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HYDRAULIC MODEL STUDY OF  
GALINDO CREEK SIDE CHANNEL  
WASTEWAY

CONTRA COSTA CANAL  
CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT, CALIFORNIA

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Subject: Hydraulic model study of Galindo Creek sidechannel wasteway--  
Contra Costa Canal--Central Valley Project, California.

### INTRODUCTION

Hydraulic model studies of the Galindo Creek sidechannel wasteway of the Contra Costa Canal in the Central Valley Project of California were performed in the Hydraulic Laboratory in Denver in September 1939. The report was not completed at that time due to more urgent work in the laboratory.

The prototype sidechannel wasteway, Figure 1, starts at canal station 1726+67.42 and is 25 feet long on an 80-foot radius horizontal curve. The purpose of the wasteway is to prevent the overtopping of the canal banks. The sidechannel wasteway discharges into a tunnel and finally into a stilling-pool before entering into the wasteway canal. The principle purpose of the model study was to determine whether the capacity of the sidechannel wasteway was adequate.

### THE MODEL

A 1:6 scale model of the sidechannel wasteway was constructed and located in a model channel previously used to determine losses for flow around piers in wash overchutes for the Coachella Canal. The sideslopes of the model canal were 1-1/2:1, whereas those of the Contra Costa Canal are 1-1/4:1. The discrepancy was thought to be insignificant in regard to the general operation of the sidechannel. It was also considered unnecessary to reproduce the slight channel curvature to determine the approximate dimensions of the sidechannel.

