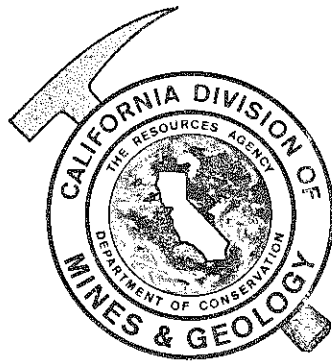


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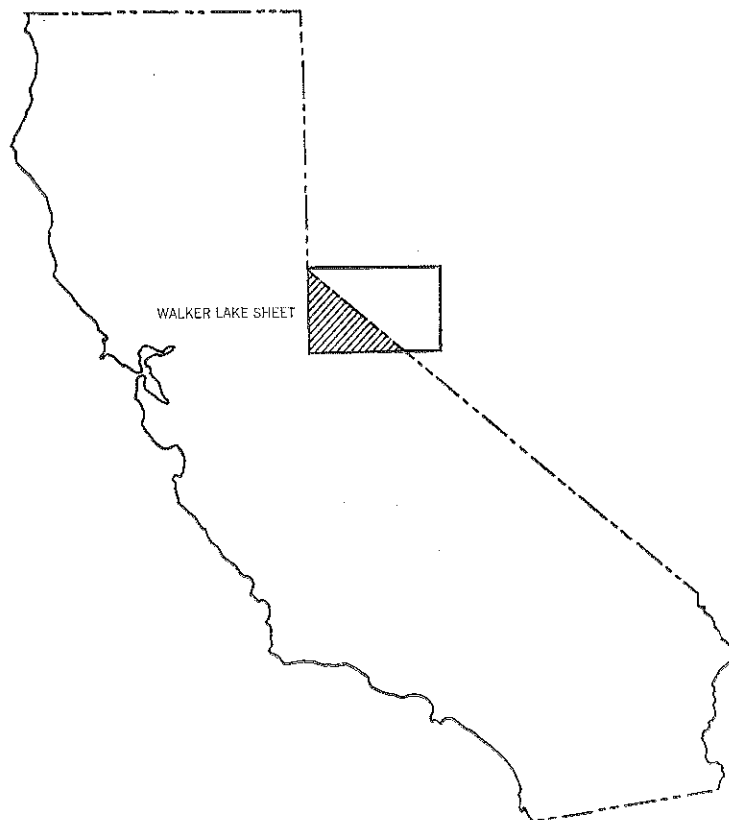
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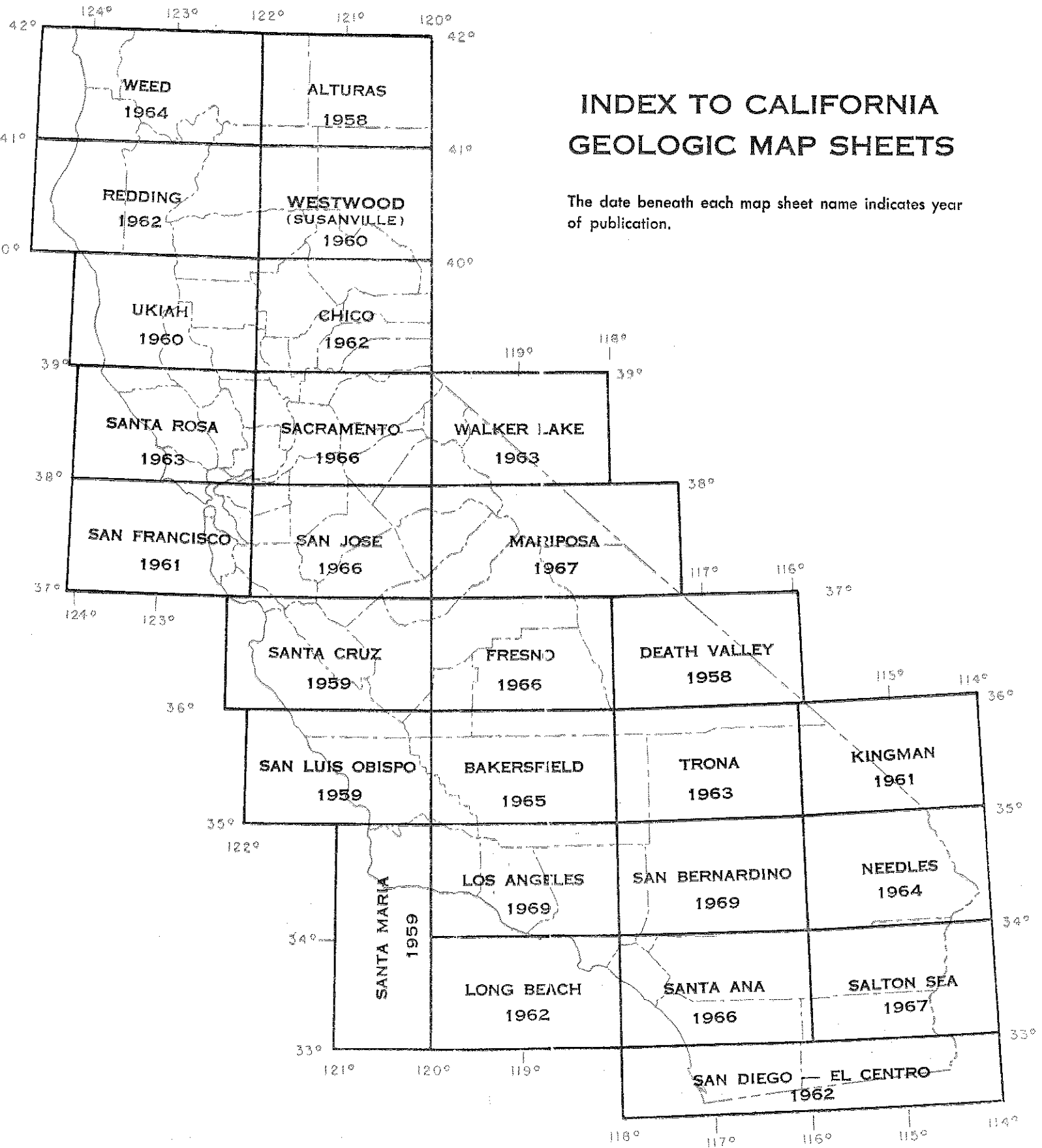
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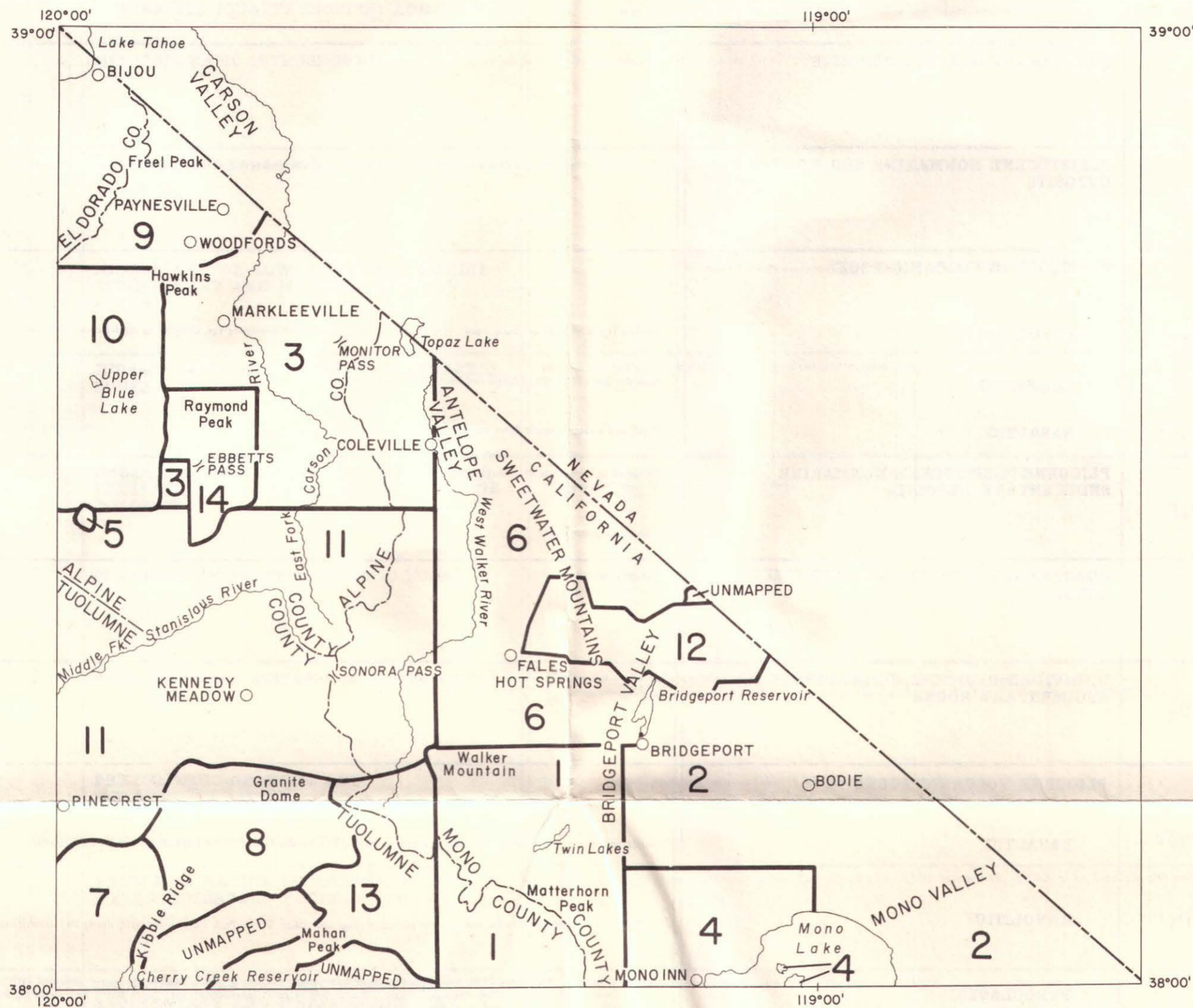
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AGE	STATE MAP SYMBOL	STATE MAP UNIT <small>State Map Units listed here are not necessarily in stratigraphic sequence; the sequence used has been standardized for all sheets of the Geologic Map of California.