

Watershed Assessment of River Stability and Sediment Supply Study on a Trout Stream (a Tool for Design Justification)

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Steelhead Trout



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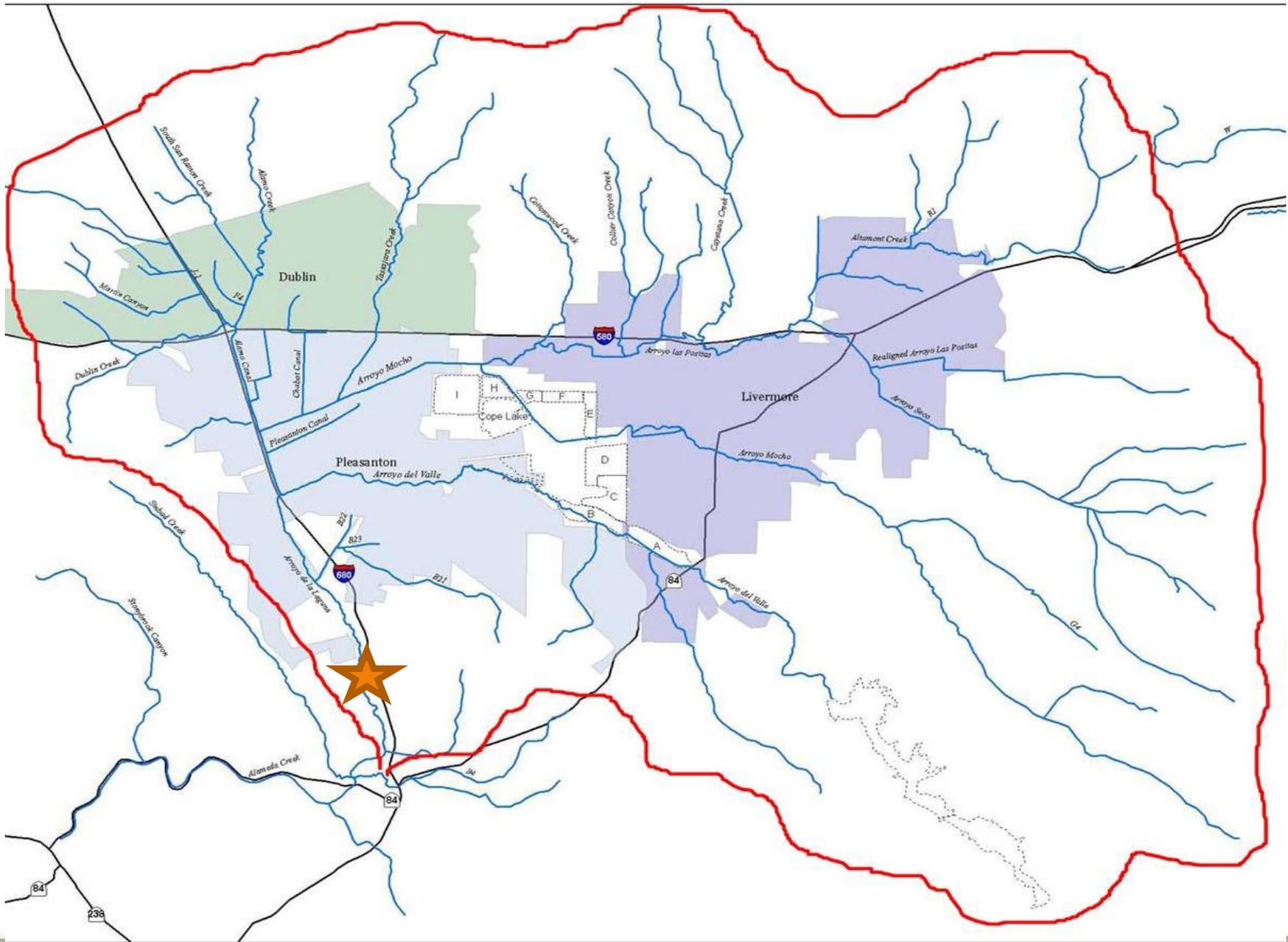


Watershed
opportunities

Alameda Creek
Alliance

Salmonid fish passage barrier on
Alameda Creek







Watershed

Upper reaches of watershed where salmonids want to go



Watershed

Other impediments to passage
upstream; typical development



Watershed

Numerous arroyos with urban encroachments



ADLL Study Reach

Upper portion of study reach



ADLL Study Reach

Mid channel bars overgrown with
vegetation



ADLL Study Reach

Long backwater pools with short riffles



ADLL Study Reach

Alternating mid channel bars
beginning to form



ADLL Study Reach

Failed bank stabilization measures throughout



ADLL Study Reach

Looking upstream at one of two major eroding banks



ADLL Study Reach

View looking downstream of same bank



ADLL Study Reach

Flow at approximately 1,800 cfs
(bankfull discharge 1,900 cfs)

ADLL Study Reach



View of second major eroding bank



Longitudinal Profile
Cross Sections
Pebble Counts
Bar Samples
Scour Chains
Bank Profiles
BANCS

