

Golden Gate Region Gas Department  
**Seismic Study of Gas Transmission Lines**  
**Project Review Meeting**  
**Phase 1 Results**

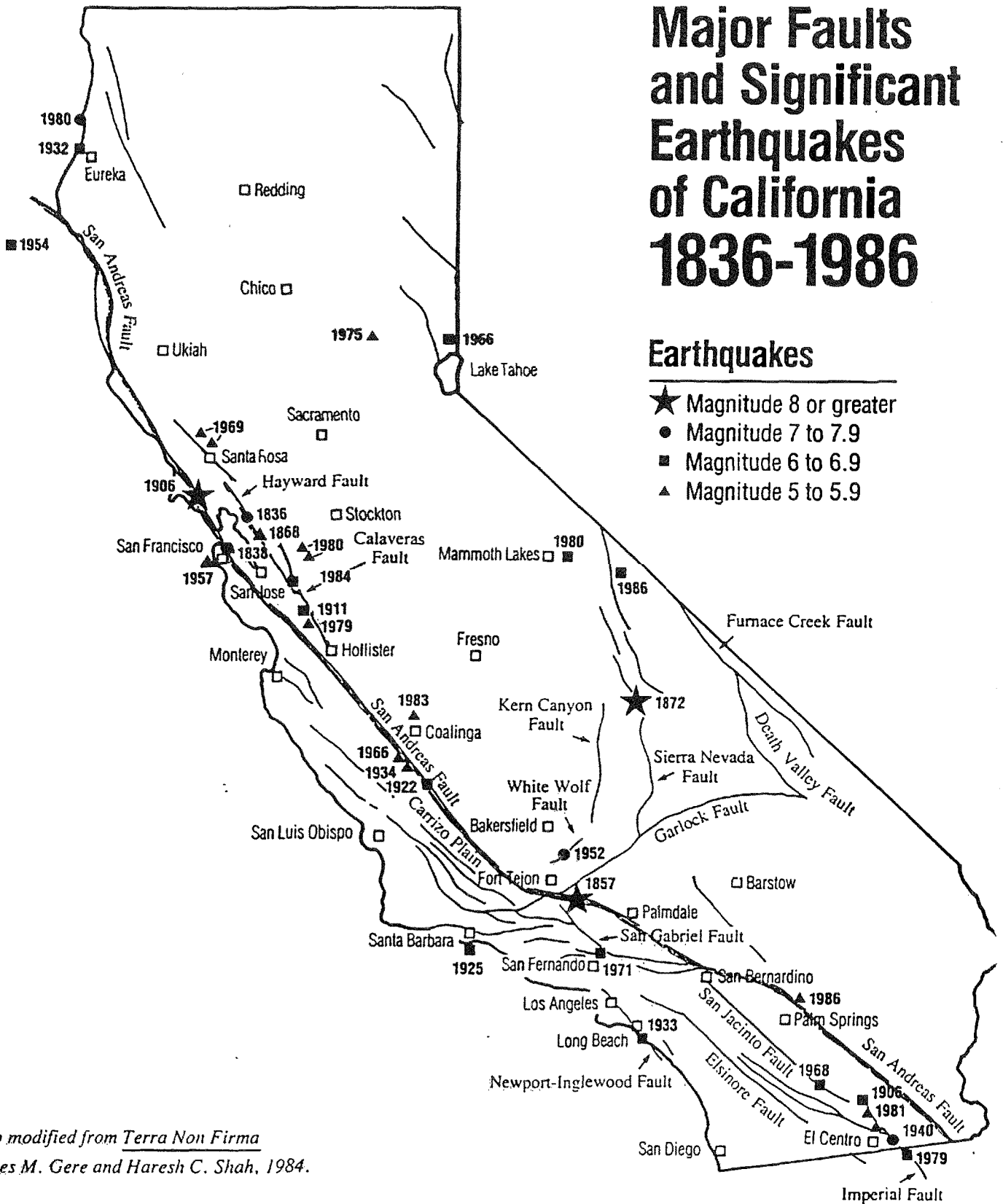
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October 13, 1989, 1 to 4 PM