</small>	STRATIGRAPHIC UNITS AND CHARACTERISTIC LITHOLOGIES <small>(The formally named formations grouped within an individual State Map Unit are listed in stratigraphic sequence from youngest to oldest.)</small>
CENOZOIC	QUATERNARY	Recent	RECENT DUNE SAND Qs Sand dunes north and east of Mono Lake.
		Recent	RECENT ALLUVIUM Qal Stream and river alluvium; glacial outwash; Recent fan deposits.
		Recent	QUATERNARY LAKE DEPOSITS Ql Quaternary lake beds; playa deposits; calcareous tufa mounds along east shore and north of Mono Lake.
		Recent	QUATERNARY GLACIAL DEPOSITS Qg Glacial moraines and till of the Tioga, Tahoe, and Sherwin Stages.
		Recent	PLEISTOCENE NONMARINE SEDIMENTARY DEPOSITS Qc Older alluvium; Pleistocene fans and pediment sands and gravels; terrace gravels; travertine deposits east and south of Bridgeport.
	TERTIARY	Pleistocene	PLEISTOCENE VOLCANIC ROCKS: PYROCLASTIC Qpv <sup>p</sup> Basaltic lapilli and ash of Black Point. Pyroclastic debris, of probable Pleistocene age, comprising cinder cone near Aurora.
		Pleistocene	ANDESITIC Qpv <sup>a</sup> Andesite flows and tufts of Negit and Paoha Islands in Mono Lake.
		Pleistocene	BASALTIC Qpv <sup>b</sup> Basalt and andesitic basalt flows (may be Pliocene in part).
		Pliocene	PLIOCENE-PLEISTOCENE NONMARINE SEDIMENTARY DEPOSITS QP Dissected fanlomerate of probable Plio-Pleistocene age, at south end of Carson Valley.
		Pliocene	QUATERNARY AND/OR PLIOCENE CINDER CONES * Cinder cones.
