3	No Chemistry
		RV-36	Sodium Chloride	SD-1	Sodium Mixed Anions	SANTA CLARA COUNTY		TU-4	Sodium Bicarbonate
		RV-37	Sodium Chloride	SD-2	Sodium Mixed Anions	SC-1	Sodium Bicarbonate	TU-5	Mixed Cations Bicarbonate
		RV-38	Sodium Chloride	SD-3	Mixed Cations Bicarbonate	SC-2	Sodium Bicarbonate	TU-6	Sodium Bicarbonate
		RV-39	Sodium Chloride	SD-4	Sodium Mixed Anions	SC-3	Sodium Bicarbonate	VENTURA COUNTY	
		RV-40	Sodium Sulfate					VN-1	Sodium Mixed Anions

Table 2. Summary of Estimated Geothermometer Temperatures and Type of Thermal Waters of California

COUNTY	COUNT CODE #	SURFACE TEM. (F)	SiO ₂			Na-K			Na-K-Ca			Mg CORRECTED			WATER TYPE
			Conductive	Adiabatic	Chalcedony	Na-K	Na-K (S)	Na-K-Ca (S)	Mg CORRECTED (S)	Na-K-Ca (S)	Mg CORRECTED (S)				
ALAMEDA COUNTY	AL-1	21	88	91	57	38	-26	132	144	92	COOL	COOL	COOL	Na >> Mg >> Ca >> K	
	AL-2*	27	85	88	54	35	-19	10	42	13	NONE	NONE	NONE	Na >> Ca >> Mg >> K	
ALPINE COUNTY	AP-1	64	137	133	110	87	17	102	133	117	NONE	NONE	NONE	Na >> Ca >> K >> Mg	
COLUSA COUNTY	CO-1	24	137	133	110	87	17	67	125	194	COOL	COOL	COOL	Na >> Mg >> Ca >> K	
	CO-2	69	157	149	133	107	35	142	241	675	155	476	464	Na >> K >> Mg >> Ca	
	CO-3	55	180	188	159	130	56	133	240	781	98	484	484	Na >> K >> Mg >> Ca	
	CO-4	21	55	62	23	7	-53	77	119	130	NONE	NONE	NONE	Na >> Ca >> Mg >> K	
	CO-5	51	48	55	15	0	-59	65	111	128	49	46	46	Na >> Ca >> Mg >> K	
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY	CC-1	24	137	133	110	87	17	133	153	119	30	34	34	Na >> Ca >> Mg >> K	
	CC-2*	23	69	74	37	19	-42	30	70	62	NONE	NONE	NONE	Na >> Ca >> K	
	CC-3*	23	57	64	75	9	-51	30	70	63	NONE	NONE	NONE	Na >> Ca >> Mg >> K	
	CC-4	21	55	62	23	7	-53	77	119	130	NONE	NONE	NONE	Na >> Ca >> Mg >> K	
	CC-5	51	48	55	15	0	-59	65	111	128	49	46	46	Na >> Ca >> Mg >> K	
ELDORADO COUNTY	ED-2*	24	69	74	37	19	-42	97	109	50	61	-	-	Na >> Ca >> Mg >> K	
FRESNO COUNTY	FR-3	43	111	110	81	60	-7	102	122	79	NONE	NONE	NONE	Na >> Ca >> Mg >> K	
	FR-4	43	103	103	73	52	-13	94	109	58	NONE	NONE	NONE	Na >> Ca >> Mg >> K	
	FR-5*	48	120	118	91	69	1	50	93	97	NONE	NONE	NONE	Na >> Ca >> Mg >> K	
	FR-6	24	132	128	105	81	12	47	95	117	COOL	COOL	COOL	Na >> Ca >> Mg >> K	
	FR-7*	31	109	109	79	58	-8	60	99	97	NONE	NONE	NONE	Na >> Ca >> Mg >> K	
GLENN COUNTY	GL-1	24	153	146	128	103	32	68	144	314	COOL	COOL	COOL	Na >> Mg >> Ca >> K	
IMPERIAL COUNTY	IM-1	46	-	-	-	-	-	38	81	87	NONE	NONE	NONE	Na >> Ca >> Mg >> K	
	IM-2*	28	83	87	52	33	-30	69	101	80	95	90	90	Na >> Ca >> Mg >> K	
	IM-3	27	-	-	-	-	-	39	81	80	69	69	69	Na >> Ca >> Mg >> K	
	IM-4	38	85	88	54	35	-29	53	110	171	45	40	40	Na >> Ca >> Mg >> K	
	IM-5	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	75	92	52	45	45	Na >> Ca >> Mg >> K	
	IM-6	33	-	-	-	-	-	41	-	-	NONE	NONE	NONE	Na >> Ca >> Mg >> K	
	IM-7	58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NONE	NONE	NONE	Na >> Ca >> Mg >> K	
	IM-8	39	-	-	-	-	-	21	61	54	NONE	NONE	NONE	Na >> Ca >> Mg >> K	
	IM-9	31	62	67	29	12	-48	-	-	-	NONE	NONE	NONE	Na >> Ca >> Mg >> K	

* Samples with 850 or more pH. In these samples, the dissociation of silicic acid may account for higher temperatures estimated from the quartz or chalcedony geothermometer relative to the Na-K-Ca geothermometer.

Table 2. Summary of Estimated Geothermometer Temperatures and Type of Thermal Waters of California — Continued

Table with columns: COUNTY CODE NUMBER, RECENT SURFACE TEMP. (°C), SILICA (Conductive, Adiabatic, Chalcedony, α-Cristobalite, Amorphous), Na-K-Ca (Na-K, Na-K-Ca (%), Na-K-Ca (%)), Mg CORRECTED (Na-K-Ca (%), Na-K-Ca (%)), and WATER TYPE. Rows include Imperial County samples IM-10* through IM-62.

* Samples with 8.50 or more pH. In these samples, the dissociation of silicic acid may account for higher temperatures estimated from the quartz or chalcedony geothermometer relative to the Na-K-Ca geothermometer.

Table 2. Summary of Estimated Geothermometer Temperatures and Type of Thermal Waters of California — Continued

Table with columns: COUNTY CODE NUMBER, RECENT SURFACE TEMP. (°C), SILICA (Conductive, Adiabatic, Chalcedony, α-Cristobalite, Amorphous), Na-K-Ca (Na-K, Na-K-Ca (%), Na-K-Ca (%)), Mg CORRECTED (Na-K-Ca (%), Na-K-Ca (%)), and WATER TYPE. Rows include Imperial County samples IM-63 through IM-99.

* Samples with 8.50 or more pH. In these samples, the dissociation of silicic acid may account for higher temperatures estimated from the quartz or chalcedony geothermometer relative to the Na-K-Ca geothermometer.

Table 2. Summary of Estimated Geothermometer Temperatures and Type of Thermal Waters of California — Continued

Table with columns: COUNTY CODE NUMBER, RECENT SURFACE TEMP. (°C), SILICA (Conductive, Adiabatic, Chalcedony, α-Cristobalite, Amorphous), Na-K-Ca (Na-K, Na-K-Ca (%), Na-K-Ca (%), Mg CORRECTED Na-K-Ca (%), Na-K-Ca (%)), and WATER TYPE. Rows include Imperial County (IM-100 to IM-141) and Inyo County (IN-1* to IN-27).

Table 2. Summary of Estimated Geothermometer Temperatures and Type of Thermal Waters of California — Continued

Table with columns: COUNTY CODE NUMBER, RECENT SURFACE TEMP. (°C), SILICA (Conductive, Adiabatic, Chalcedony, α-Cristobalite, Amorphous), Na-K-Ca (Na-K, Na-K-Ca (%), Na-K-Ca (%), Mg CORRECTED Na-K-Ca (%), Na-K-Ca (%)), and WATER TYPE. Rows include Inyo County (IN-1* to IN-27) and Kern County (KR-1 to KR-9*).

* Samples with 8.50 or more pH. In these samples, the dissociation of silicic acid may account for higher temperatures estimated from the quartz or chalcedony geothermometer relative to the Na-K-Ca geothermometer.

Table 2. Summary of Estimated Geothermometer Temperatures and Type of Thermal Waters of California — Continued

Table with columns: COUNTY CODE NUMBER, RECENT SURFACE TEMP. (°C), SILICA (Conductive, Adiabatic, Chalcedony, α-Cristobalite, Amorphous), Na-K-Ca (Na-K, Na-K-Ca (%), Na-K-Ca (%), Mg CORRECTED), WATER TYPE. Rows include Kern County (KR-10* to KR-18), Lake County (LK-1 to LK-25), and Lassen County (LS-1 to LS-22).

* Samples with 8.50 or more pH. In these samples, the dissociation of silicic acid may account for higher temperatures estimated from the quartz or chalcedony geothermometer relative to the Na-K-Ca geothermometer.