# Major Faults and Significant Earthquakes of California 1836-1986

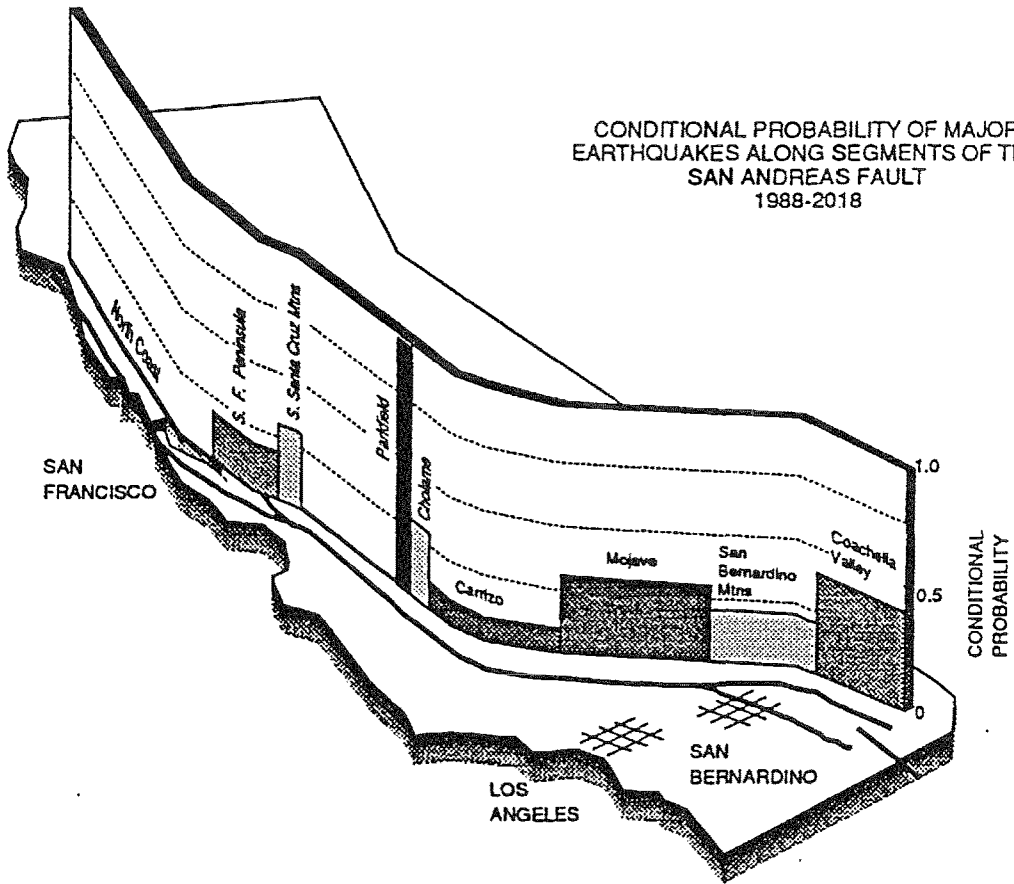
## Earthquakes

- ★ Magnitude 8 or greater
- Magnitude 7 to 7.9
- Magnitude 6 to 6.9
- ▲ Magnitude 5 to 5.9