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#### CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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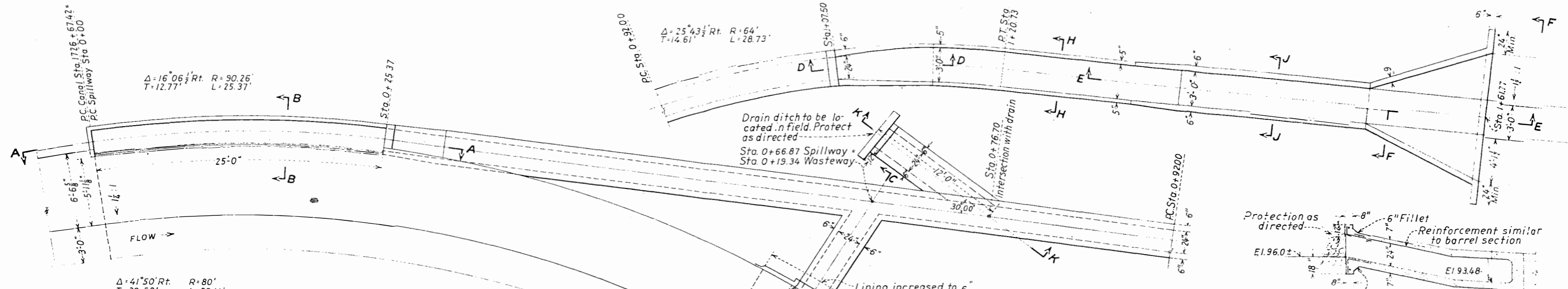
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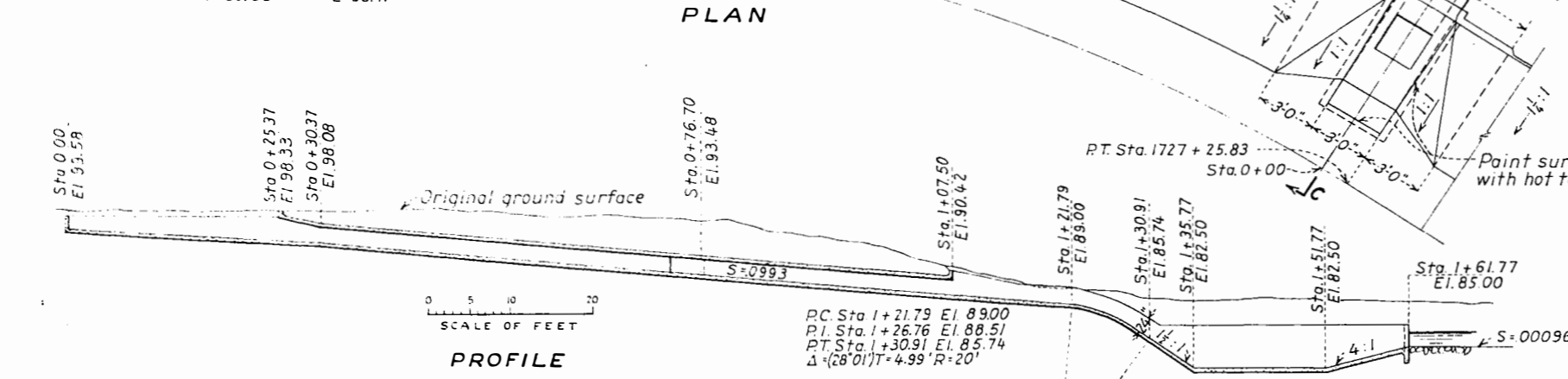
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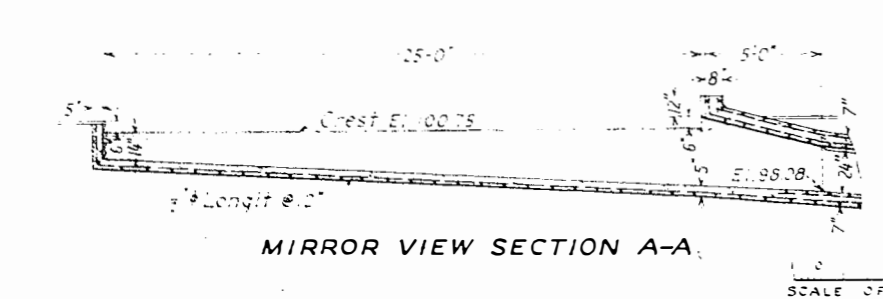
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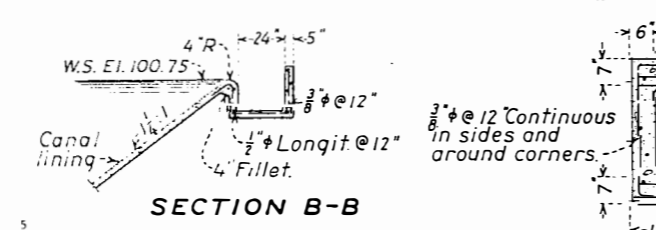
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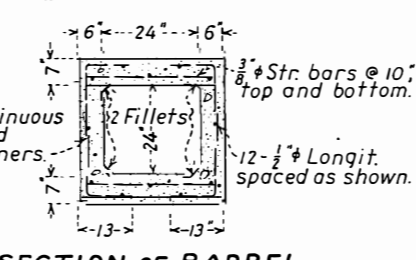
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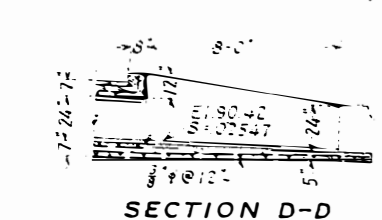