Table 2. Summary of Estimated Geothermometer Temperatures and Type of Thermal Waters of California — Continued

Table with columns: COUNTY CODE NUMBER, RECENT SURFACE TEMP. (°C), SILICA (Conductive, Adiabatic, Chalcedony, α-Cristobalite, Amorphous), Na-K-Ca (Na-K, Na-K-Ca (%), Na-K-Ca (%), Mg CORRECTED), WATER TYPE. Rows include Los Angeles County (LA-1* to LA-14*), Madera County (MA-1), Marin County (MR-1), Mendocino County (MN-1 to MN-7*), Merced County (MC-1 to MC-3*), and Modoc County (MD-3* to MD-4).

* Samples with 8.50 or more pH. In these samples, the dissociation of silicic acid may account for higher temperatures estimated from the quartz or chalcedony geothermometer relative to the Na-K-Ca geothermometer.

Table 2. Summary of Estimated Geothermometer Temperatures and Type of Thermal Waters of California — Continued

Table with columns: COUNTY CODE NUMBER, RECENT SURFACE TEMP. (°C), SILICA (Conductive, Adiabatic, Chalcedony, α-Cristobalite, Amorphous), Na-K-Ca (Na-K, Na-K-Ca (%), Na-K-Ca (%)), Mg CORRECTED (Na-K-Ca (%), Na-K-Ca (%)), and WATER TYPE. Rows include MODOC COUNTY (MD-5 to MD-35) and MONO COUNTY (MO-1* to MO-26).

* Samples with 8.50 or more pH. In these samples, the dissociation of silicic acid may account for higher temperatures estimated from the quartz or chalcedony geothermometer relative to the Na-K-Ca geothermometer.

Table 2. Summary of Estimated Geothermometer Temperatures and Type of Thermal Waters of California — Continued

Table with columns: COUNTY CODE NUMBER, RECENT SURFACE TEMP. (°C), SILICA (Conductive, Adiabatic, Chalcedony, α-Cristobalite, Amorphous), Na-K-Ca (Na-K, Na-K-Ca (%), Na-K-Ca (%)), Mg CORRECTED (Na-K-Ca (%), Na-K-Ca (%)), and WATER TYPE. Rows include MONO COUNTY (MO-27 to MO-31), MONTEREY COUNTY (MT-4* to MT-9*), NAPA COUNTY (NA-1 to NA-15), ORANGE COUNTY (OR-1 to OR-11*), PLACER COUNTY (PC-1*), and PLUMAS COUNTY (PL-2 to PL-11).

* Samples with 8.50 or more pH. In these samples, the dissociation of silicic acid may account for higher temperatures estimated from the quartz or chalcedony geothermometer relative to the Na-K-Ca geothermometer.

Table 2. Summary of Estimated Geothermometer Temperatures and Type of Thermal Waters of California — Continued

Table with columns: COUNTY CODE NUMBER, RECENT SURFACE TEMP. (°C), SIUCA (Conductive, Adiabatic, Chalcedony, Cristobalite, Amorphous), Na-K-Ca (Na-K, Na-K-Ca (%), Na-K-Ca (%), Mg CORRECTED), and WATER TYPE. Rows include PLUMAS COUNTY (PL-12 to PL-17) and RIVERSIDE COUNTY (RV-1* to RV-34*).

* Samples with 8.50 or more pH. In these samples, the dissociation of silicic acid may account for higher temperatures estimated from the quartz or chalcedony geothermometer relative to the Na-K-Ca geothermometer.

Table 2. Summary of Estimated Geothermometer Temperatures and Type of Thermal Waters of California — Continued

Table with columns: COUNTY CODE NUMBER, RECENT SURFACE TEMP. (°C), SIUCA (Conductive, Adiabatic, Chalcedony, Cristobalite, Amorphous), Na-K-Ca (Na-K, Na-K-Ca (%), Na-K-Ca (%), Mg CORRECTED), and WATER TYPE. Rows include RIVERSIDE COUNTY (RV-35* to RV-67) and SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY (SB-1* to SB-17).

* Samples with 8.50 or more pH. In these samples, the dissociation of silicic acid may account for higher temperatures estimated from the quartz or chalcedony geothermometer relative to the Na-K-Ca geothermometer.

Table 2. Summary of Estimated Geothermometer Temperatures and Type of Thermal Waters of California — Continued

Table with columns: COUNTY CODE NUMBER, RECENT SURFACE TEMP. (°C), SILICA (Conductive, Adiabatic, Chalcadony, α-Cristobalite, Amorphous), Na-K-Ca (Na-K, Na-K-Ca (%), Na-K-Ca (%)), Mg CORRECTED (Na-K-Ca (%), Na-K-Ca (%)), WATER TYPE. Rows include SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, SAN DIEGO COUNTY, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY, and SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY.

* Samples with 8.50 or more pH. In these samples, the dissociation of silicic acid may account for higher temperatures estimated from the quartz or chalcadony geothermometer relative to the Na-K-Ca geothermometer.

Table 2. Summary of Estimated Geothermometer Temperatures and Type of Thermal Waters of California — Continued

Table with columns: COUNTY CODE NUMBER, RECENT SURFACE TEMP. (°C), SILICA (Conductive, Adiabatic, Chalcadony, α-Cristobalite, Amorphous), Na-K-Ca (Na-K, Na-K-Ca (%), Na-K-Ca (%)), Mg CORRECTED (Na-K-Ca (%), Na-K-Ca (%)), WATER TYPE. Rows include SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, SANTA CLARA COUNTY, SANTA CRUZ COUNTY, SHASTA COUNTY, and SIERRA COUNTY.

* Samples with 8.50 or more pH. In these samples, the dissociation of silicic acid may account for higher temperatures estimated from the quartz or chalcadony geothermometer relative to the Na-K-Ca geothermometer.

Table 2. Summary of Estimated Geothermometer Temperatures and Type of Thermal Waters of California — Continued

COUNTY CODE NUMBER	RECENT SURFACE TEMP. (°C)	SILICA					Na-K-Ca					WATER TYPE
		Conductive	Adiabatic	Chalcedony	α-Cristobalite	Amorphous	Na-K	Na-K-Ca (%)	Na-K-Ca (%)	Mg CORRECTED		
										Na-K-Ca (%)	Na-K-Ca (%)	
SISKIYOU COUNTY												
SK-1*	29	101	102	71	50	-15	49	78	48	NONE	NONE	Na >>> Ca >>> K Cl >> CO ₃ >> SO ₄ >> HCO ₃ >>> F
SK-2	24	122	120	93	71	3	99	146	192	61	65	Na >>> Ca >> K >> Mg Cl >> HCO ₃ >>> SO ₄
SK-3	69	126	124	99	76	7	50	80	52	NONE	NONE	Na >>> Ca >>> K >> Mg Cl >> SO ₄
SK-4	28	-	-	-	-	-	96	112	61	NONE	NONE	Na >>> Ca >> K >> Mg HCO ₃ >> Cl >>> SO ₄
SK-7	84	184	172	164	135	60	250	-	-	NONE	NONE	Mg >> Na >> K SO ₄ >>> Cl >>> F
SOLANO COUNTY												
SO-1	20	119	117	90	68	1	100	151	199	29	31	Na >>> Ca >> Mg >> K Cl >> HCO ₃ >>> SO ₄ >>> F
SO-3	23	107	107	78	57	-9	73	-	-	NONE	NONE	Na >>> Mg >>> K >>> Ca HCO ₃ >> Cl >>> SO ₄ >> F
SONOMA COUNTY												
SN-2	100	188	175	168	139	64	308	203	39	COOL	COOL	Mg >>> Ca >>> Na >> K SO ₄ >>> Cl
SN-5	55	154	147	129	103	32	107	156	201	81	89	Na >>> K >> Ca >> Mg HCO ₃ >>> Cl >>> F >> SO ₄
SN-6*	31	140	135	114	89	19	198	162	48	17	-	Ca = Na >> Mg >> K HCO ₃ >>> Cl >> CO ₃ >>> SO ₄ >> F
SN-7	23	130	127	103	80	11	204	167	53	COOL	COOL	Na >> Ca >> Mg >> K HCO ₃ >>> SO ₄ >> Cl >>> F
SN-8	29	129	126	101	78	10	192	184	111	57	59	Na >>> Ca >> K >> Mg HCO ₃ >> Cl >>> SO ₄
SN-9*	21	123	121	95	72	4	214	193	104	34	41	Na >>> Ca >> K >> Mg HCO ₃ >> Cl >> SO ₄ >>> CO ₃ >>> F
SN-10	46	117	116	89	67	-1	248	241	193	85	73	Na >>> K >>> Ca >> Mg Cl >> CO ₃ >> SO ₄
SN-12	44	134	130	107	83	14	125	155	144	124	120	Na >>> K >> Ca >> Mg Cl >> HCO ₃ >>> SO ₄ = F
SN-13	28	-	-	-	-	-	86	118	103	COOL	COOL	Na >>> Mg >> K = Ca HCO ₃ >>> Cl >> SO ₄
STANISLAUS COUNTY												
ST-1	23	78	82	47	28	-34	44	64	14	NONE	NONE	Ca >> Na >>> K SO ₄ >> Cl >>> HCO ₃ >> CO ₃ >> F
TEHAMA COUNTY												
TH-1	95	191	177	171	141	66	201	229	251	228	251	Na >>> K >> Ca >>> Mg Cl >>> SO ₄ >> HCO ₃ >>> F
TH-2	96	166	156	142	115	43	198	223	229	221	227	Na >>> K >> Ca >>> Mg Cl >>> SO ₄ >> HCO ₃
TH-3	29	53	60	21	4	-55	44	119	276	42	58	Na >>> K >>> Ca >> Mg Cl >>> HCO ₃ >>> CO ₃ >>> F
TH-4*	38	96	97	66	46	-19	49	79	49	NONE	NONE	Na >>> Ca >>> K Cl >>> CO ₃ >> SO ₄ >> HCO ₃ >> F
TULARE COUNTY												
TU-1	43	116	115	87	65	-2	101	121	79	NONE	NONE	Na >>> Ca >>> K >>> Mg Cl >> SO ₄ >> HCO ₃
TU-4	22	128	125	100	77	8	104	125	86	57	67	Na >>> Ca >>> Mg >> K HCO ₃ >> Cl >>> F >> SO ₄
TU-5	21	105	106	76	55	-11	199	159	40	47	-	Na = Ca >> Mg >> K HCO ₃ >>> Cl >> SO ₄ >>> F
TU-6	45	91	93	60	40	-24	145	139	56	129	-	Na >> Ca >>> K >> Mg HCO ₃ >> Cl >> CO ₃ >> SO ₄ >>> F
VENTURA COUNTY												
VN-1	32	-	-	-	-	-	104	118	64	73	-	Na >>> Ca >>> Mg >> K HCO ₃ = Cl >> SO ₄ >>> F
VN-2*	42	97	98	67	47	-18	61	96	81	94	-	Na >>> Ca >>> K >> Mg HCO ₃ >>> Cl >> SO ₄ >> CO ₃ >> F