CENOZOIC	TERTIARY	Pliocene	UNDIVIDED PLIOCENE NONMARINE SEDIMENTARY ROCKS Pc Sands, conglomerates and silts, in part of lacustrine origin, locally indurated and cemented. East of Mono Lake they contain fossils of upper Pliocene age (C. W. Chesterman, oral communication, 1962).
		Pliocene	PLIOCENE VOLCANIC ROCKS:
			BASALTIC Pvb Basalt and olivine basalt flows with minor intrusive rocks. The basalts east of Mono Lake may be in part Pleistocene.
			RHYOLITIC Pvr Rhyolite and dacite flows, tufts, and shallow intrusive plugs and dikes. Tryon Peak Flows— <i>rhyolite, dacite and minor basalt flows.</i>
			PYROCLASTIC Pvp Andesitic breccias, mudflows, flows, tufts, and fluvial and lacustrine sediments <sup>1</sup> (stratigraphically above unnamed latite, P <sup>a</sup> , in the Sonora Pass-Dardanelles area). Welded latite and dacite tuff and tuff-breccia <sup>2</sup> interbedded with latite flows, P <sup>a</sup> (west of Sonora Pass these tuffs are included in P <sup>a</sup> —unnamed latite flows).
	Miocene	ANDESITIC Pva Latite flows of Table Mountain and unnamed latite flows with interbedded latite welded tufts <sup>3,4</sup> , Raymond Peak Andesites— <i>andesite flows and breccias</i> <sup>5</sup> , Silver Peak Andesites— <i>andesite flows, breccias and tufts, and dacite flows</i> <sup>6</sup> . Unnamed andesite and dacite flows and andesite breccias <sup>7</sup> .	
		UNDIFFERENTIATED Pv? Andesitic breccias, mudflows, tufts, flows, and interbedded sediments <sup>1</sup> (stratigraphically below latite flows and welded tufts, P <sup>a</sup> ); locally includes volcanic rocks of different lithology. These andesitic rocks may range in age from middle Miocene to Pliocene. The position of the Mio-Pliocene boundary is a matter of controversy at present. <sup>8</sup>	
		MIOCENE VOLCANIC ROCKS:	
		PYROCLASTIC Mvp Rhyolite and dacite tufts, welded tufts and minor tuffaceous sediments—possible source of detritus comprising the Valley Springs Formation in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada; dated by G. B. Dalrymple, University of California, Berkeley (written communication, 1962), by potassium-argon method as being 23-29 million years old at Eagle Creek and Leavitt Creek.	
		UNDIFFERENTIATED Mv? Propylitized and silicified andesitic breccias, tufts, flows, and intrusive plugs <sup>9</sup> , and silicified rhyolitic flows, tufts, and intrusive bodies.	
Undivided	TERTIARY INTRUSIVE (HYPABYSSAL) ROCKS:		
	UNDIFFERENTIATED Ti Plugs, domes, sills, and dikes.		
	RHYOLITIC Tir Rhyolite, dacite and minor andesite domes and plugs.		
	ANDESITIC Tia Andesite domes, plugs, necks, dikes, and sills.		
	BASALTIC Tib Basalt plug and dikes near Ebberets Pass.		

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MESOZOIC	JURASSIC-CRETACEOUS	MESOZOIC GRANITIC ROCKS	
		UNDIFFERENTIATED gr Granitic rocks, ranging in composition from granite to diorite, probably representing several plutons (in part sheared and metamorphosed).	
		GRANITE AND ADAMELLITE (QUARTZ MONZONITE) gra Rocks similar to the Cathedral Peak Granite (mostly porphyritic quartz monzonite). Rocks similar to the Half Dome Quartz Monzonite, Tamtrak Lewis-adamellite <sup>1</sup> , Barrois Lake Adamellite <sup>2</sup> , Stanislaus Meadow Adamellite <sup>3</sup> . Unnamed granite, adamellite, alkaliite, apatite and pegmatite, and minor diorite.	
		GRANODIORITE gr <sup>g</sup> Rocks similar to the Sentinel Granodiorite, Ebberets Pass Granodiorite (Wildshire, 1937). Unnamed granodiorite, and minor amounts of tonalite, diorite, apatite and pegmatite.	