Wood Survey

Geomorphic survey using survey grade
GPS



ADLL Study Reach

Scour chain



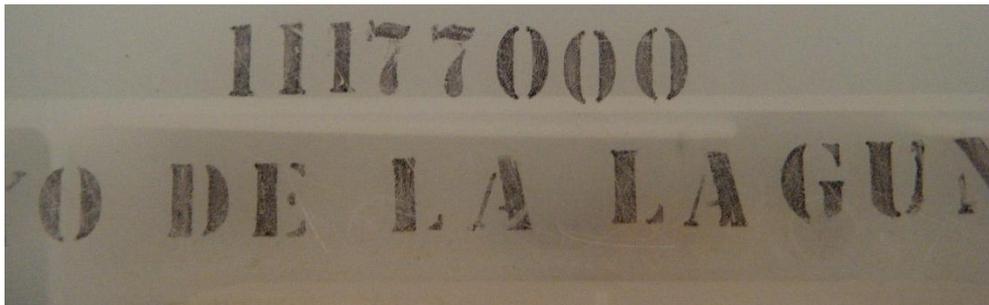
ADLL Study Site

Fisheries biologist marking and cataloging LWD habitat



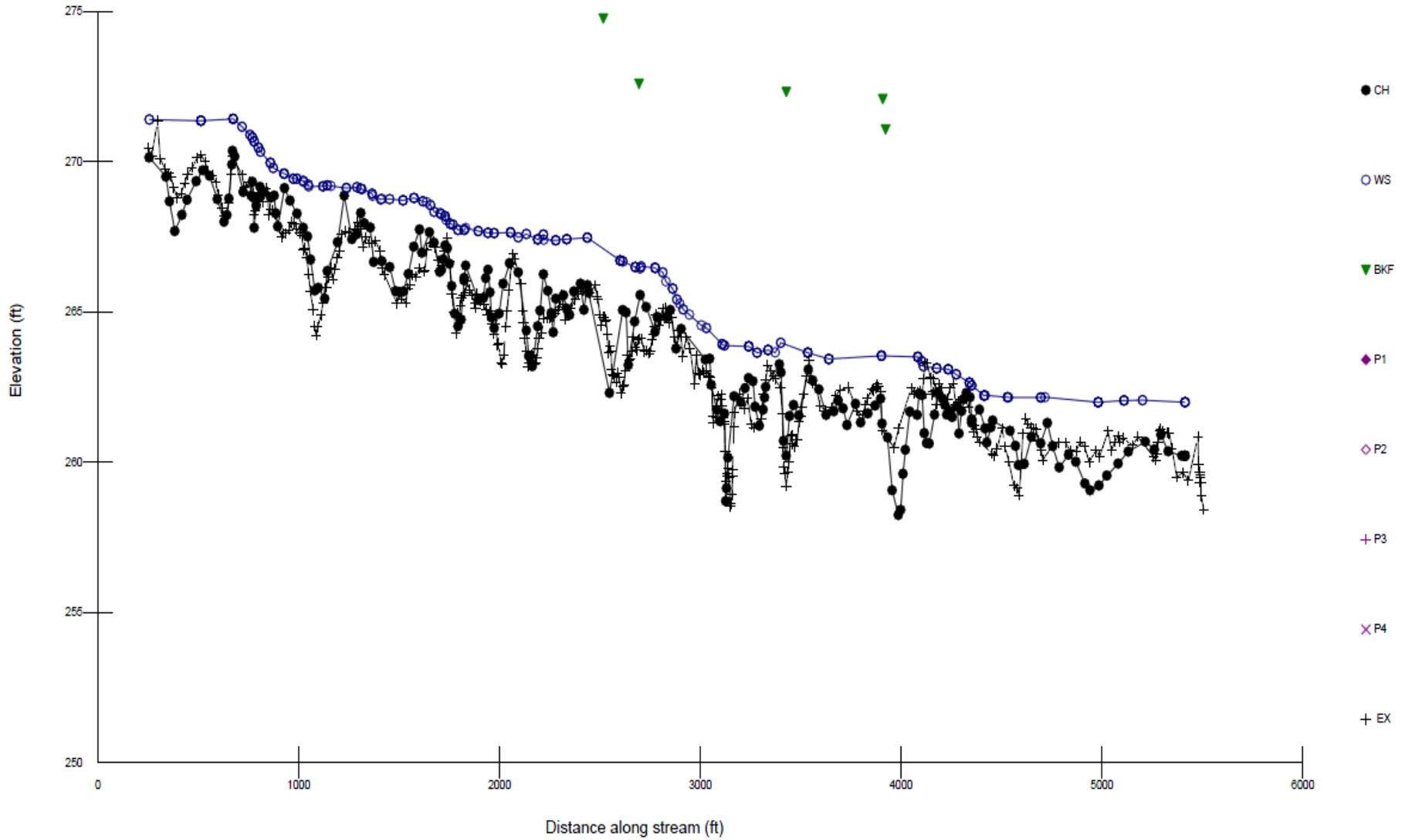
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Stream gage located beneath bridge