* Samples with 8.50 or more pH. In these samples, the dissociation of silicic acid may account for higher temperatures estimated from the quartz or chalcedony geothermometer relative to the Na-K-Ca geothermometer.

Table 2. Summary of Estimated Geothermometer Temperatures and Type of Thermal Waters of California — Continued

COUNTY CODE NUMBER	RECENT SURFACE TEMP. (°C)	SILICA					Na-K-Ca					WATER TYPE
		Conductive	Adiabatic	Chalcedony	α-Cristobalite	Amorphous	Na-K	Na-K-Ca (%)	Na-K-Ca (%)	Mg CORRECTED		
										Na-K-Ca (%)	Na-K-Ca (%)	
VENTURA COUNTY (Continued)												
VN-3	90	123	129	105	82	13	131	155	130	142	115	Na >>> Ca >>> K >> Mg Cl = SO ₄ >> HCO ₃ >>> F
VN-4	51	107	107	78	57	-9	116	138	106	109	106	Na >>> Ca >>> K >>> Mg Cl >>> HCO ₃ >> SO ₄ >>> F
VN-5*	39	81	84	49	31	-32	57	98	98	NONE	NONE	Na >>> Ca >> K >>> Mg HCO ₃ >> Cl >>> SO ₄ >> CO ₃ >>> F
VN-7	44	91	93	60	40	-24	50	77	42	NONE	NONE	Na >>> Ca >>> K HCO ₃ >>> SO ₄ >> Cl >>> F

* Samples with 8.50 or more pH. In these samples, the dissociation of silicic acid may account for higher temperatures estimated from the quartz or chalcedony geothermometer relative to the Na-K-Ca geothermometer.

"Conductive" refers to the quartz saturation temperature assuming no steam loss during cooling (conductive cooling). "Adiabatic" refers to the quartz saturation temperature assuming maximum steam loss during cooling (adiabatic cooling). No correction has been made for dissociation of dissolved silica at high pH (7.0-8.5).

In the Na-K-Ca geothermometers, the concentrations of constituents are in molality. The data given in Table 1 are reported in mg/L and provisions for appropriate conversions are included in the GEOTHERM computer program from which the data were drawn (Rappport, 1982). The following computations for Na-K and Na-K-Ca geothermometers are used:

$$\text{Na-K } T^{\circ}\text{C} = \frac{1217}{\log(\text{Na/K}) + 1.483} - 273.15$$

$$\text{Na-K-Ca } T^{\circ}\text{C} = \frac{1647}{\log(\text{Na/K}) + \beta \log(\sqrt{\text{Ca/Na}}) + 2.24} - 273.15$$

Magnesium is also one of the constituents in the thermal waters and therefore a correction for magnesium should be applied to the Na-K-Ca geothermometer. Details of the magnesium correction methods are described by Fournier and Potter II (1978), and Fournier (1979).

When the estimated temperature from the Na-K-Ca geothermometer is less than 70°C, the magnesium correction is not needed.

Use of the following magnesium correction computation is made only when Na-K-Ca estimated temperatures are above 70°C and when "R" values are between 5 and 50:

$$\Delta t_{\text{mg}} = a_1 - b_1 R + c_1 (\log R)^2 - d_1 \frac{(\log R)^2}{T} - e_1 \frac{(\log R)^2}{T^2} + f_1 \frac{(\log R)^3}{T^2}$$

Where: " Δt_{mg} " is the temperature converted in °C, which is to be subtracted from the respective estimated Na-K-Ca temperatures;

"R" is the percent Mg/(Mg+Ca+K) in equivalents;
"T" is absolute temperature (°K), which is obtained by adding 273 to the respective Na-K-Ca estimated temperature;

$$\begin{aligned} "a_1" &= 10.66; \\ "b_1" &= 4.7415 \\ "c_1" &= 325.867; \\ "d_1" &= 1.0321 \times 10^5; \\ "e_1" &= 1.9683 \times 10^7; \text{ and} \\ "f_1" &= 1.6053 \times 10^7. \end{aligned}$$

In cases where the estimated temperatures for the Na-K-Ca geothermometer are above 70°C and "R" values are less than 5, then the following computation for magnesium correction is used:

$$\Delta t_{\text{mg}} = -a_2 + b_2 (\log R) + c_2 (\log R)^2 - d_2 \frac{(\log R)^2}{T} - e_2 \frac{(\log R)^2}{T^2}$$

Where:

$$\begin{aligned} "a_2" &= 1.029-95; \\ "b_2" &= 59.97116; \\ "c_2" &= 145.049; \end{aligned}$$

*If the number obtained from the $\log(\sqrt{\text{Ca/Na}})$ calculation is negative, use $\beta = 1/3$; If the number is positive, use $\beta = 4/3$.

$$\begin{aligned} "d_2" &= 36711.6; \text{ and} \\ "e_2" &= 1.67516 \times 10^7 \end{aligned}$$

In either case, if the corrected computation comes to a negative value, the correction is not applied to the Na-K-Ca geothermometer estimated value.

When the "R" value is less than 0.5, no magnesium correction is calculated and "NONE" is written.

When the "R" value is greater than 50, the water is interpreted as "COOL" and the measured temperature is likely to be more valid than the calculated Na-K-Ca temperature.

When the "R" value is found to be between 0.5 and 50, the geothermometer temperature is considered to be too high and will require reduction by the appropriate correction.

The Mg-corrected estimated temperatures for Na-K-Ca (1/3) and Na-K-Ca (4/3) geothermometer should be used, wherever available, instead of non-corrected Na-K-Ca (1/3) and Na-K-Ca (4/3) temperatures.

WATER TYPE

Water type given in Table 2 for each of the analyzed springs and wells is calculated on the "weight" basis. The following is an explanation of the symbols and procedure of calculation used for determining the water type. In the explanation the symbols "A" and "B" are substituted for various cations and anions:

- A = B meaning "A" approximately equals "B" in concentrations;
A ≥ B meaning "A" is 1 to 1.2 times the concentration of "B";
A > B meaning "A" is 1.2 to 3 times the concentration of "B";
A >> B meaning "A" is 3 to 10 times the concentration of "B"; and
A >>> B meaning "A" is more than 10 times the concentration of "B".

The waters of thermal springs and wells shown on this map have been grouped into five main classes by comparing the relative concentrations of chemical constituents in waters (Table 3). The classes are named after the dominant cation and anion present in the water. To consider the dominance of a cation or anion, the mg/L values of the constituents were converted to milliequivalents per liter (meq/L) or equivalent parts per million (epm). When a cation or anion is present in 50 percent or more in quantity, that water is assigned to the class named after that cation and anion. The term "mixed" is used to describe the water where no one cation or anion dominates (Table 1a).

STATISTICAL SUMMARIES

The statewide statistical summary of the chemical characteristics of the thermal springs and wells of California is given in Table 3. This table lists the number of thermal springs and wells of each class that occurs in each geomorphic/geologic/geochemical province. The main classes of water present in California thermal springs and wells are sodium-chloride, sodium-bicarbonate, sodium-sulfate, magnesium-bicarbonate, and others. The "others" class is further divided into the subclasses magnesium-sulfate, calcium-chloride, calcium-bicarbonate, calcium-sulfate, sodium-mixed anions, calcium-mixed anions, mixed cations-chloride, mixed cations-bicarbonate, mixed cations-sulfate, and mixed cations-mixed anions.