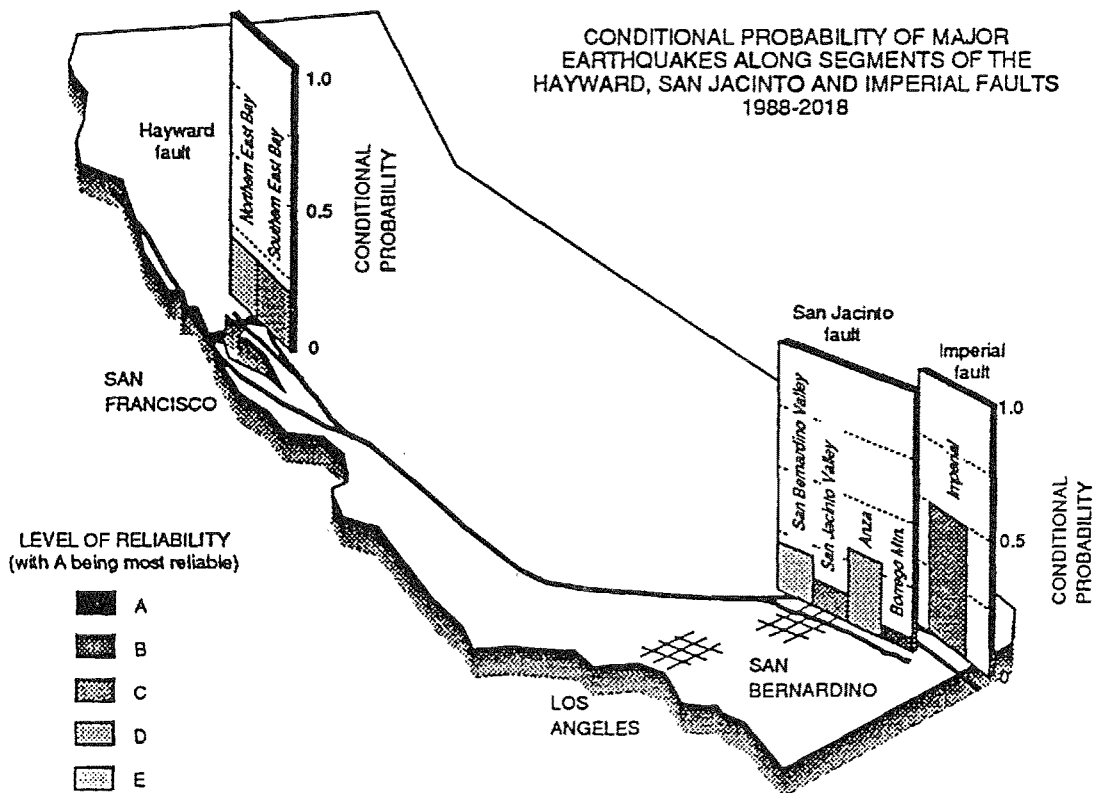


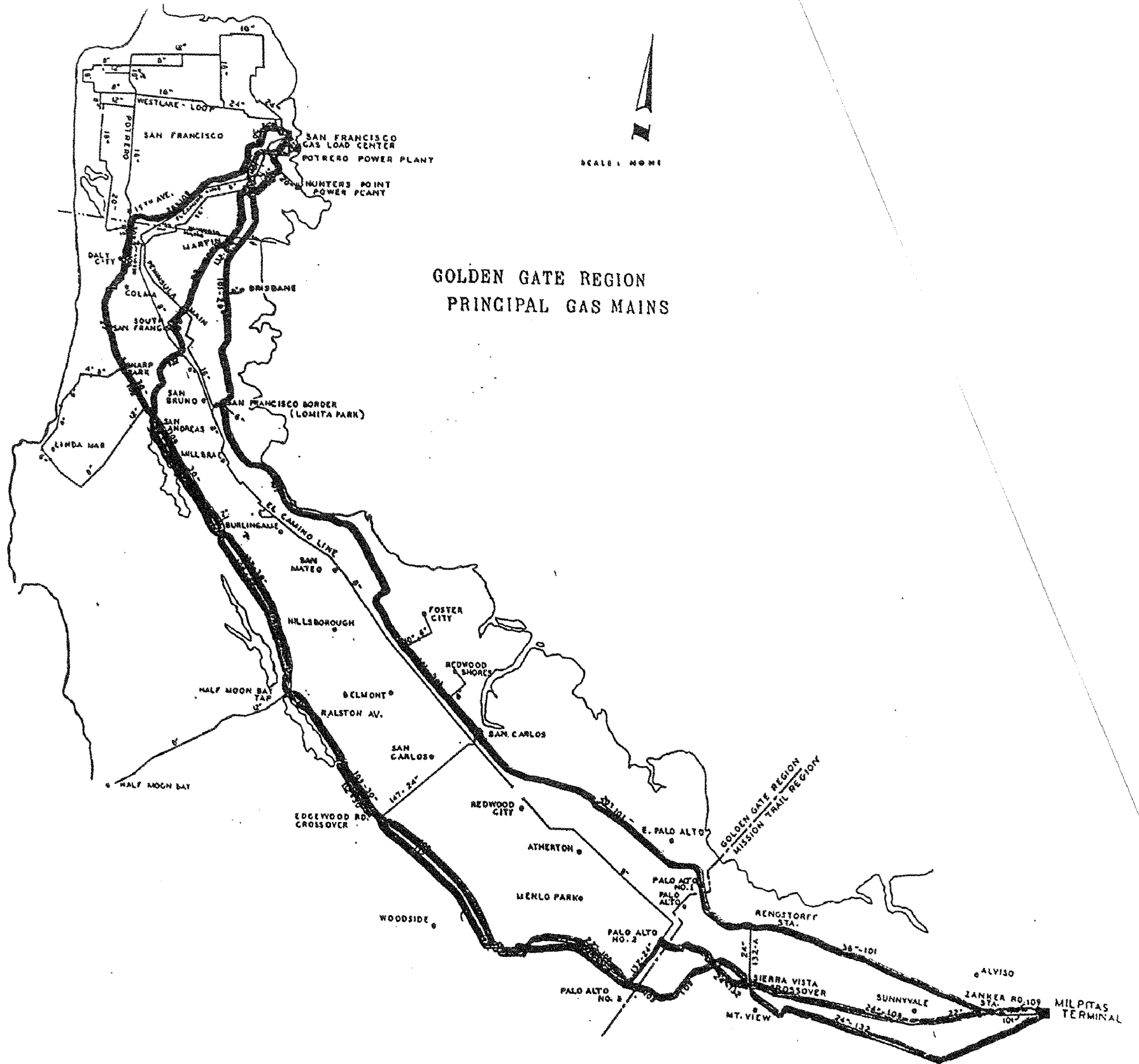
Map modified from *Terra Non Firma*  
James M. Gere and Haresh C. Shah, 1984.