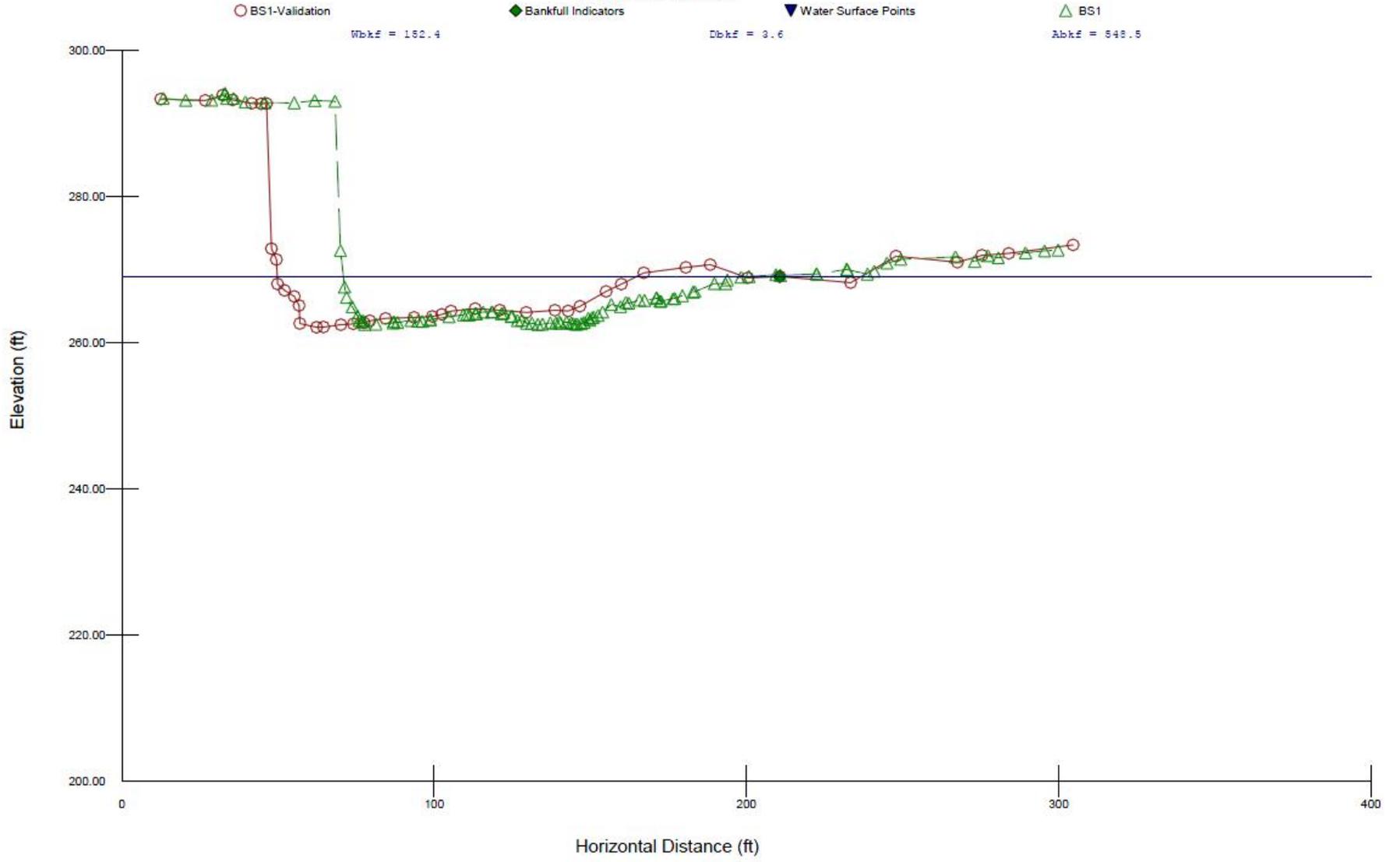


Summary... USGS GAGE STATION Data/Records for STREAM CHANNEL CLASSIFICATION				
Station NAME:	Arroyo de la Laguna near Pleasanton	Station Number:	11176900	
LOCATION:	Pleasanton, CA			
Period of RECORD:	95 yrs	Mean Annual DISCHARGE:	64 cfs	
Drainage AREA:	257920 acres	403 mi ²	Drainage Area Mn ELEV: 280 ft	
Reference REACH SLOPE:	0.0020 ft/ft	Valley Type:	VII	
Stream Type:	F	HUC:		
"BANKFULL" CHARACTERISTICS				
Determined from FIELD MEASUREMENT		Determined from GAGE DATA Analysis		
Bankfull WIDTH (W _{bkf})	97.6 ft	Bankfull WIDTH (W _{bkf})	N/A ft	
Bankfull Mean DEPTH (d _{bkf})	5.36 ft	Bankfull MEAN DEPTH (d _{bkf})	N/A ft	
Bankfull Xsec AREA (A _{bkf})	523.50 ft ²	Bankfull Xsec AREA (A _{bkf})	N/A ft ²	
Wetted PERIMETER (W _p)	102.6 ft	Wetted PERIMETER (W _p)	N/A ft	
Bankfull STAGE (Gage Ht)	6.980 ft	Bankfull STAGE (Gage Ht)	N/A ft	
Est. Mean VELOCITY (u)	3.63 ft/sec	Mean VELOCITY (u)	N/A ft/sec	
Est. Bkf. DISCHARGE (Q _{bkf})	1900.0 cfs	Bankfull DISCHARGE (Q _{bkf})	1900.0 cfs	
Bankfull DISCHARGE associated with "field-determined" Bankfull STAGE				
Recurrence Interval (Log-Pearson) associated with "field-determined" Bankfull Discharge		1.80 yrs		
From the Annual Peak Flow Frequency Analysis data for the Gage Station, determine:				
1.5 Year R.I. Discharge..... =	1552.0 cfs	10 Year R.I. Discharge..... =	8325.0 cfs	
2.0 Year R.I. Discharge..... =	2584.0 cfs	25 Year R.I. Discharge..... =	10383.0 cfs	
5.0 Year R.I. Discharge..... =	5957.0 cfs	50 Year R.I. Discharge..... =	41298.0 cfs	
MEANDER GEOMETRY				
Meander Length (L _m)		Radius of Curvature (R _c)		
Belt Width (W _{bt})		Meander Width Ratio (W _{bt} /W _{bkf})		
HYDRAULIC GEOMETRY				
Based on USGS Discharge Summary Notes data (Form 9-207) and regression analyses of measured discharge (Q) with the hydraulic parameters of Width (W), Area (A), Mean Depth (d) & Mean Velocity (u), determine the intercept coefficient (a) and the slope exponent (b) values for a power function of the form Y = aX ^b , when Y is one of the selected hydraulic parameters and X is a given discharge value (Q).				
	Width (W)	Depth (d)	Area (A)	Velocity (u)
Intercept Coefficient:	(a)			
Slope Exponent:	(b)			
Hydraulic Radius: R = A / W _p		ft	Manning's n at Bankfull Stage	Coef.
n = 1.49 [(Area) (Hydraulic Radius ^{2/3}) (Slope ^{1/2})] / Q _{bkf}				