Due to the complexity of the geochemical relations, it is very

Table 3. Statewide Statistical Summary of the Chemical Characteristics of the Thermal Waters of California.

GEOMORPHIC/GEOLOGIC /GEOCHEMICAL PROVINCES OF CALIFORNIA	GREAT VALLEY OF CALIFORNIA	SIERRA NEVADA	CASCADE RANGE	MODOC PLATEAU	KLAMATH MOUNTAINS	COAST RANGES	TRANSVERSE RANGES	PENINSULAR RANGES (+LA Basin)	COLORADO DESERT	MOJAVE DESERT	BASIN RANGES	ALL THERMAL SPRINGS AND WELLS	% of TOTAL
Thermal Springs	1	34	17	19	2	98	17	22	11	8	61	290	44.4
Thermal Wells	2	17	1	19	--	34	14	64	150	35	27	363	55.6
Nonanalyzed Springs/Wells	1	16	7	25	--	34	10	17	25	2	22	159	24.4
Partially Analyzed Springs and Wells	--	2	--	--	--	2	--	12	5	11	1	33	5.0
Analyzed Springs/Wells	2	33	11	13	2	96	21	57	131	30	65	461	70.6
CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS													
1. Sodium Chloride	1	12	6	1	1	30	2	10	87	14	7	171	37.1
2. Sodium Bicarbonate	1	15	1	2	--	33	7	9	24	1	23	116	25.2
3. Sodium Sulfate	--	--	--	9	1	3	7	2	3	5	8	38	8.2
4. Magnesium Bicarbonate	--	--	--	--	--	7	--	1	--	--	--	8	1.7
5. Others	--	--	1	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	1	3	0.7
a. Magnesium Sulfate	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	1	0.2
b. Calcium Chloride	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	--	--	--	1	0.2
c. Calcium Bicarbonate	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	--	1	1	4	0.9
d. Calcium Sulfate	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	2	3	0.7
e. Sodium-Mixed Anions	--	5	--	--	--	6	3	10	17	9	21	71	15.4
f. Calcium-Mixed Anions	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	1	0.2
g. Mixed Cations-Chloride	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	--	--	1	4	0.9
h. Mixed Cations-Bicarbonate	--	1	--	1	--	8	--	9	--	--	--	19	4.0
i. Mixed Cations-Sulfate	--	--	3	--	--	5	1	3	--	--	1	13	2.8
j. Mixed Cations-Mixed Anions	--	--	--	--	--	2	--	7	--	--	--	9	2.0

Table 4. Ranges used for the Convenience of Discussion of Tables 5 through 8.

BORON (mg/L)	TEMPERATURE (°C)	pH	TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS (mg/L)
>20 High	>50 Very warm to hot	>10.00 Strongly Basic	>10,000 Very High
Between 5-20 Medium	Between 30-49 Moderately warm	Between 8.00-10.00 Moderately Basic	Between 3,000-9,999 High
<5 Low	Between 20-29 Slightly warm	Between 7.50-8.00 Slightly Basic	Between 1,000-2,999 Medium
		Between 6.50-7.50 Neutral	Between 0-999 Low
		Between 6.00-6.50 Slightly Acidic	
		Between 4.00-6.00 Moderately Acidic	
		<4.00 Strongly Acidic	

difficult to compare the various waters* in relation to geology. The detailed geology of each locality is reflected to some extent in the types of waters found there. The water source in special cases, like structurally complex fault zones or structurally simple clastic marine sediments, can make great differences in the chemical content of the waters. Without doubt, the structurally chaotic Franciscan terrane issues very unusual waters, especially from serpentinite and its related rocks.

A general relationship between the composition of waters and the minerals present in the rocks in contact with the waters is to be expected. This relationship may be simple or complex, depending on various factors such as whether or not the aquifer receives direct recharge by rainfall, whether water is being discharged without contacting any other aquifer, whether there is influence from one or more interconnected aquifers of different composition, and whether chemical reactions such as cation exchange, adsorption of dissolved ions, or biological influences take place. Thus, composition of the water can be related to the lithology in the area in which a spring or well occurs and its constituents are most likely derived from the solution of minerals in rocks and soils. These constituents are dissolved silica and the cations. The anions in rainfall are also balanced by the cations, for example H^+ . For the most part, the constituent anions may have been derived from nonlithologic sources. The common example of such a nonlithologic derivation is the bicarbonate. The bicarbonate present in most waters is derived mainly from carbon dioxide of the air which has been extracted and liberated in the soil by biochemical activities. Chloride and sulfate are derived through the direct solution of some of the rocks. Atmospheric chloride influences the anion content in many waters. The circulation of sulfate is greatly influenced by biologically triggered oxidation and reduction.

The above discussion about the sources of the anions is generally for dilute waters. The geothermal waters with higher concentrations of CO_2 ($HCO_3^- + H_2CO_3$) must be generated from unspecified sources at depth, either in the lower crust or possibly in the upper mantle. It is quite possible that due to weathering processes, CO_2 may be generated at relatively shallow depths.

Barnes and others (1981) have discussed the geochemical evidence, based on the chemistry of the thermal waters, for the nature of the basement rocks of the Sierra Nevada. They have given an account of the work done by others on the relationships between the chemistry of thermal waters and the lithology. The evidence for the nature of the unexposed rocks at depth in the Sierra Nevada and Klamath mountains is supplied by the chemical and isotopic composition of the waters collected from the thermal springs. Heat production by radioactive decay in the granitic rocks of the Sierra Nevada is high relative to heat flow (Lachenbruch, 1968; Lachenbruch and Sass, 1977; both cf. Barnes and others, 1981). This suggests that less heat production is taking place in the rocks underlying the granitic batholith, which, in turn, suggests that the chemical composition of the rocks of the Sierra Nevada changes with depth.

From this study, Barnes and others (1981) concluded that the carbon dioxide-rich waters of the Sierra Nevada required non-granitic rocks at some depth in the batholith to explain their chemical characteristics. That nongranitic rocks may be present at depth in the batholith is suggested by the fact that igneous rocks intrude metamorphic rocks originating from marine sediments. All the carbon isotope data indicate that the CO_2 is from a deep source, possibly the mantle. Chloride, bromide, iodide, boron, and ammonia concentrations also show that metamorphic rocks of a marine clastic origin exist at depth.

From the silica and magnesium contents, they concluded that the waters have reacted at shallow depths with unexposed serpentinite at lower temperatures.

Carbon dioxide-rich waters react with lizardite and chrysotile serpentinite in the Coast Ranges to form silica-carbonate rocks (Barnes and others, 1973). The presence of serpentinite in the Coast Ranges and the Sierra Nevada is shown by the amorphous silica saturation and high magnesium content in some of the CO_2 springs. But the fact remains that magnesium contents in such carbon dioxide-rich springs of the Coast Ranges are higher than those in the Sierra Nevada at the same silica range, pH, and temperature. The serpentinite mineral in the Sierra Nevada is less soluble than the lizardite and chrysotile of the Coast Ranges, thus it is antigorite.

The summary of the water quality of the geothermal area is the type of water-analysis interpretation one most commonly expects from the hydrogeochemist. Such an interpretation should convey water-quality information in the manner in which it can be understood by all readers.

GEOHERMAL PROVINCES

Usually a map depicting the quality of thermal spring and well water is prepared by entering numbers or symbols at spring or well locations to represent temperature, flow rate, depth, pH, concentrations of predominant cation-anion constituents, and total dissolved solids. Many of the wells are open to more than one aquifer and in some instances the water of an aquifer may vary in composition with the depth. These variations change the water quality. To develop an idea of the relationships of water chemistry to provinces, locations of thermal springs and wells were plotted on a map of California and colored with symbols depicting different chemical characteristics. The geomorphic/geologic provinces of California were then overlaid and were modified to reflect the chemical characteristics of the thermal waters. The resulting geomorphic/geologic/geochemical provinces map is shown in Figure 4. The boundaries of the provinces are very crude so far as the nomenclature "geochemical" is concerned. The data throughout the state of California are only for thermal waters and are not sufficient to draw exact lines for "geochemical provinces."

There are eleven geomorphic/geologic/geochemical provinces in California (Figure 4). They are the Great Valley, the Sierra Nevada, the Cascade Range, the Modoc Plateau, the Klamath Mountains, the Coast Ranges (northern and southern), the Transverse Ranges, the Peninsular Ranges with the Los Angeles basin, the Colorado Desert, the Mojave Desert, and the Basin and Range provinces. For the sake of describing these provinces briefly from the point of view of their geologic growth, they were combined by Jenkins (1950) into five groups of somewhat similar physical features. Group I includes three mountainous areas—the Sierra Nevada, the Klamath Mountains, and the Peninsular Ranges. These mountains provided sediments which filled the basins during the Cretaceous and Tertiary periods. These basin areas were subsequently raised, folded, and faulted, and became the present-day Coast Ranges and Transverse Ranges, thus forming Group II. Group III includes the Great Valley and the Colorado Desert provinces. Many later workers have included the Colorado Desert province along with the Mojave Desert and the Basin and Range provinces to form Group V. In the present study, we have followed this procedure and included the Colorado Desert province in Group V. Group IV includes the Modoc Plateau and the Cascade Range provinces.