	UNDIVIDED	TONALITE (QUARTZ DIORITE) AND DIORITE gr <sup>t</sup> Carson Pass Tonalite <sup>4</sup> , Lookout Peak Tonalite <sup>5</sup> . Unnamed tonalite and diorite, and minor amounts of apatite and pegmatite.	
		MESOZOIC BASIC INTRUSIVE ROCKS bi Gabbro, diorite, and minor pyroxenite (locally metamorphosed).	
	UNDIVIDED	MESOZOIC ULTRABASIC INTRUSIVE ROCKS ub Serpentine.	
		MIDDLE AND/OR LOWER JURASSIC MARINE SEDIMENTARY AND METASEDIMENTARY ROCKS Jml Clastic metasediments of the Lobbed Lake area—dated as Lower Jurassic by S. W. Muller (Halsey, 1933).	
	UNDIVIDED	JURASSIC AND/OR TRIASSIC METAVOLCANIC ROCKS JRv Meta-andesite. Metatuff. Metarhyolite. Schistose rocks of meta-volcanic origin.	
		PRE-CRETACEOUS METAMORPHIC ROCKS, UNDIFFERENTIATED, ls = LIMESTONE AND/OR DOLOMITE m ls Metamorphic rocks of undifferentiated lithology. Metamorphosed limestone.	
UNDIVIDED	PRE-CRETACEOUS METAVOLCANIC ROCKS mv Meta-andesite. Metarhyolite. Greenstone. Schist derived from volcanic rocks. Metatuff. Metabreccia. (Probably largely of Jura-Triassic age. May include metasedimentary rocks locally.)		
	PRE-CRETACEOUS METASEDIMENTARY ROCKS ms Hornfels. Quartzite. Calc-silicate rocks. Metaslimestone and metasandstone. Slate. Metachert. Limestone. (May include rocks of Jurassic age in Sweetwater Mountains, and rocks of Paleozoic age in vicinity of Mono Lake. Locally includes metavolcanic rocks.)		
PALEOZOIC	UNDIVIDED	PRE-CENOZOIC GRANITIC AND METAMORPHIC ROCKS gr-m Migmatite. Sheared, gneissic granite and diorite. Metadiorite, southwest of Antelope Valley.	
		PALEOZOIC MARINE SEDIMENTARY AND METASEDIMENTARY ROCKS p Hornfels. Quartzite. Metashale. Metasandstone. Calc-silicate rocks. (May include rocks of Ordovician, Pennsylvanian and Permian ages.)	
	UNDIVIDED	UNDIVIDED CARBONIFEROUS MARINE SEDIMENTARY AND METASEDIMENTARY ROCKS C? Marble and crystalline limestone—dated by S. W. Muller (Dunn, 1931).	

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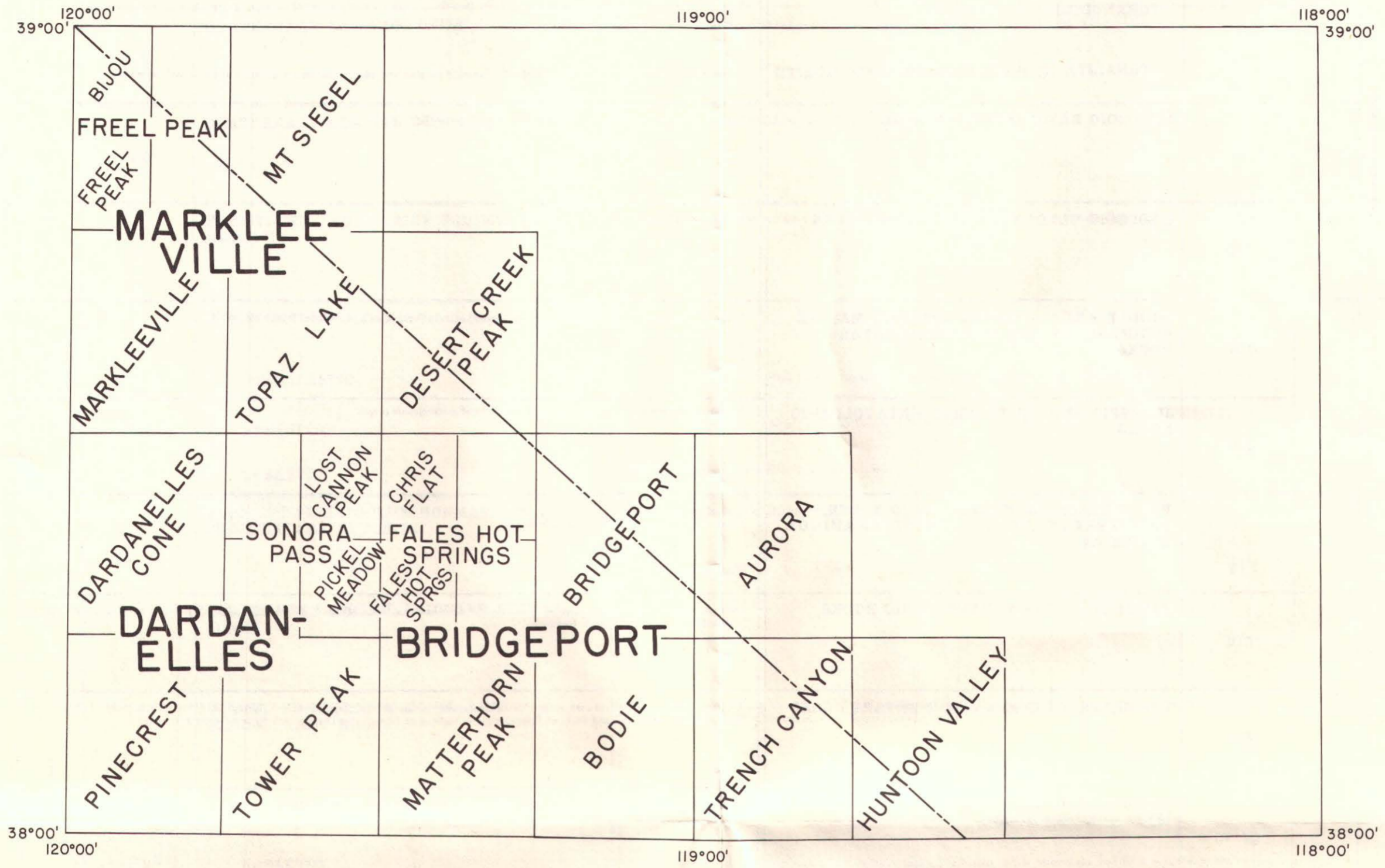