CONDITIONAL PROBABILITY OF MAJOR EARTHQUAKES ALONG SEGMENTS OF THE SAN ANDREAS FAULT 1988-2018



CONDITIONAL PROBABILITY OF MAJOR EARTHQUAKES ALONG SEGMENTS OF THE HAYWARD, SAN JACINTO AND IMPERIAL FAULTS 1988-2018





GOLDEN GATE REGION  
PRINCIPAL GAS MAINS

# Seismic Study of Gas Transmission Lines for Golden Gate Region Gas Department

## Scope of Work

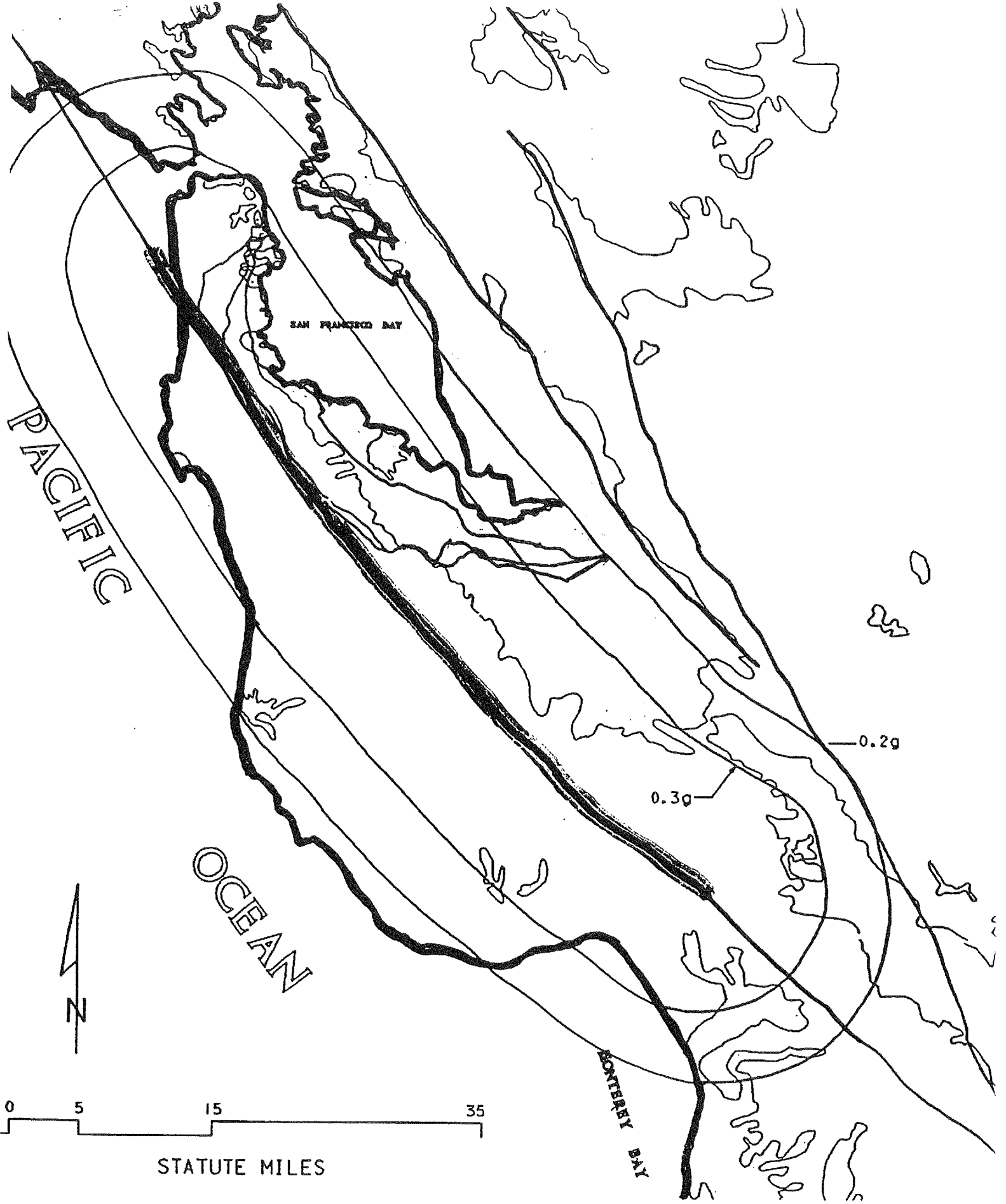
### Phase 1

Task 1: Collect data at a map scale of 1/24,000 or larger

Data sets: faults and associated deformation  
bedrock geology  
Quaternary geology  
seismicity  
topography  
landslides and landslide potential  
liquefaction potential  
differential settlement and lurching  
geotechnical borings  
groundwater

Task 2: Summarize earthquake effects for the 1906 San Francisco earthquake relevant to gas line corridors. Compile available case histories of performance of welded steel pipelines in earthquakes.

Task 3: Meet on October 13, 1989 to review results of the study and plan the scope of additional activities.



STATUTE MILES

**POTENTIAL GEOLOGIC HAZARDS FOR GAS PIPELINES  
ALONG THE SAN FRANCISCO PENINSULA CORRIDORS**

**Process**

**Potential Consequences**

- Ground rupture due to faulting

Lateral slip up to 10-15 feet across San Andreas fault. Geometry of fault/pipe crossing determines type of stress on pipe.

- Landsliding and other slope failures

Horizontal and vertical movement of up to tens or hundreds of feet; collapse of trench walls during construction.

- Seismically-induced ground failures

Liquefaction, sliding, lurching and lateral spreading with up to tens or possibly hundreds of feet of lateral movement; differential settlement of up to several feet.

## PROCEDURES FOR PHASE I INVESTIGATIONS

### Task 1:

- Gather geological, geotechnical, and historical data
  - U.S. Geological Survey