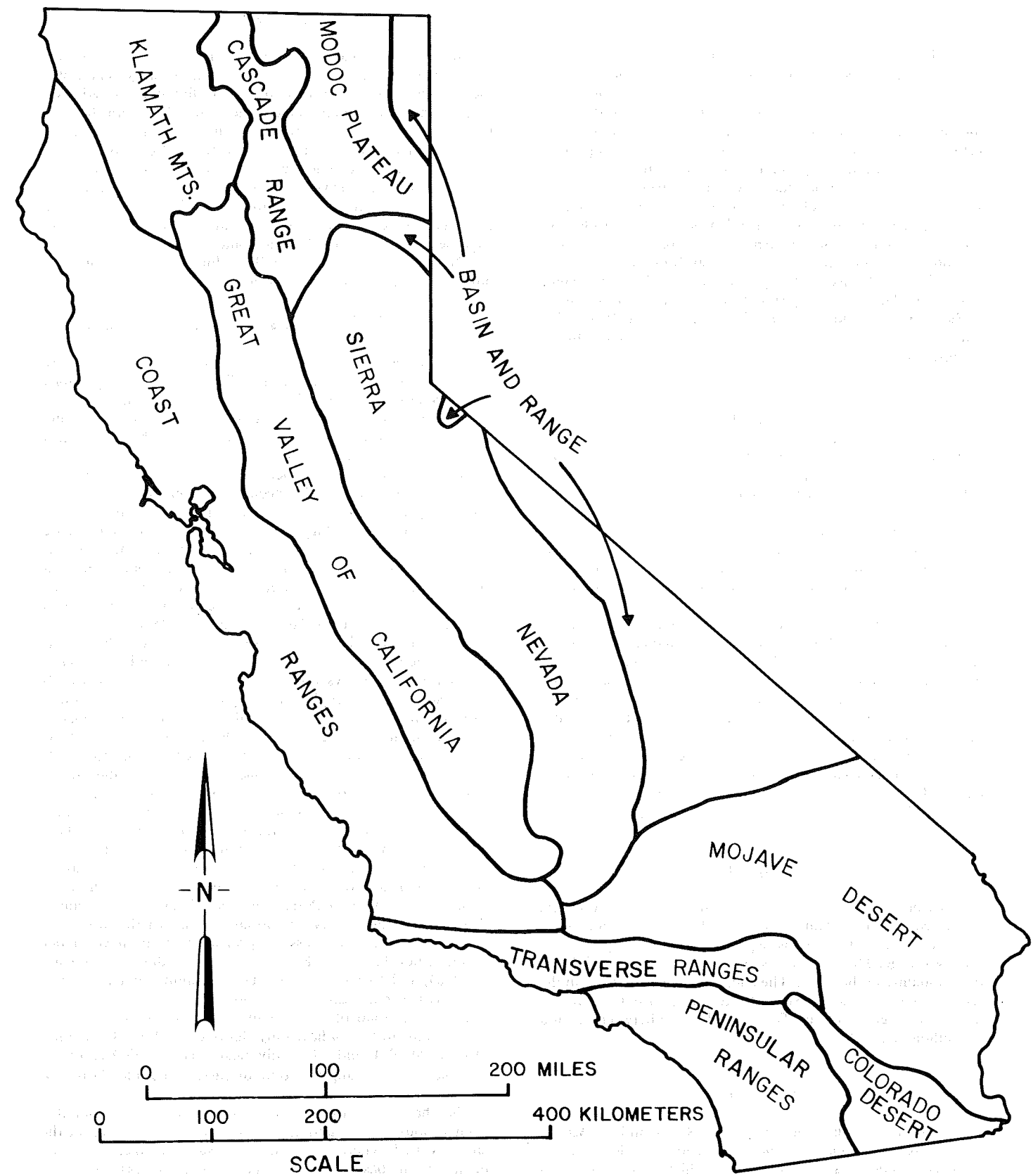


Figure 4. Geomorphic/geologic/geochemical provinces of California.

*Some authors prefer to use the word "fluids" for geothermal waters. For the sake of simplicity, we have used the word "waters" throughout the text. The term "fluids" includes the gas and liquid phases and the supercritical state of water.

characteristic for the specific region. Thus, the mean may be larger or smaller than the median. "Mean" is the arithmetic average of a group of samples; "median" is a measure of central tendency, being the value which is less than the value observed in 50% of the cases and greater than the value observed in 50% of the cases. From the statistical point of view, the median values should represent the correct generalization of a group of values because it is relatively insensitive to the presence of one or two very large or very small values.

Sodium-chloride type water is considered associated with geothermal activity. In California, this type of water contains relatively high concentrations of sodium, chloride, and boron ions.

The sodium-bicarbonate type water contains high concentrations of sodium and bicarbonate ions with moderate amounts of chloride ions. Boron is present in the same proportions as in sodium-chloride type waters. Sodium-sulfate type water contains high concentrations of sodium and sulfate with moderate amounts of chloride ions and smaller amounts of bicarbonate ions. Magnesium-bicarbonate type water contains high concentrations of magnesium and bicarbonate with only moderate amounts of sodium and chloride ions.

Tables 5 through 8 list the statistical data by province.

As two provinces, the Great Valley and the Klamath Mountains, have only two analyzed water samples, these provinces are not considered in the listings and discussions of Tables 5 through 8.

Table 5 lists the statistical comparison of chemical characteristics and the boron content by province. Figure 5 shows boron content in thermal waters by province. All the values given for boron are in mg/L.

In the Sierra Nevada province, two types of thermal waters are present, the sodium-chloride and the sodium-bicarbonate types. Both types of waters have low boron contents. In the Cascade Range province only the sodium-chloride type of thermal water is present, which has high boron contents. In the Modoc Plateau province also, only the sodium-sulfate type of thermal water is present, which has low boron content. The Coast Ranges province has four types of thermal waters: sodium-chloride type¹ has medium to high boron content (higher boron content in the northern and medium in the southern Coast Ranges); sodium-bicarbonate type² has low to medium boron content (higher boron content in the northern and low in the southern Coast Ranges); and sodium-sulfate and magnesium-bicarbonate types have low boron contents. In the Transverse Range province, there are two types of thermal waters, sodium-bicarbonate and sodium-sulfate; both have low boron content. The Peninsular Ranges province has four types of thermal waters: sodium-chloride type, sodium-bicarbonate type, sodium-sulfate type, and calcium-bicarbonate type: all have low boron content. The Colorado Desert, Mojave Desert, and Basin and Range provinces have three types of thermal waters: sodium-chloride type, sodium-bicarbonate type, and sodium-sulfate type. In the Colorado Desert province, the sodium-chloride type³ has low to high boron content; the sodium-bicarbonate and sodium-sulfate types have low boron content. In the Mojave Desert province, the sodium-chloride and the sodium-bicarbonate types have low boron content; the sodium-sulfate type⁴ has low to high boron content. In the Basin and Range province, the sodium-chloride type has medium boron content; the sodium-bicarbonate type

has low to medium boron content; and the sodium-sulfate type has low boron content.

Table 6 lists the statistical comparison of chemical characteristics and temperatures by province. All the figures given are in degrees Celsius (°C). In the Sierra Nevada province, two types of thermal waters are present, sodium-chloride and sodium-bicarbonate types. Both types of water are moderately warm. Only the sodium-chloride type of thermal water is present in the Cascade Range province, which shows high temperatures. The Modoc Plateau province also has only sodium-sulfate type of thermal water present which also shows high temperatures. Of the four types of thermal waters in the Coast Ranges province, the sodium-chloride and magnesium-bicarbonate types are warm to moderately warm in temperature (including northern and southern Coast Ranges province) and sodium-bicarbonate and sodium-sulfate types are moderately warm in temperatures (including the northern and southern Coast Ranges). Both types of thermal waters in the Transverse Ranges, the sodium-bicarbonate and the sodium-sulfate, are moderately warm. Of the four types of thermal waters in the Peninsular Ranges province, the sodium-chloride and sodium-sulfate types are moderately warm, the sodium-bicarbonate type warm to moderately warm, and the calcium-bicarbonate type warm in temperature. Of the three types of thermal waters in the Colorado Desert, the Mojave Desert, and the Basin and Range provinces, the sodium-chloride type is moderately warm to hot, warm to moderately warm, and high in temperatures, respectively. The sodium-bicarbonate type of water is moderately warm in all the provinces. The sodium-sulfate type of water is warm in temperature in the Colorado Desert, moderately warm in the Mojave Desert, and high in the Basin and Range province.

Table 7 lists the statistical comparison of chemical characteristics and pH by province.