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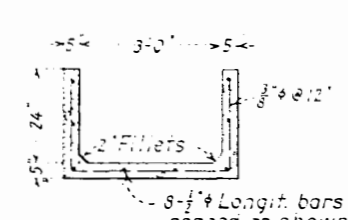
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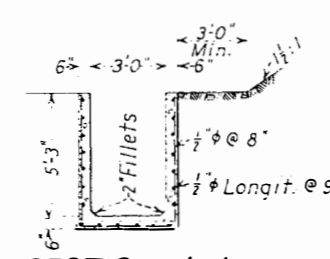
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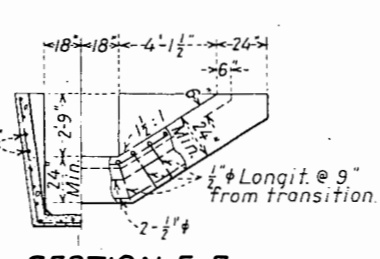
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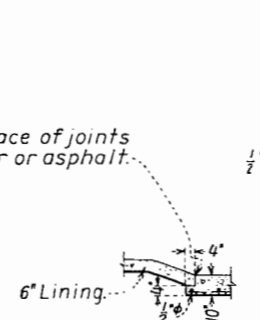
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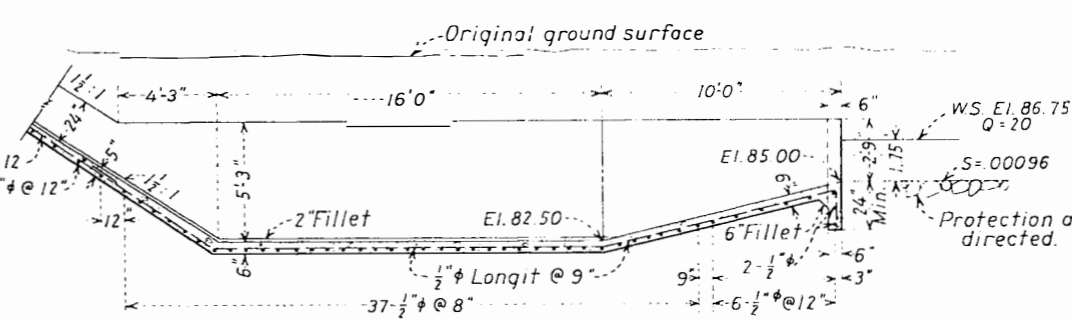
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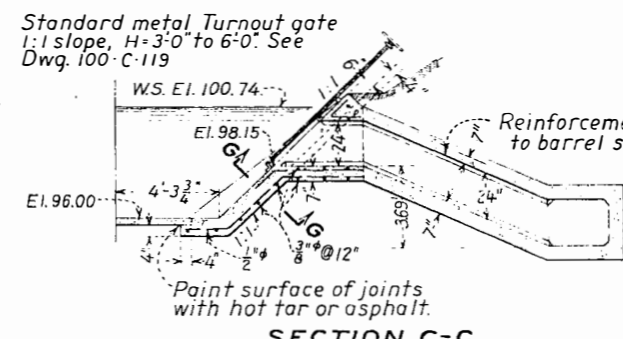
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SECTION G-G