  - California Division of Mines and Geology
  - Libraries at U.C. Berkeley, Stanford U., San Jose S.U.
  - Seismic Safety Elements of counties, cities, and towns
  - Earthquake Engineering Research Institute
  - PG&E and Geomatrix project files
  - Unpublished research materials
  
- Compile data and pipeline locations on U.S.G.S. 1:24,000 (1 inch = 2000 feet) topographic quadrangle base maps. Organize data into three topical overlays.
  
- Assess geologic conditions along each pipeline corridor; prepare interpretive maps and tables.
  
- Prepare reference bibliography

### Task 2:

- Compile 1906 earthquake effects into an overlay and associated tabulation
  
- Gather welded pipe performance data into an annotated bibliography and file copies of publications



## FOCUS OF GEOLOGIC STUDIES FOR GAS PIPELINE CORRIDORS

<u>Process</u>	<u>Geologic Studies Focused On:</u>
● Ground rupture due to faulting	Active faults (slip within last 11,000 years), e.g., San Andreas, Hayward faults
● Landsliding and other slope failures	Construction phase: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Unconsolidated or poorly consolidated materials</li><li>- Saturated materials</li></ul> Long-term pipeline performance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Historic landslides</li><li>- Landslide scarps, deposits</li><li>- Geologic conditions that promote susceptibility to landsliding<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* steep slopes</li><li>* fractured, sheared, and/or poorly consolidated materials</li><li>* high groundwater, springs and seeps</li><li>* clay-rich materials</li><li>* formations characterized by numerous slope failures</li><li>* structural orientation of geologic units</li><li>* artificial modification of slope and drainage conditions</li></ul></li></ul>