A 5% solution of pure sodium-chloride at 25°C gives 6.00 pH (slightly acidic). A 5% solution of pure sodium-bicarbonate at 25°C gives 9.00 pH (moderately basic). A 5% solution of sodium-sulfate at 25°C gives 7.80 pH (slightly basic). There is no pure compound like magnesium-bicarbonate available on the market, but a 5% solution at 25°C should be slightly acidic because magnesium hydroxide is a slightly weaker base than carbonic acid is an acid. In nature, the thermal waters behave differently. White and others (1963, Table 19) have reported a water having 20,000 mg/L Cl and pH of 0.40. Other pH values reported by White for chloride waters range from 1.70 to 3.20. At the other extreme, a small nonthermal spring in north-central California (Aqua de Ney) had 7,200 mg/L Cl and a pH of 11.60 (Feth, J.H., and others, 1961). Barnes and others (1972, p. 265) have reported 18,000 mg/L Cl and 12.07 pH for Complexion Spring, Lake County.

Similar abnormal situations also exist in sodium-bicarbonate, sodium-sulfate, magnesium-bicarbonate, and calcium-bicarbonate waters. This can easily explain some of the abnormal pH values in range/mean/median listings of Table 7.

Table 8 lists the statistical comparison of chemical characteristics and total dissolved solids (TDS) by province. All the figures given for total dissolved solids are in mg/L. In the Sierra Nevada province, two types of thermal waters are present, the sodium-chloride and the sodium-bicarbonate. Both the types of

¹ 37% (11 samples) of the analyses have a range of 59-400 mg/L B, and 63% (19 samples) have 0.29-50 mg/L B. Considering these two ranges as separate populations, the mean and median in the first range are 224.82 and 144.75; the same in the second range are 11.87 and 5.38 mg/L B respectively.

² 22% (9 samples) of the analyses have a range of 80-828 mg/L B, and 78% (32 samples) have 0.1 - 17 mg/L B. Considering these two ranges as separate populations, the mean and median in the first range are 365.22 and 151; the same in the second range are 3.47 and 1.17 mg/L B respectively.

³ 13% (8 samples) of the analyses have a range of 50-514 mg/L B and 87% (55 samples) have 0.2 - 13 mg/L B. Considering these two ranges as separate populations, the mean and median in the first range are 226.75 and 151.00; and the same in the second range are 3.84 and 1.83 mg/L B respectively.

⁴ One sample has 410 mg/L B, while the rest of the three samples range between 0.5 and 1.3. Because of a very high value of 410, the mean is 103.28 as opposed to only 1.30 mg/L B median.

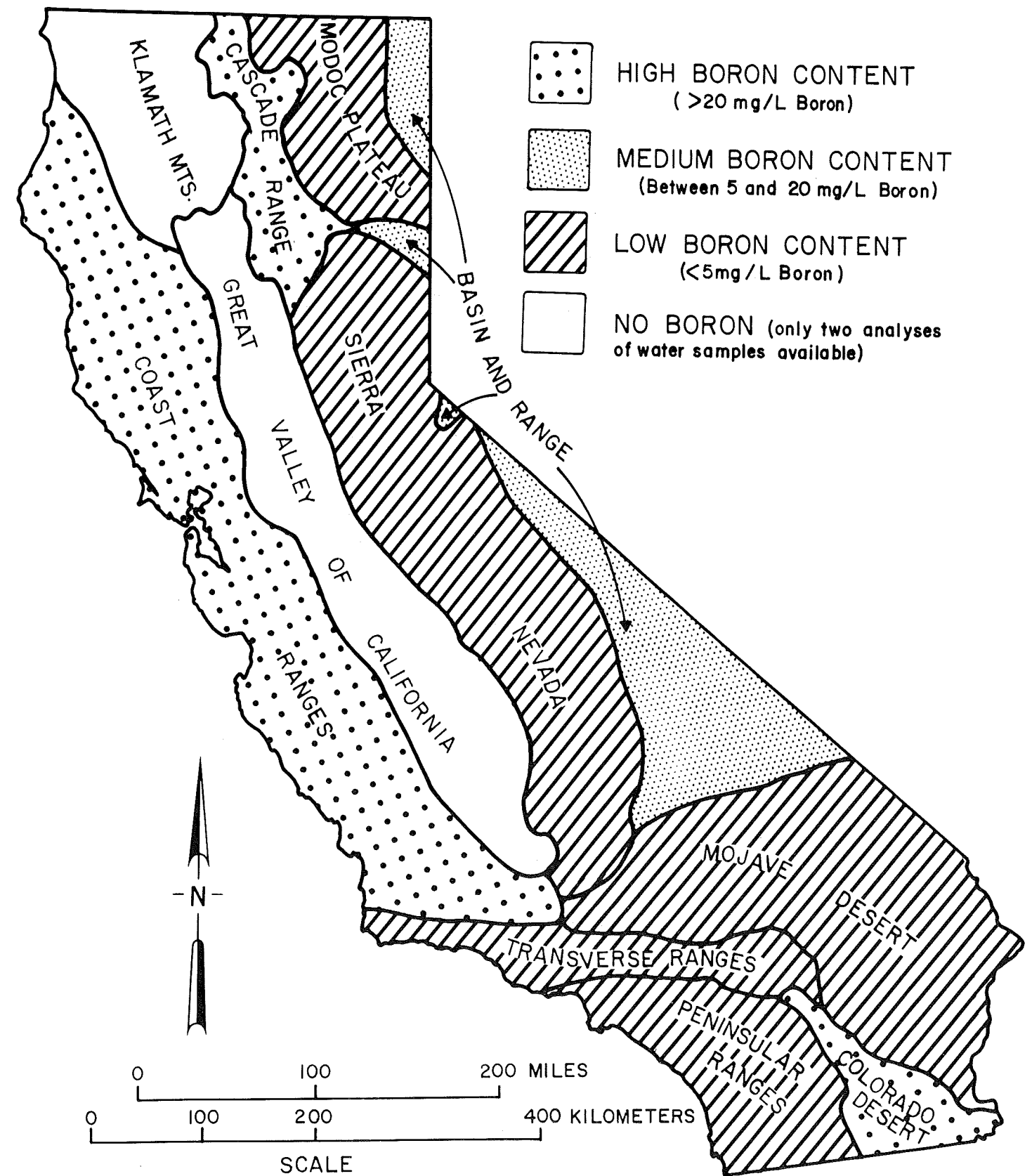


Figure 5. Boron content in thermal waters by province.

Table 6. Statistical comparison of temperature (in °C) with chemical characteristic of thermal water by province.

PROVINCE	SIERRA NEVADA			CASCADE RANGE			MODOC PLATEAU			COAST RANGES			TRANSVERSE RANGES		
	RANGE	MEAN	MEDIAN	RANGE	MEAN	MEDIAN	RANGE	MEAN	MEDIAN	RANGE	MEAN	MEDIAN	RANGE	MEAN	MEDIAN
CHARACTERISTIC OF THERMAL WATER										ALL COAST RANGES KEY (NORTHERN RANGES SOUTHERN RANGES)					
Sodium Chloride	30-94	50	40	24-96	66	75	---	---	---	20-95 20-95 20-90	39 42 37	23 31 24	---	---	---
Sodium Bicarbonate	21-89	40	34	---	---	---	---	---	---	21-99 21-99 21-62	37 38 36	30 25 32	31-48	46	43
Sodium Sulfate	---	---	---	---	---	---	27-107	73	66	23-37 ---	31 ---	33 ---	28-90	47	45
Magnesium Bicarbonate	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	22-52 22-52 22-37	32 33 30	23 27 30	---	---	---
Calcium Bicarbonate	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Table 6. Statistical comparison of temperature (in °C) with chemical characteristic of thermal water by province. (Continued)

PROVINCE	PENINSULAR RANGES (Including LA Basin)			COLORADO DESERT			MOJAVE DESERT			BASIN RANGE		
	RANGE	MEAN	MEDIAN	RANGE	MEAN	MEDIAN	RANGE	MEAN	MEDIAN	RANGE	MEAN	MEDIAN
CHARACTERISTIC OF THERMAL WATER												
Sodium Chloride	27-56	36	32	25-348	63	35	24-45	33	28	32-177	73	49
Sodium Bicarbonate	37-59	40	25	22-44	36	38	27-33	31	33	25-82	45	38
Sodium Sulfate	26-55	41	41	28-33	29	29	30-63	43	36	32-160	81	76
Magnesium Bicarbonate	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Calcium Bicarbonate	27-37	31	28	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Table 7. Statistical Comparison of pH with chemical characteristic of thermal water by province.