SECTION E-E



SECTION C-C

**ESTIMATED QUANTITIES**

|               |            |
|---------------|------------|
| Concrete      | 36 Cu Yds. |
| Reinforcement | 2500 Lbs.  |

**NOTES**  
 All reinforcement shall be placed so that the centers of bars in the outer layer will be 2" from face of concrete unless otherwise shown. Lap all bars 40 diameters at splices. Stations, elevations and radii shown on Profile refer to invert of section. Base of entire structure to be placed on undisturbed natural foundation or thoroughly compacted fill. Thickness of concrete to vary uniformly between dimensions shown.

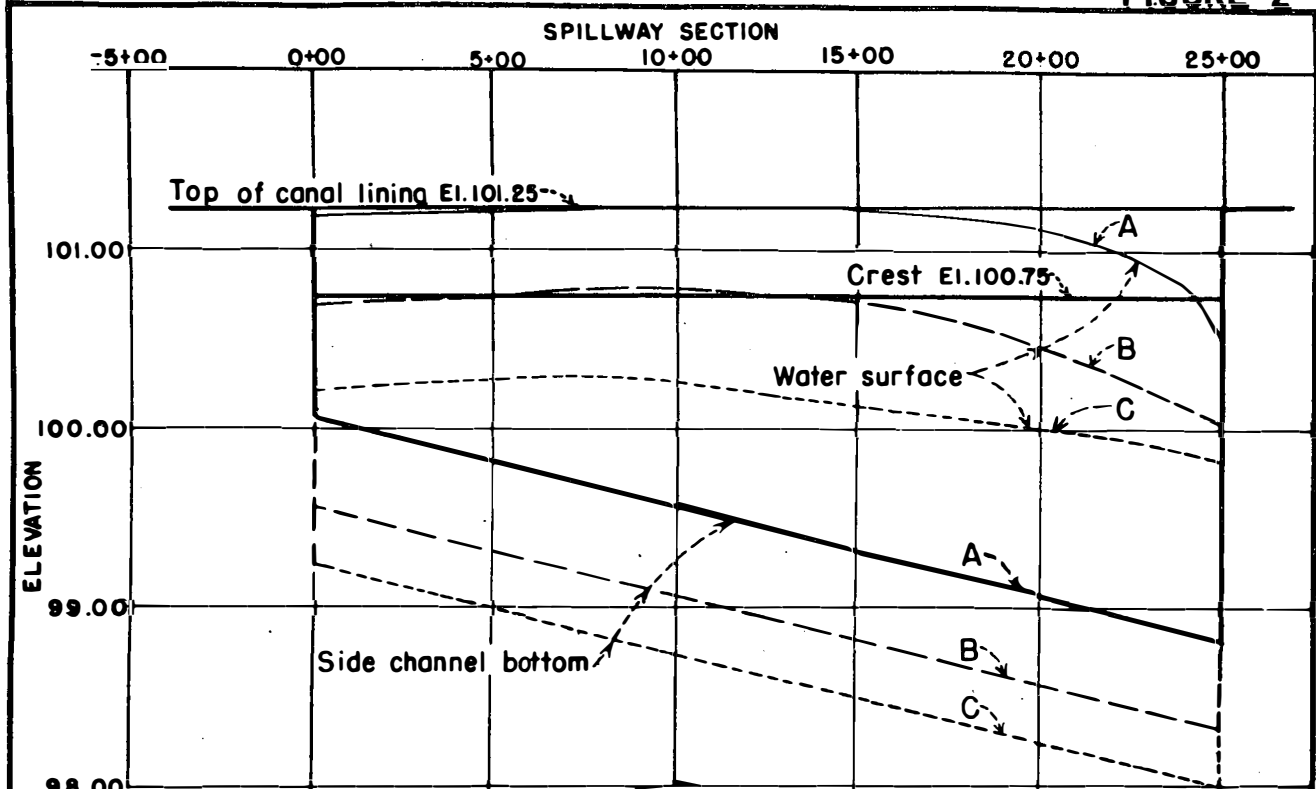
**HYDRAULIC PROPERTIES**

| SECTION        | A     | V    | Q   | C    | D     | S      |
|----------------|-------|------|-----|------|-------|--------|
| Canal          | 56.52 | 2.74 | 155 | 2.67 | .014  | .00018 |
| Wasteway       |       |      | 20  |      |       |        |
| Wasteway Canal | 9.85  | 2.03 | 20  | 1.06 | .0225 | .00096 |

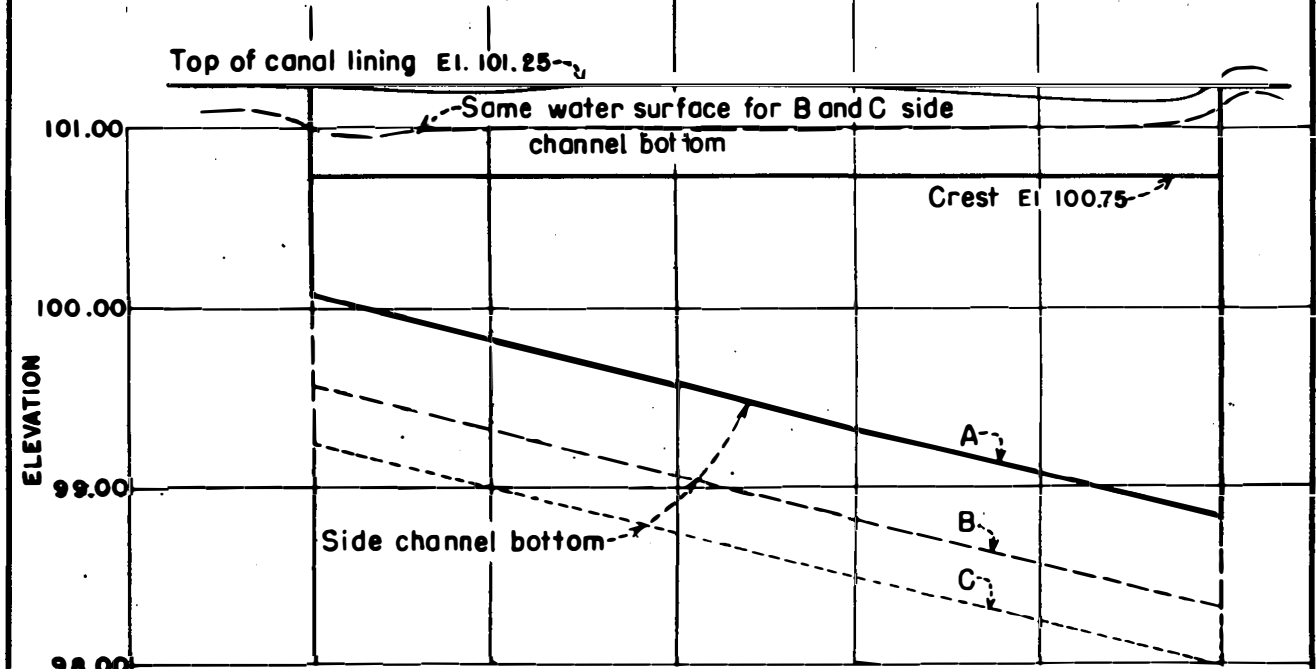
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 GALINDO CREEK WASTEWAY  
 AND SIDE CHANNEL SPILLWAY**