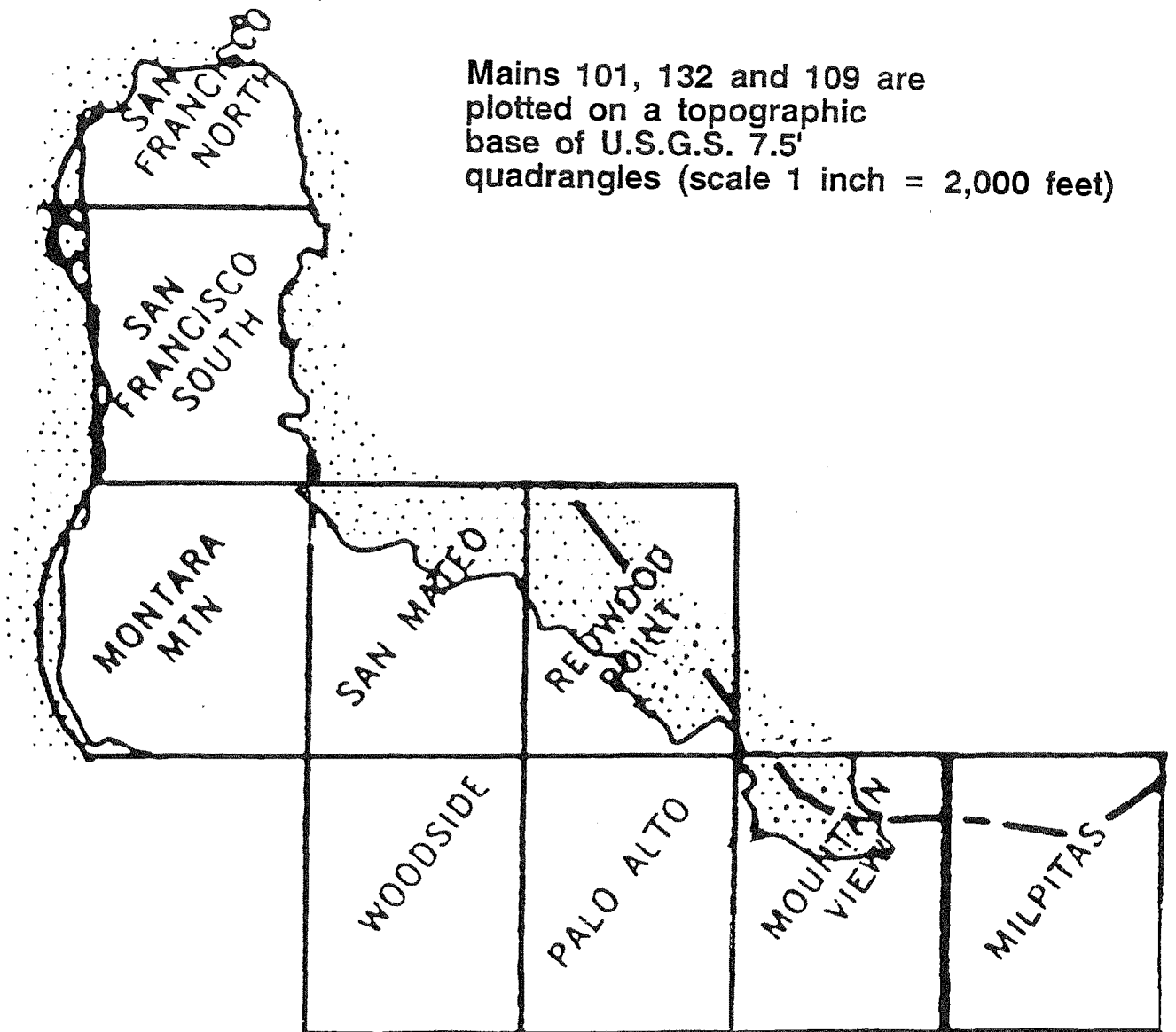
## FOCUS OF GEOLOGIC STUDIES (continued)

<u>Process</u>	<u>Geologic Studies Focused On:</u>
● Seismically-induced ground failures	- Historic ground failures
- Liquefaction and related effects (lurching, lateral spreading, differential settlement)	- Geologic units with a high susceptibility to liquefaction, especially those containing saturated, unconsolidated, poorly graded silts and sands. Susceptible geologic units include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Artificial fill on Bay Mud</li><li>* Sloughs and channels within Bay Mud</li><li>* Young alluvium</li><li>* Beach and dune sands</li></ul>
- Landsliding	- See above; landsliding may be seismically triggered
- Ground cracking	- Free faces adjacent to landslide- and liquefaction-prone units; areas underlain by liquefaction-prone units

## **MAP PRODUCTS OF PHASE I INVESTIGATION**

- **Base Map with Pipeline Corridors**
  - **Faults and key geologic units overlay**
  - **Historic landslides and seismically-induced ground failures overlay**
  - **Ground failure susceptibility map overlay**
- **Evaluated Geologic Conditions along Pipeline Corridors**

## BASE MAP



Base Map consists of 4 sheets:

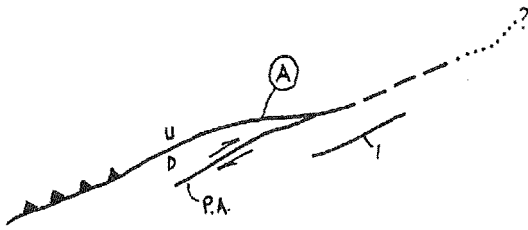
1. San Francisco North, San Francisco South quads.
2. Montara Mountain, San Mateo and Redwood Points quads.
3. Woodside and Palo Alto quads.
4. Mountain View and Milpitas quads.