PROVINCE	SIERRA NEVADA			CASCADE RANGE			MODOC PLATEAU			COAST RANGES			TRANSVERSE RANGES		
	RANGE	MEAN	MEDIAN	RANGE	MEAN	MEDIAN	RANGE	MEAN	MEDIAN	RANGE	MEAN	MEDIAN	RANGE	MEAN	MEDIAN
CHARACTERISTIC OF THERMAL WATER										ALL COAST RANGES KEY (NORTHERN RANGES SOUTHERN RANGES)					
Sodium Chloride	6.80-8.90	7.80	8.50	6.55-8.40	7.51	7.45	---	---	---	6.70-11.20 6.70-11.20 7.00-9.50	7.89 7.80 8.00	6.69 6.50 7.71	---	---	---
Sodium Bicarbonate	6.10-10.13	7.68	6.71	---	---	---	---	---	---	6.50-9.60 6.50-9.30 7.00-9.60	6.26 7.83 8.34	7.25 7.32 8.12	7.70-8.80	8.20	8.49
Sodium Sulfate	---	---	---	---	---	---	7.60-9.11	8.22	8.00	4.50-7.90 4.50-7.90	7.17 7.17	7.50 7.50	6.70-9.60	7.98	6.99
Magnesium Bicarbonate	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5.62-8.97 5.62-8.50 7.80-8.97	7.30 6.90 8.36	6.25 6.00 8.30	---	---	---
Calcium Bicarbonate	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Table 7. Statistical Comparison of pH with chemical characteristic of thermal water by province. (Continued)

PROVINCE	PENINSULAR RANGES (Including LA Basin)			COLORADO DESERT			MOJAVE DESERT			BASIN RANGE		
	RANGE	MEAN	MEDIAN	RANGE	MEAN	MEDIAN	RANGE	MEAN	MEDIAN	RANGE	MEAN	MEDIAN
CHARACTERISTIC OF THERMAL WATER												
Sodium Chloride	7.10-9.80	8.15	7.00	4.64-9.50	7.71	7.84	7.20-9.00	7.78	7.49	7.20-9.31	8.20	7.99
Sodium Bicarbonate	7.30-10.10	8.67	7.67	7.60-9.20	8.27	8.49	7.60-7.90	7.75	7.45	2.20-9.32	7.59	6.77
Sodium Sulfate	7.00-9.30	7.90	7.45	7.50-7.70	7.63	7.70	7.60-9.20	8.33	8.50	7.40-9.00	8.16	8.50
Magnesium Bicarbonate	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Calcium Bicarbonate	7.10-8.40	7.60	7.49	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Table 8. Statistical comparison of total dissolved solids (in mg/L) with chemical characteristic of thermal water by province.

PROVINCE	SIERRA NEVADA			CASCADE RANGE			MODOC PLATEAU			COAST RANGES			TRANSVERSE RANGES		
	RANGE	MEAN	MEDIAN	RANGE	MEAN	MEDIAN	RANGE	MEAN	MEDIAN	RANGE	MEAN	MEDIAN	RANGE	MEAN	MEDIAN
CHARACTERISTIC OF THERMAL WATER										KEY ALL COAST RANGES NORTHERN RANGES SOUTHERN RANGES					
Sodium Chloride	300-1550	893	875	270-20,490	4,932	10,380	---	---	---	440-34,350 610-34,350 440-16,090	8,225 10,617 4,238	2,550 4,001 4,001	---	---	---
Sodium Bicarbonate	125-2000	522	171	---	---	---	---	---	---	165-31,900 280-31,900 165-2,130	2,054 3,694 822	750 901 651	190-730	415	350
Sodium Sulfate	---	---	---	---	---	---	440-1180	784	750	460-26,250 ---	5,804 ---	1,300 ---	350-1,680	857	699
Magnesium Bicarbonate	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	260-2,055 260-2,055 400-950	1,008 1,051 630	583 1,133 450	---	---	---
Calcium Bicarbonate	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Table 8. Statistical comparison of total dissolved solids (in mg/L) with chemical characteristic of thermal water by province. (Continued)

PROVINCE	PENINSULAR RANGES (Including LA Basin)			COLORADO DESERT			MOJAVE DESERT			BASIN RANGE		
	RANGE	MEAN	MEDIAN	RANGE	MEAN	MEDIAN	RANGE	MEAN	MEDIAN	RANGE	MEAN	MEDIAN
CHARACTERISTIC OF THERMAL WATER												
Sodium Chloride	310-7,725	1,487	967	280-399,900	20,118	1,790	320-4,540	1,459	1,200	198-53,450	8,602	1,500
Sodium Bicarbonate	100-4,350	683	225	170-2,330	1,119	1,075	180-3,010	902	399	200-91,800	3,836	850
Sodium Sulfate	300-940	1,160	950	1,865-15,240	7,605	8,553	450-21,340	3,821	1,000	220-3,040	999	863
Magnesium Bicarbonate	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Calcium Bicarbonate	300-600	407	350	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

waters have low total dissolved solids. Only one type of thermal water, sodium-chloride type¹, is present in the Cascade Range province, which has high to very high content of total dissolved solids. In the Modoc Plateau province also, only one type of thermal water, sodium-sulfate type, is present, which has low content of total dissolved solids. The Coast Ranges province has four types of thermal waters: sodium-chloride type, sodium-bicarbonate type, sodium-sulfate type, and magnesium-bicarbonate type. The sodium-chloride² and sodium-sulfate³ types have medium to high content of total dissolved solids; sodium-bicarbonate⁴ has low to medium content of total dissolved solids and magnesium-bicarbonate has low content of total dissolved solids. In the Transverse Ranges province, there are two types of thermal waters: sodium-bicarbonate and sodium-sulfate, both have low content of total dissolved solids. The Peninsular Ranges province has four types of thermal waters: sodium-chloride, sodium-bicarbonate, sodium-sulfate, and calcium-bicarbonate types. The sodium-chloride and sodium-sulfate types of waters have low to medium content of total dissolved solids; sodium-and calcium-bicarbonate types of waters have low content of total dissolved solids. The Colorado Desert, Mojave Desert, and Basin and Range provinces have three types of thermal waters: sodium-chloride, sodium-bicarbonate, and sodium-sulfate types. In the Colorado Desert province, the sodium-chloride⁵ type has medium to very high content of total dissolved solids; the sodium-bicarbonate type has medium content of total dissolved solids; and the sodium-sulfate type has high content of total dissolved solids. In the Mojave Desert province, the sodium-chloride type has medium content of total dissolved solids; the sodium-bicarbonate type has low content of total dissolved solids; and the sodium-sulfate⁶ type has medium to high content of total dissolved solids. In the Basin and Range province, the sodium-chloride⁷ type also has medium to high content of total dissolved solids; and the sodium-bicarbonate⁸ type has low to high content of total dissolved solids; and the sodium-sulfate type has low content of total dissolved solids.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION ON CHEMISTRY OF THERMAL WATERS

1. Chemical Characteristics

- a. The Colorado Desert, the Cascade Range, and the Mojave Desert provinces have the highest proportions of the sodium-chloride type of thermal waters.
- b. The Sierra Nevada and the Basin and Range provinces have the highest proportions of the sodium-bicarbonate type of thermal waters.
- c. The Modoc Plateau province has the highest proportion of the sodium-sulfate type of thermal waters.

- d. The Transverse Ranges province has sodium-bicarbonate and sodium-sulfate types of thermal waters in equal proportions.
- e. The Transverse Ranges and the Coast Ranges provinces have sodium-bicarbonate type of thermal waters in comparable proportions.
- f. The Coast Ranges and the Peninsular Ranges provinces have more or less comparable proportions of the sodium-chloride and the sodium-bicarbonate type of thermal waters.

2. Boron

- a. Statewide, the sodium-chloride type of thermal waters has the highest boron content, followed by the sodium-bicarbonate and the sodium-sulfate types of thermal waters.
- b. High boron content is found mainly in the thermal waters of the Cascade Range, the Coast Ranges, and the Colorado Desert provinces.
- c. Medium boron content is found in the thermal waters of the Basin and Range province.
- d. Low boron content is found in the thermal waters of the Sierra Nevada, Modoc Plateau, Transverse Ranges, Peninsular Ranges, and Mojave Desert provinces.
- e. The sodium-chloride and the sodium-bicarbonate types of thermal waters in the Coast Ranges province have the highest boron content.

3. Temperature

- (It is important to note that comments in this section refer to statistical comparisons and not to individual well or spring temperature such as those in the Colorado Desert province, which may be very high.)
- a. Statewide, the sodium-chloride type of thermal waters is the hottest along with the sodium-sulfate types.
 - b. High temperatures are found in the thermal waters of the Cascade Range and the Modoc Plateau provinces.
 - c. Moderately warm to very high temperatures are found in the thermal waters of the Sierra Nevada, the Colorado Desert, and the Basin and Range provinces.
 - d. Moderately warm temperatures are found in the thermal waters of the Transverse Ranges province.
 - e. Warm to moderately warm temperatures are found in the Coast Ranges, the Peninsular Ranges, and the Mojave Desert provinces.
 - f. The sodium-chloride type of thermal waters in the Cascade Range and the Basin and Range provinces are higher in temperature; in the Sierra Nevada and the