Validation Survey



BS1-Validation



BS3-Validation

○ BS3-Validation

◆ Bankfull Indicators

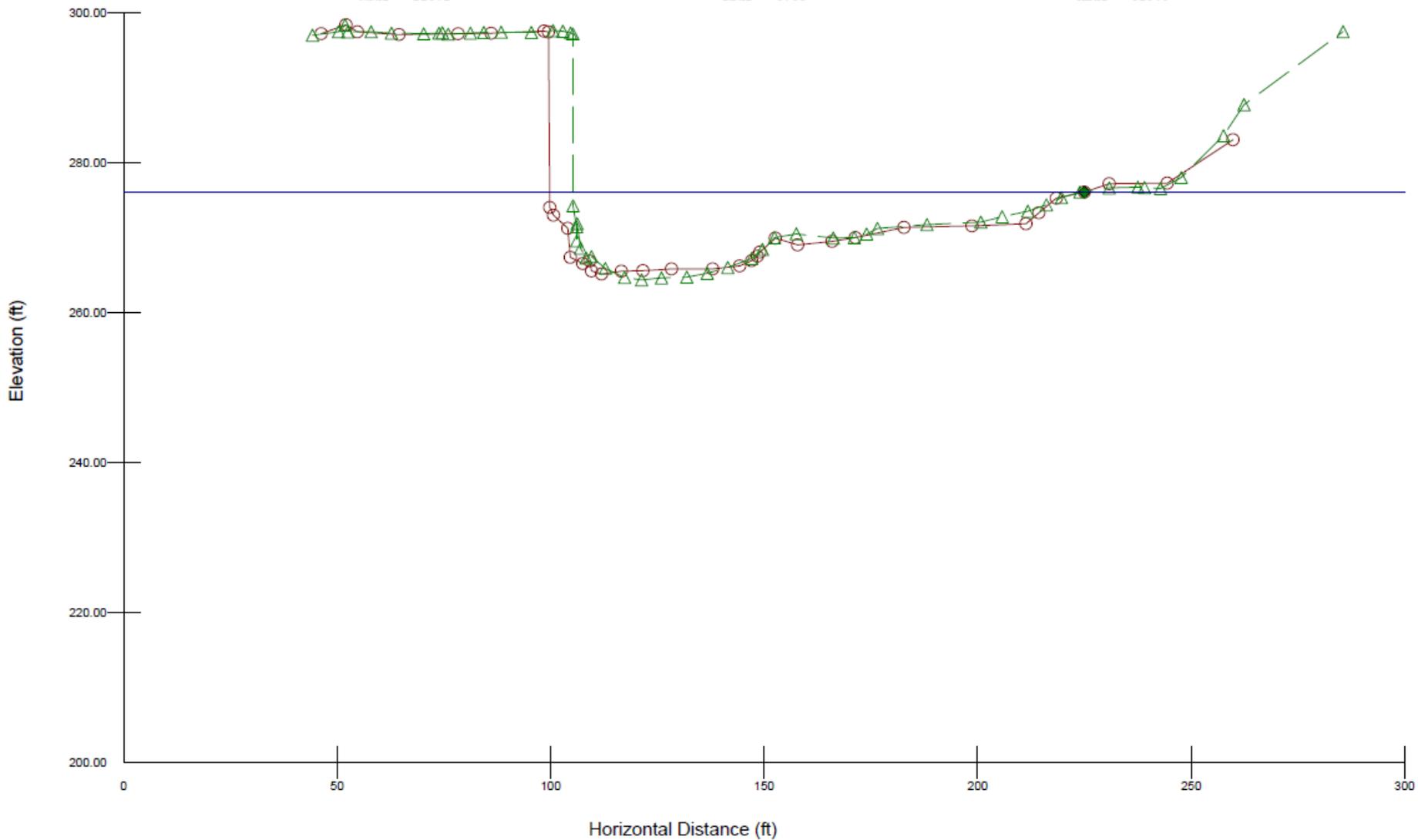
▼ Water Surface Points

△ BS3

Wbkf = 125.2

Dwbk = 6.63

Abkf = 829.9



Data Comparison Form

Stream: **Arroyo de la Laguna**

Reach: **Castlewood Dr to Verona Rd**

Observers: **MFA, MAV, MJG**

Date (Yr 1): **5/18/2010**

Date (Yr 2): **7/25/2011**

		Riffle XS-1:		Riffle XS-2:		Pool XS-3:	
		Station 42+69		Station 46+76		Station 22+02	
		Year 1	Year 2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 1	Year 2
Cross-section Dimensions	Width (W_{bkf})	129.9	152.4	75.8	79.4	118.7	125.2
	Mean Depth (d_{bkf})	4.54	3.6	5.75	5.72	6.5	6.63
	Width/Depth Ratio (W/d)	28.6	42.3	13.2	13.9	18.3	18.9
	Cross-Sectional Area (A_{bkf})	589.7	548.6	435.9	454.2	771.6	830.1
	Max Bankfull Depth (d_{max})	6.57	6.94	7.65	7.94	11.73	10.94