## **FAULTS AND KEY GEOLOGIC UNITS**

### **Types of Geologic Features Shown**

- **Faults**
- **Key geologic units for assessing ground stability**
  - **large-dimension landslide deposits**
  - **dune and beach sand**
  - **artificial fill**
  - **bay mud**
  - **younger alluvium**
  - **older alluvium**
  - **bedrock (Tertiary and older formations)**
- **Contacts between units**

## FAULTS



Historically active fault, dashed where approximately located ( $\pm 100$  ft), dotted where covered or concealed, queried where existence uncertain. Paired arrows show sense of strike slip displacement; U = up, D = down; saw teeth of upper plate on thrust fault.

///// area of most probable location of covered fault

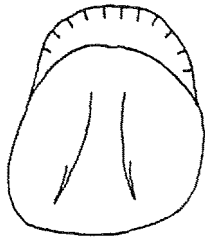
PA - potentially active fault

I - inactive fault

- (A) Location of significant historic fault rupture information (see Table A)

## KEY GEOLOGIC UNITS

———— - - - Geologic contact, dashed where approximately located.



Landslide deposit; hachures indicate headscarp, where present. Arrows indicate direction of downslope movement. Areas subject to soil creep and underlain by colluvial materials\*  $\leq 10$  ft in thickness not shown.

\* colluvium - Unconsolidated, poorly stratified deposits of soil, slope wash, talus, etc., that move downhill primarily in response to gravity.

## KEY GEOLOGIC UNITS

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Characteristics</u>	<u>Potential Hazards</u>
Dune/Beach sand	Late Quaternary ( $\leq 0.1 \times 10^6$ yr)	Homogenous, poorly graded sand. Poorly consolidated.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Unstable on steep slopes.</li> <li>● Susceptible to liquefaction if saturated.</li> </ul>
Younger Alluvium	Late Quaternary	Mixtures of silt, sand and gravel. Poorly consolidated.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Susceptible to liquefaction if poorly graded and saturated.</li> <li>● Prone to moderate ground shaking.</li> </ul>
Older Alluvium	Quaternary ( $\leq 2 \times 10^6$ yr)	Like young alluvium but moderately to highly consolidated.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Prone to sliding on steep slopes.</li> </ul>



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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Characteristics</u>	<u>Potential Hazards</u>
Bay Mud	Late Quaternary ( $\leq 0.1 \times 10^6$ yr)	Clays and silty clays with lenses of silty sand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prone to settlement, lurching and lateral spreading.</li> <li>• Poorly graded sand and silt lenses within Bay Mud susceptible to liquefaction.</li> <li>• Prone to strong ground shaking.</li> </ul>
Artificial fill	Historic	Highly variable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poorly engineered fills prone to differential settlement and slope failures, and to liquefaction, especially if located on Bay Mud.</li> </ul>

KEY GEOLOGIC UNITS

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Characteristics</u>	<u>Potential Hazards</u>
Landslide deposits	Quaternary ( $\leq 2 \times 10^6$ yr)	Heterogeneous, variable consolidation	Easy to destabilize if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- oversteepened slopes</li> <li>- saturated</li> <li>- strong ground shaking</li> </ul>
Bedrock	Tertiary and older ( $\geq 2 \times 10^6$ yr)	Highly variable; typically highly consolidated.	Slope failures possible if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- highly fractured/sheared</li> <li>- clay-rich</li> <li>- saturated</li> <li>- steep slopes</li> <li>- adverse structural orientations</li> <li>- natural slope and drainage conditions modified</li> </ul>

## HISTORIC LANDSLIDES AND SEISMICALLY-INDUCED GROUND FAILURES

Historic landslide data from U.S.G.S. maps and records, PG&E records, and Seismic Safety Elements of local counties, cities and towns. Landslides shown by:

○ location and date (if known) of landslide  
1939

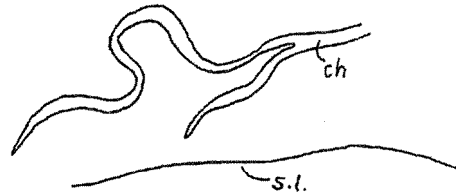
Seismically-induced ground failures from U.S.G.S. reports (primarily Youd and Hoose, 1978). Units shown are:

- ▲ lq Liquefaction related effects
  - lurching
  - lateral spreading
  - differential settlement
  - sand volcanoes
- ls seismically-induced landsliding
- gc ground cracking of unknown origin

Historic ground failures are summarized in Table B.