¹ 83% (5 samples) of the analyses have a range of 270-4540 mg/L TDS and only 1 sample (17%) has 20490 mg/L TDS. Because of this very high value, the mean is 4932 as opposed to 10380 median. The mean and median of the range 270-4540 are 2578 and 1875 mg/L TDS.
² 50% (16 samples) of the analyses have a range of 3170-34350 mg/L TDS, and 50% (16 samples) have 440-2610 mg/L TDS. Considering these two ranges as separate populations, the mean and median in the first range are 15161 and 13001, and the same in the second range are 1288 and 901 mg/L TDS respectively.
³ 83% (5 samples) of the analyses have a range of 460-3055 mg/L TDS, and only 1 sample (17%) has 26250 mg/L TDS. Because of this very high value, the mean is 5804 as opposed to 1300 median. The mean and median of the range 460-3055 are 1715 and 751 mg/L TDS.
⁴ 12% (5 samples) of the analyses have a range of 4820-31900 mg/L TDS, and 88% (38 samples) have 165-2660 mg/L TDS. Considering these two ranges as separate populations, the mean and median in the first range are 10006 and 4750, and the same in the second range are 860 and 501 mg/L TDS respectively.
⁵ 6% (6 samples) of the analyses have a range of 153430-399900 mg/L TDS; 26% (26 samples) have 3090-93270 mg/L TDS; and 68% (69 samples) have 280-2850 mg/L TDS. Considering these three ranges as separate populations, the mean and median in the first range are 266027 and 225001; in the second, they are 12720 and 4501; and in the third, they are 1522 and 1411 mg/L TDS respectively.
⁶ 86% (6 samples) of the analyses have a range of 450-1520 mg/L TDS and only 1 sample (14%) has 21340 mg/L TDS. Because of this very high value, the mean is 3821 as opposed to 1000 median. The mean and median of the range 450-1520 are 902 and 801 mg/L TDS.
⁷ 27% (3 samples) of the analyses have a range of 10980-53450 mg/L TDS and 73% (8 samples) have 198-2150 mg/L TDS. Considering these two ranges as separate populations, the mean and median in the first range are 28510 and 15000; and in the second 1137 and 751 mg/L TDS respectively.
⁸ 14% (5 samples) of the analyses have a range of 3010-5460 mg/L TDS; 33% (12 samples) have 1000-1930 mg/L TDS; 50% (18 samples) have 200-965 mg/L TDS; and 1 sample (3%) has 91800 mg/L TDS. Considering all these ranges as separate populations, the mean and median in the first range are 4115 and 3276; and for the second and third ranges are 1372 and 1051, and 513 and 351 mg/L TDS respectively.

Colorado Desert provinces temperatures are moderately warm to high; in the Coast Ranges, the Peninsular Ranges, and the Mojave Desert provinces temperatures are warm to moderately warm.

- g. The sodium-bicarbonate type of thermal waters in all the provinces is moderately warm in temperature.
- h. The sodium-sulfate type of thermal waters is higher in temperature in the Basin and Range and the Modoc Plateau provinces; and moderately warm in the Transverse Ranges, the Mojave Desert, the Peninsular Ranges, and the Coast Ranges provinces.

4. pH

- a. Statewide, the sodium-chloride type of thermal waters is slightly basic; the sodium-bicarbonate type moderately basic; the sodium-sulfate type slightly to moderately basic; and the magnesium-bicarbonate type slightly acidic to neutral in nature.
- b. Neutral to slightly basic sodium-chloride type of thermal waters is present in the Cascade Range, the Coast Ranges, and the Mojave Desert provinces; neutral to moderately basic in the Peninsular Ranges province; slightly basic in the Colorado Desert province; slightly to moderately basic in the Sierra Nevada and the Basin and Range provinces; and moderately basic in the Transverse Ranges province.
- c. Slightly acidic to neutral sodium-bicarbonate type of thermal waters is present in the Coast Ranges province; neutral to slightly basic in the Sierra Nevada, the Mojave Desert, and the Basin Range provinces; slightly to moderately basic in the Peninsular Ranges province; and moderately basic in the Transverse Ranges and the Colorado Desert provinces.
- d. Neutral sodium-sulfate type of thermal waters is present in the Coast Ranges province; neutral to slightly basic in the Transverse Ranges province; slightly basic in the Peninsular Ranges province; slightly basic to moderately basic in the Modoc Plateau province; and moderately basic in the Colorado Desert, the Mojave Desert, and the Basin and Range provinces.

5. Total Dissolved Solids

- a. Statewide, the sodium-chloride type of thermal waters has the highest TDS, followed by the sodium-sulfate and the sodium-bicarbonate types of thermal waters.
- b. High TDS content is present in the thermal waters of the Colorado Desert province; medium in the Cascade Range, the Coast Ranges, the Mojave Desert, and the Basin and Range provinces; and low in the Sierra Nevada, the Modoc Plateau, the Peninsular Ranges, and the Transverse Ranges provinces.
- c. The sodium-sulfate type of thermal waters in the Colorado Desert province has the highest TDS content.
- d. The sodium-chloride and the sodium-sulfate types of thermal waters in the Coast Ranges have medium to high TDS content.
- e. The sodium-chloride type of thermal waters in the Cascade Range, the Colorado Desert, and the Mojave Desert provinces has medium TDS content.
- f. The sodium-bicarbonate type of thermal waters in the Colorado Desert province has medium TDS content.
- g. The sodium-chloride type of thermal waters in the Peninsular Ranges and the Basin and Range provinces, the sodium-bicarbonate type in the Coast Ranges and Basin and Range provinces, and the so-

dium-sulfate type in the Peninsular Ranges have low to moderate TDS content.

- h. The sodium-chloride type of thermal waters in the Sierra Nevada province, the sodium-bicarbonate type in the Sierra Nevada, the Transverse Ranges, Peninsular Ranges, and the Mojave Desert provinces, and the sodium-sulfate type in the Modoc Plateau, the Transverse Ranges, the Mojave Desert, and Basin and Range provinces have low TDS content.

In conclusion, although these general findings concerning the provincial distribution of thermal water types seem to hold up, based in many instances on meager evidence, there are exceptions. Other factors, such as depth of percolating water and local rock type, are much more influential in the determination of the specific character of water than the province relationships that are shown. At this time, the evidence does not appear conclusive as to the regional significance of the water characteristics described. These records reflect their existence and may serve as a guide to geothermal resource areas with waters having specific characteristics. Subsequent observations may clarify the influence of local lithology and other factors on water chemistry.

CONCLUSIONS

The "Technical Map of the Geothermal Resources of California" has brought together for the first time, in a single source, statewide information on the geochemistry of geothermal resources and the relationship of the resource occurrences to young volcanic rocks and faulting, as well as to geomorphic/geothermal provincial distribution. The materials presented are a compilation of data from a number of sources and for this reason do not provide new discoveries or a breakthrough, but rather tend to emphasize what is known. For example, it has been shown that higher temperature geothermal waters are most frequently associated with higher sodium chloride and boron content. However, area of occurrence and geomorphologic conditions may play the most important role in this association; this is exemplified by the fact that the highest brine content in thermal waters of the state is found in the Imperial Valley, in the Salton Sea geothermal fields, where alternate filling and evaporation in the Salton Sink have left massive accumulations of salt.

The association of geothermal occurrences with young volcanic rocks has long been recognized. Good examples are seen in the proximity of The Geysers geothermal field to the outcrop area of the Clear Lake Volcanic rocks and also in the association of young volcanic rocks with geothermal occurrences at Coso and in the Mono-Long Valley areas. By providing graphic information on the distribution of young volcanic rocks, the technical map is expected to benefit the investigator who is interested in exploration for a new resource using volcanic rocks as a guide. Similarly, faults are often associated with geothermal occurrence, both as a barrier that may help contain a body of geothermal water, and as an avenue along which meteoric waters may circulate into the deeper subsurface to become heated due to the normal temperature gradient of the earth. A good example of a major association of faulting and geothermal occurrence is found along the Surprise Valley fault in northeastern California. By providing a display of fault distribution throughout the state, the map is expected to benefit the investigator with information on where to prospect for additional geothermal resources, as well as to provide information on the fault association that may be responsible for a known geothermal occurrence.

Much statewide information on the estimation of subsurface temperature using various geothermometers is brought together

and presented here for the first time. Although data of this type can be highly useful in providing an idea of the maximum temperature that may be available at depth in a given resource area (as opposed to usually lower temperatures measured at the surface), caution must be used until the temperature data can be corroborated by actual drilling into the resource. However, the geothermometry data presented in Table 2 should provide the investigator with some new ideas as to the elevated temperatures that may be available at depth in many areas of the state—temperatures that may suggest that a resource, previously considered to be too cool for a proposed use, is in fact a viable resource for the purpose. Thus many of the state's "lower temperature geothermal resource areas" may now warrant a re-examination to determine whether or not they should be placed in a higher temperature category.

Useful information has been developed and is presented in the preceding sections devoted to thermal water chemistry relationships and the provincial distribution of the water types. Examples of uses to which this information may be put are many: boron is an element to which many plants are sensitive; if the end use of cascaded thermal waters for a prospective project is to be for agriculture, then the developer would be wise to consider utilization of resources in provinces where boron content is shown to be low, such as the Sierra Nevada, Modoc Plateau, Transverse Ranges, Peninsular Ranges, or Mojave Desert.

The information presented here on geomorphic/geothermal provinces represents a "first cut" effort. It is believed that extensive additional work using computer techniques, perhaps with added information from non-thermal wells, may provide a much more detailed and clear picture of geothermal provinces and their relationship to geomorphic provinces and other parameters. An effort of this type is highly recommended.

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