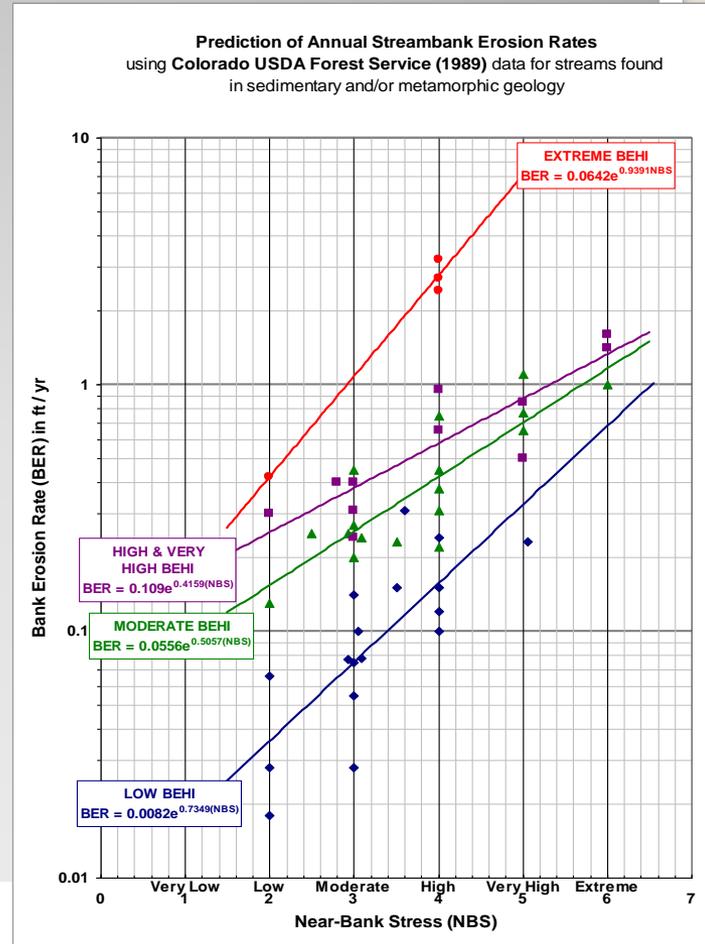




Example: Geomorphic Reach Assessment - BANCS



- 400 ft Eroding Bank Length
- How Much Sediment will Erode and When



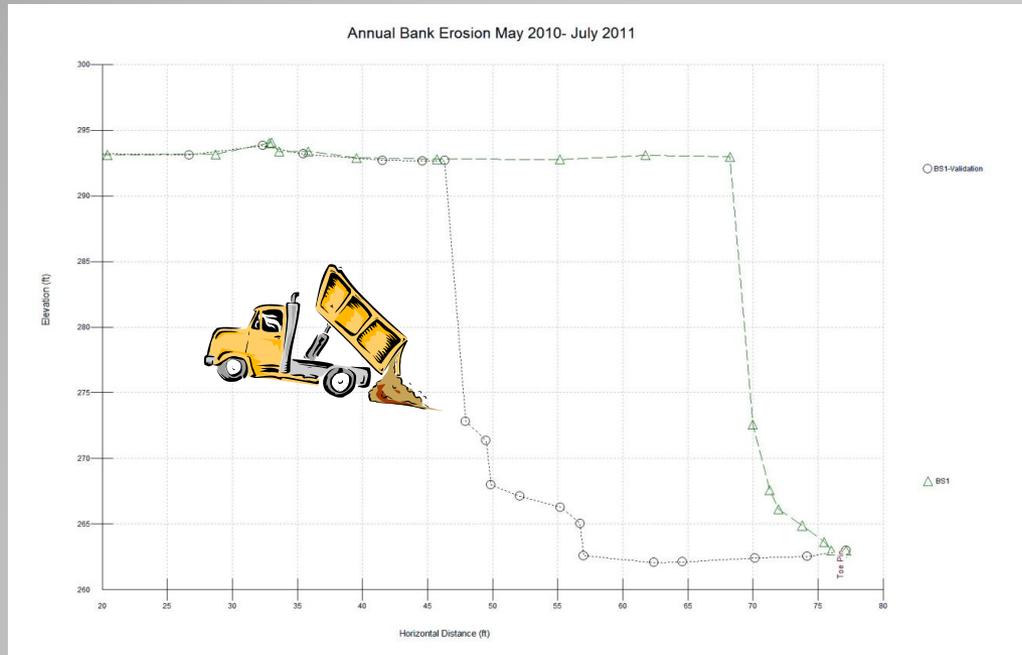
Stream: ADLL		Location: Left Bank						
Graph Used: CO		Total Bank Length (ft): 4,890		Date: 8/18/2010				
Observers: MFA, MV, JC, MG		Valley Type: VIII		Stream Type: B4c				
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	
Station (ft)	BEHI rating (Worksheet 3-11) (adjective)	NBS rating (Worksheet 3-12) (adjective)	Bank erosion rate (Figure 3-9 or 3-10) (ft/yr)	Length of bank (ft)	Study bank height (ft)	Erosion subtotal [(4)×(5)×(6)] (ft ³ /yr)	Erosion Rate (tons/yr/ft) [(7)/27] × 1.3 / (5)}	
1	0+00 TO 1+58.7	VL	L	0.000	158.7	1	0.0	0.000
2	1+58.7 TO 2+48.1	L	L	0.036	89.5	4	12.9	0.007
3	2+48 TO 4+19.5	VL	VL	0.000	171.4	1	0.0	0.000
4	4+19.5 TO 4+78.5	L	M	0.075	59.0	5	22.2	0.018
5	4+78 TO 5+52.8	M	M	0.253	74.3	15	282.7	0.183
6	5+52.8 TO 6+09.5	L	L	0.036	56.6	15	30.5	0.026
7	6+09 TO 7+60.4	VL	VL	0.000	150.9	15	0.0	0.000
8	7+60.4 TO 8+43.8	L	M	0.075	83.4	10	62.8	0.036
9	8+44 TO 8+80.9	L	H	0.158	37.1	6	35.1	0.046
10	8+80.9 TO 10+63.4	VL	VL	0.000	182.5	6	0.0	0.000
11	10+63 TO 10+97.1	L	VL	0.017	33.7	15	8.7	0.012
12	10+97.1 TO 11+87.0	L	L	0.036	89.9	15	48.5	0.026
13	11+87 TO 12+90.8	M	L	0.153	103.8	12	190.3	0.088
14	12+90.8 TO 14+10.4	L	H	0.158	119.6	10	188.5	0.076
15	14+10 TO 14+89.2	L	M	0.075	78.8	8	47.5	0.029