## GROUND FAILURE SUSCEPTIBILITY MAP

- Shows the location of mid 1800's shoreline of San Francisco Bay (after Nichols and Wright, 1970); with major channels and sloughs



ch - channel

s.l. - shoreline

- Areas susceptible to slope failure during an earthquake (after Wieczorek et al., 1985)



- high susceptibility: 15 to 25% of slope is likely to fail in a major earthquake



- moderate susceptibility: approximately 15% of slope likely to fail during earthquake

Factors upon which landslide susceptibility is based:

- steepness of slope
- geologic materials present
- strength of weakest geologic unit
- pore water pressures within slope
- maximum expected ground acceleration from future earthquakes

## PHASE 1 RESULTS

Based upon review and compilation of available data, the three pipeline corridors are segmented according to known and inferred geologic conditions:



Identified adverse geologic conditions



Uncertain geologic conditions



No identified adverse geologic conditions

## IDENTIFIED ADVERSE GEOLOGIC CONDITIONS



**Red segments or localities: identified by presence of known adverse geologic conditions to pipelines:**

- **Crossing the trace of an active fault**
- **Crossing an active deep (> 10') landslide**
- **Crossing areas with known high susceptibility to liquefaction**
  - **localities that liquefied during previous earthquakes**
  - **poorly graded, unconsolidated saturated silts and sands: channels within/beneath artificial fill and Bay Mud**
  - **nonengineered fills on Bay Mud (if near historic liquefaction failures)**

## UNCERTAIN GEOLOGIC CONDITIONS

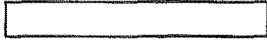


**Yellow segments or localities:** identified by the presence of general geologic conditions that might, under adverse local circumstances, pose a hazard to pipelines:

- areas with a high susceptibility to landslide movement
- areas underlain by  $\geq 10'$  of Bay Mud
- areas of artificial fill (if no record of historic liquefaction failure)
- crossing the trace of a potentially active fault or the projected trace of an active buried ("blind") fault, or potential (unmapped) splays of the San Andreas fault
- areas of potentially large differential settlement, e.g., contacts between Bay Mud and artificial fill or younger alluvium

The yellow designation means there is insufficient site-specific information to assign an area/locality to either red or green classifications.

## NO IDENTIFIED ADVERSE GEOLOGIC CONDITIONS



**Green segments identified by an absence of reported geologic conditions that pose potential hazards to pipelines.**

- **No active fault crossings**
- **No active landslide crossings**
- **No deposits with known high susceptibility to liquefaction**



## EXAMPLE OF SITE-SPECIFIC INVESTIGATIONS

- **Active fault crossing**
  - **detailed mapping including analysis of pre-development photographs**
  - **trenching to determining precise location and width of active fault trace(s)**
  - **evaluation of expected fault slip parameters: net slip, slip distribution including zone width plus horizontal and vertical components, recurrence frequency**
  - **evaluate alternative possible mitigations of fault crossing conditions**
    - \* **orientation of pipeline with respect to fault**
    - \* **depth of burial; properties of pipe trench backfill**

## EXAMPLE OF SITE-SPECIFIC INVESTIGATIONS

- **Areas with high susceptibility to landsliding**
  - review available site-specific geologic and engineering data
  - conduct detailed mapping including analysis of pre-development slope conditions
  - perform geotechnical investigations to determine slide dimensions (especially depth of failure surface), groundwater conditions, and engineering characteristics of earth materials
  - evaluate potential ground motions and site-specific slope failure potential
  - evaluate alternative possible mitigations of landslide susceptibility

## **EXAMPLE OF SITE-SPECIFIC INVESTIGATIONS**

- **Areas with high susceptibility to liquefaction**
  - **review available bore hole and site-specific geologic data (e.g., CalTrans)**
  - **perform geotechnical investigations to determine groundwater conditions and engineering characteristics of earth materials**
  - **evaluate potential ground motions and site-specific liquefaction potential**
  - **evaluate alternative possible mitigations of liquefaction susceptibility**