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**A. WATER SURFACE ALONG SIDE CHANNEL CENTER-LINE**



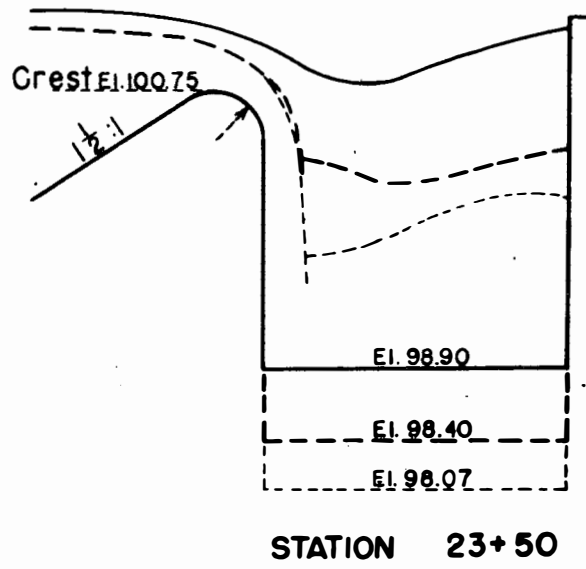
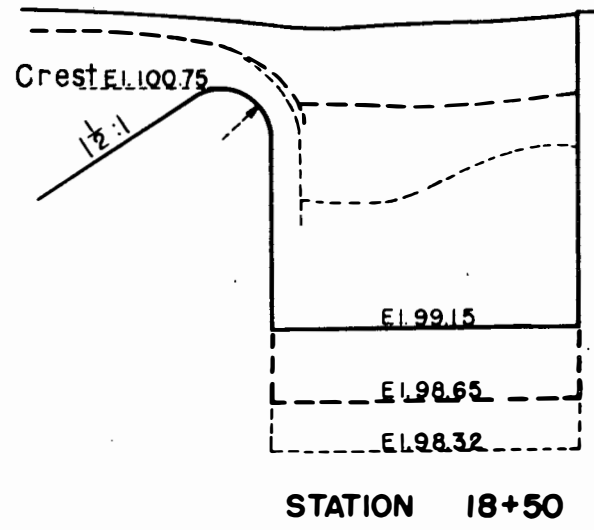
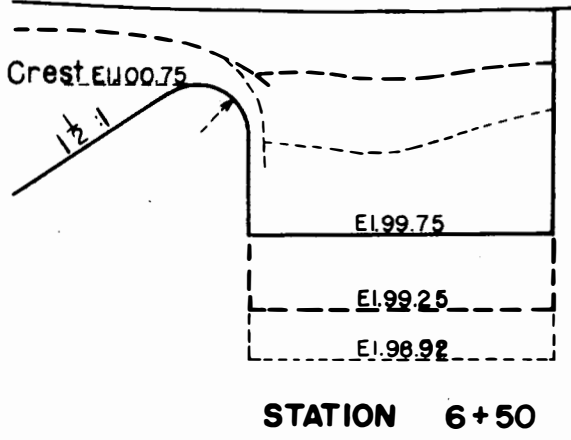
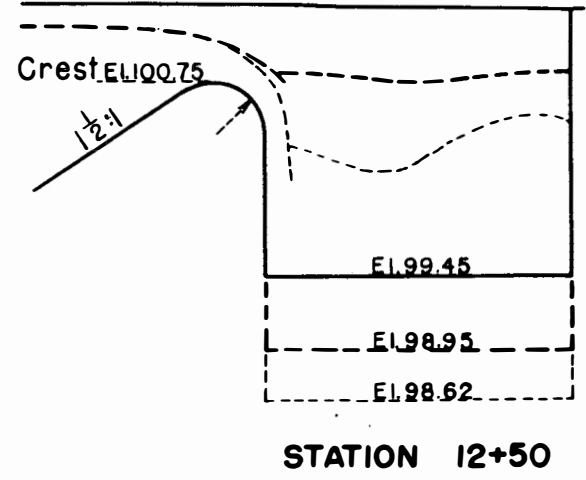
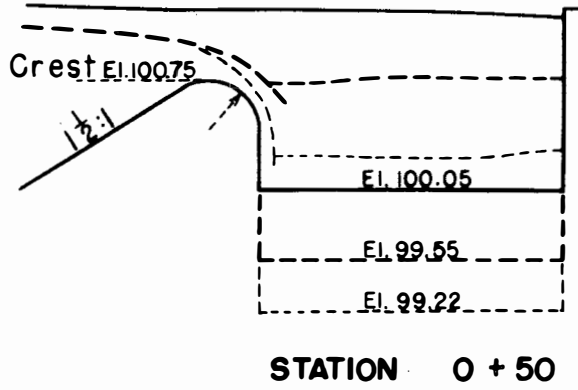
**B. WATER SURFACE OVER SPILLWAY CREST**

**EXPLANATION**

**BOTTOM SYMBOL DESCRIPTION CREST COEF.**

|           |           |                  |      |
|-----------|-----------|------------------|------|
| <b>A.</b> | —————     | Original design  | 2.85 |
| <b>B.</b> | - - - - - | Bottom 6" lower  | 3.48 |
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