- <sup>1</sup>The name Mehrten Formation has been at times extended to these volcanic rocks near the crest of the Sierra Nevada. Probably these rocks were the source of the detritus comprising the Mehrten Formation in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada. However, on the State Geologic Map the Mehrten Formation is restricted to the deposits in the foothills.
- <sup>2</sup>Welded tuff from West Walker River Canyon dated as 16.7 million years by potassium-argon method (Curtis, G. H., 1961, *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*, v. 23, p. 86).
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- <sup>4</sup>Flores of Miocene age have been dated from this unit in the Niagara Creek, Ebberets Pass, and Carson Pass areas (Axelrod, D. I., 1962, *Geol. Soc. America Bull.*, v. 71, no. 2, p. 191, and written communication, 1962).
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- <sup>6</sup>These intrusive bodies were named by Parker, 1961, and described by him in his Ph.D. thesis (see bibliography).



View northeast from Rock Island Pass, across Snow Lake, toward Kettle Peak (center) and Sawtooth Ridge (right). These peaks, and the outcrops in the foreground, are composed of porphyritic quartz monzonite. This rock, comprising the Cathedral Peak pluton, is characterized by phenocrysts of microcline feldspar up to 6 inches in length, and is exposed over a large area along the crest of the Sierra Nevada.

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View southwest up Buckeye Creek, toward Hunewill Peak, with Buckeye Ridge forming the skyline at left. The valley of Buckeye Creek was formed by glacial activity, and is filled with alluvium and deposits of glacial origin. Granitic rocks are exposed along the lower slope of Buckeye Ridge, in part covered by talus. The middle and upper slopes of Buckeye Ridge are composed of metasedimentary hornfels and quartzite. The crest, at the far left, is capped by Tertiary andesite.

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