16	14+89.2 TO 17+26.9	VL	L	0.000	237.7	8	0.0	0.000
17	17+27 TO 17+88.8	L	VL	0.017	61.8	8	8.5	0.007
18	17+88.8 TO 18+30.2	H	H	0.575	41.5	20	477.1	0.554
19	18+30 TO 18+61.1	VH	VH	0.872	30.9	30	808.1	1.260
20	18+61.1 TO 20+04.8	E	VH	7.027	143.7	30	30,293.4	10.150
21	20+05 TO 20+93.6	E	M	1.074	88.8	25	2,383.8	1.293
22	20+93.6 TO 21+19.5	L	L	0.036	25.9	6	5.6	0.010
23	21+19 TO 30+01.1	VL	VL	0.000	881.7	6	0.0	0.000
24	30+01.1 TO 30+54.1	VL	VL	0.000	53.0	6	0.0	0.000
25	30+54 TO 32+56.4	L	H	0.158	202.2	8	255.0	0.061
26	32+56.4 TO 35+09.1	VL	VL	0.000	252.8	8	0.0	0.000
27	35+09 TO 35+80.2	L	VL	0.017	71.0	7	8.5	0.006
28	35+80.2 TO 36+99.0	L	VL	0.017	118.8	15	30.6	0.012
29	36+99 TO 41+04.2	E	VH	7.027	405.2	30	85,416.8	10.150
30	41+04.2 TO 41+71.1	E	M	1.074	66.9	20	1,437.5	1.034
31	41+71 TO 42+55.4	VL	L	0.000	84.3	20	0.0	0.000
32	42+55.4 TO 43+53.9	L	M	0.075	98.5	7	51.9	0.025
33	43+54 TO 48+90.4	L	L	0.036	536.5	4	77.1	0.007
Sum erosion subtotals in Column (7) for each BEHI/NBS combination					Total Erosion (ft ³ /yr)	122183.6		
Convert erosion in ft ³ /yr to yds ³ /yr {divide Total Erosion (ft ³ /yr) by 27}					Total Erosion (yds ³ /yr)	4525.3		
Convert erosion in yds ³ /yr to tons/yr {multiply Total Erosion (yds ³ /yr) by 1.3}					Total Erosion (tons/yr)	5882.9		
Calculate erosion per unit length of channel {divide Total Erosion (tons/yr) by total length of stream (ft) surveyed}					Total Erosion (tons/yr/ft)	1.2		

88% of sediment inputs from bank erosion at two locations

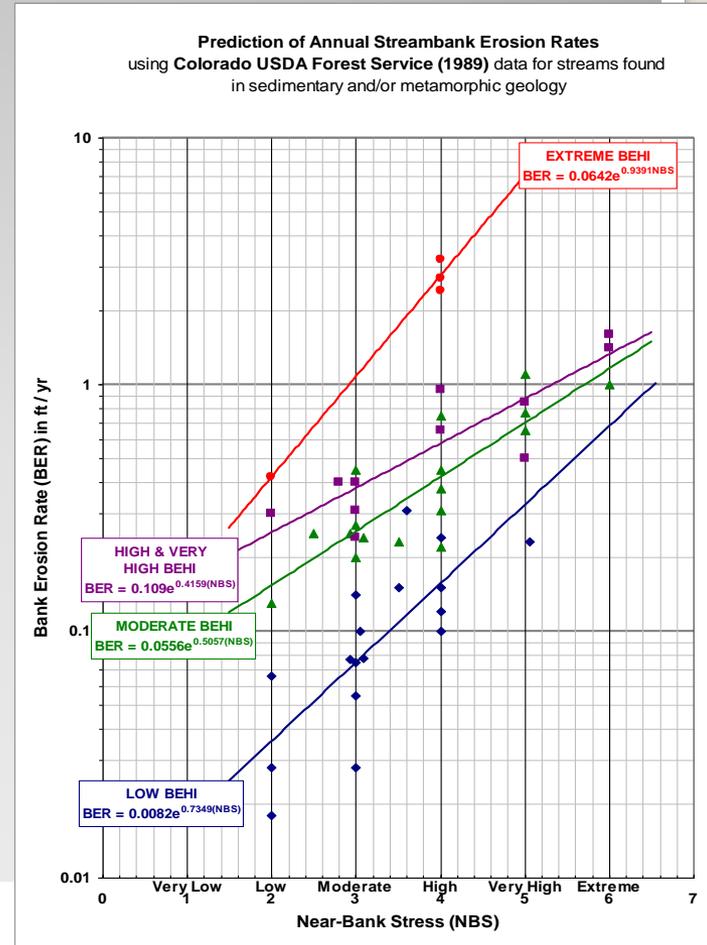
Prediction: 17 FT

Actual: 20.5 FT

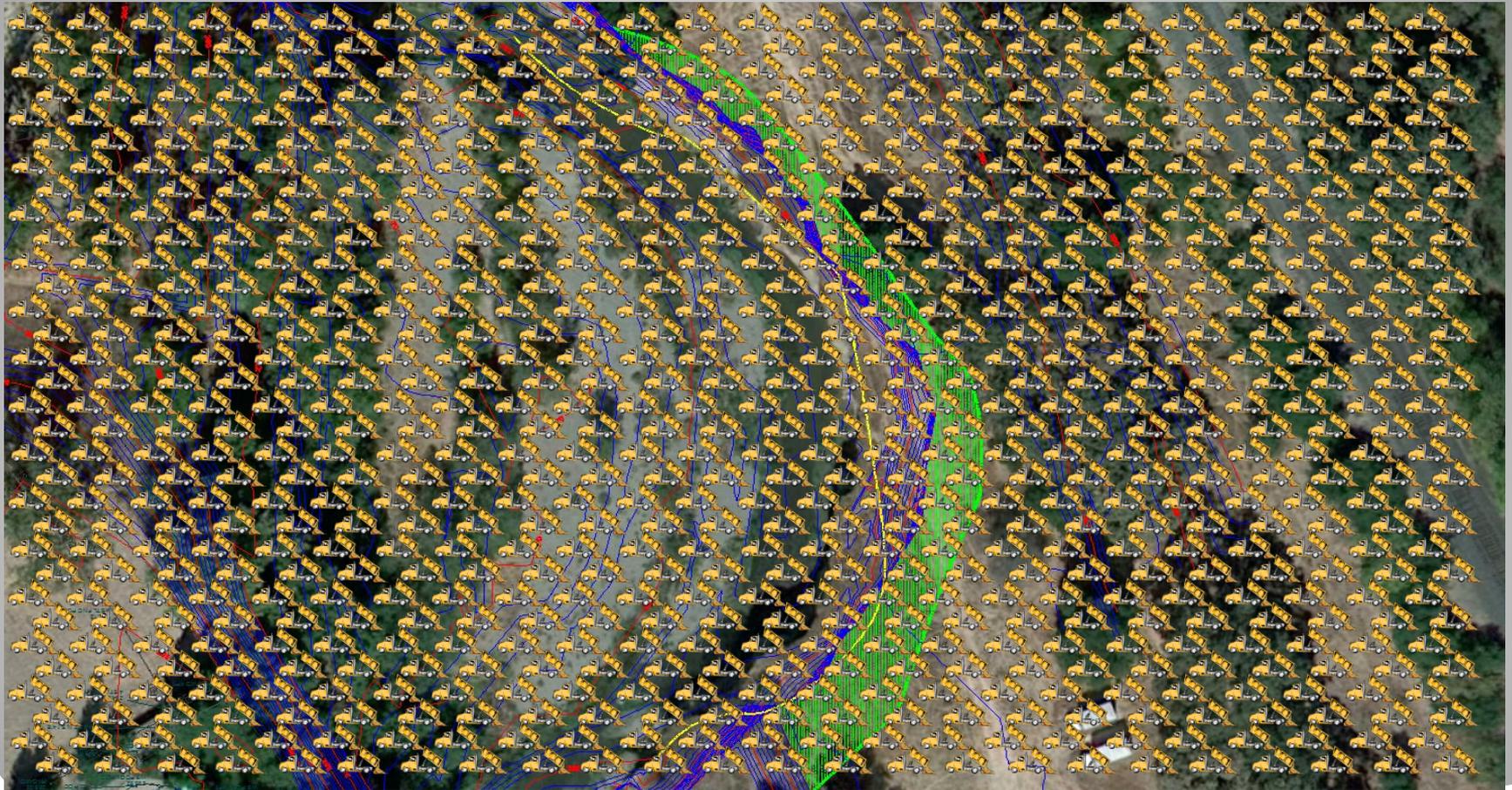
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- 20.5 Ft/yr
- 635 cubic ft/yr/ft – 2.3 Dump Trucks/yr ft



Example: Geomorphic Reach Assessment - BANCS



- ~400ft bank – 2.3 Dump Trucks/yr ft - 920Trucks₍₃₈₄₎

Worksheet 4-4. Field form to document scour chain results and corresponding bed-elevation changes.

Stream:		Arroyo de la Laguna				Location: Castlewood Dr to Verona Rd					
Observers:		MFA, MAV, MJG				Stream Type: F4 -> B4c			Valley Type: VIII / II		Date: 10-31-2011
		Installation Data (1st Year)				Recovery Data (2nd Year)					
		From cross-section		Particles near chain		Chain recovery			Particles near chain		
		Station (ft)	Elevation (ft)	Largest (mm)	2 nd Largest (mm)	Scenario # (1-5)	Scour depth ^a (ft)	Elevation ^b (ft)	Net change ^c (ft)	Largest (mm)	2 nd Largest (mm)
Glide Riffe	Chain #1	86.9	262.65			#4	N/A	263.28	-0.63	90 *	
	Chain #2	113.2	263.93			#4	N/A	264.61	-0.68	90 *	
Glide Riffe	Chain #3	126.6	265.43			#4	N/A	266.32	-0.89	90 *	
	Chain #4	142.4	266.06			#4	N/A	267.31	-1.25	90 *	

Scenario #1.	Scenario #2.	Scenario #3.	Scenario #4.	Scenario #5. (Oops)
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^a Scenario 2 or 3. Scenario 2: Enter length of chain exposed. Scenario 3: Enter length of chain exposed then subsequently buried.

^b Scenario 3 or 4. Scenario 3: Enter elevation of bed at same station @ 2nd year. Scenario 4: Enter depth of material over chain.

^c Scenario 3: Subtract 1st and 2nd year elevations to calculate net change in bed.

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WARSSS provides means to begin quantifying all of these and can be the cornerstone to restoring function.

Q_{sed}
Shear Stress
Wood/FT

