



# WESTCARB Annual Business Meeting

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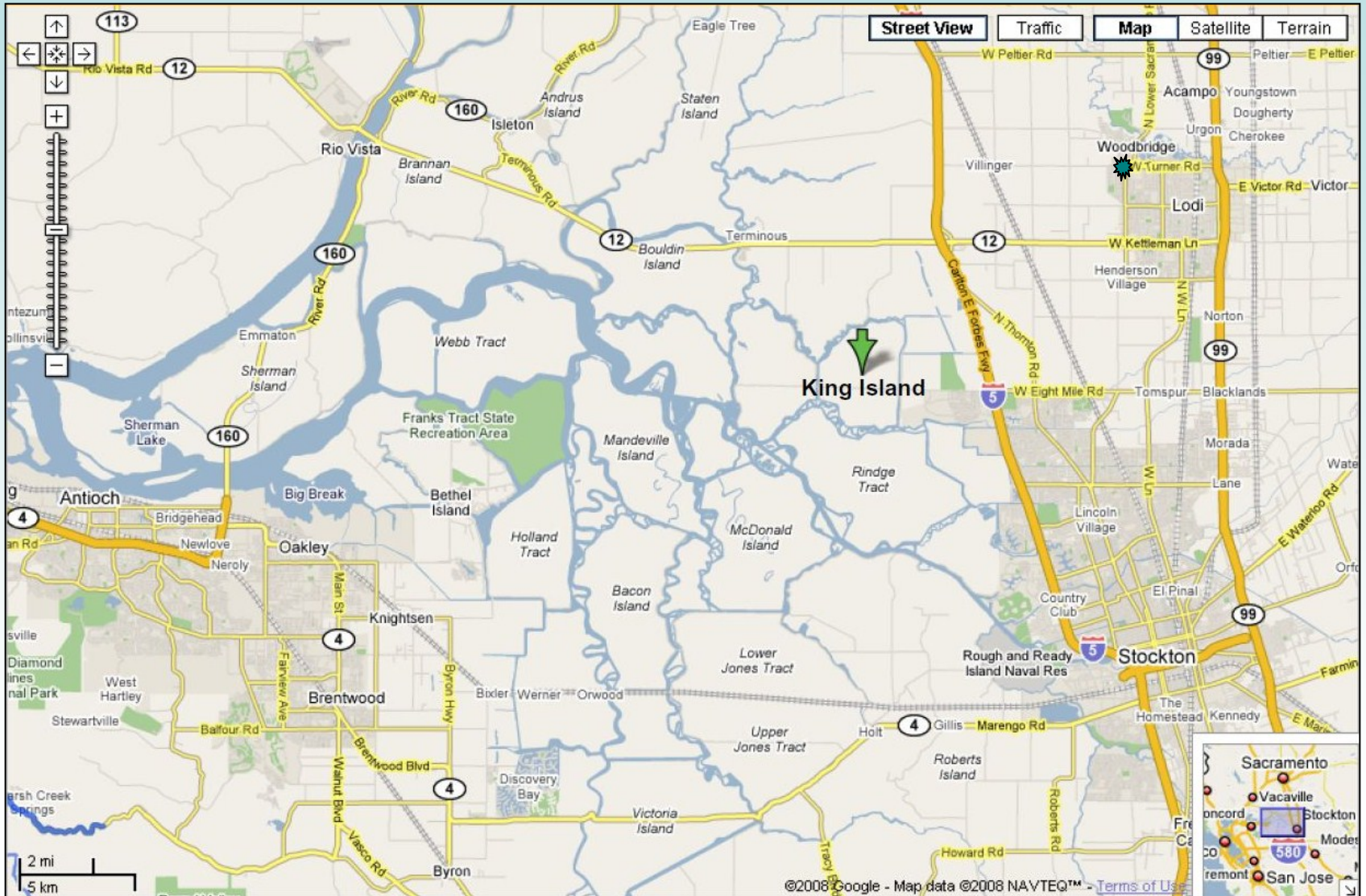
## Geologic Characterization for CO<sub>2</sub> Storage in the Southwestern Sacramento Basin Based on Citizen Green Well Data

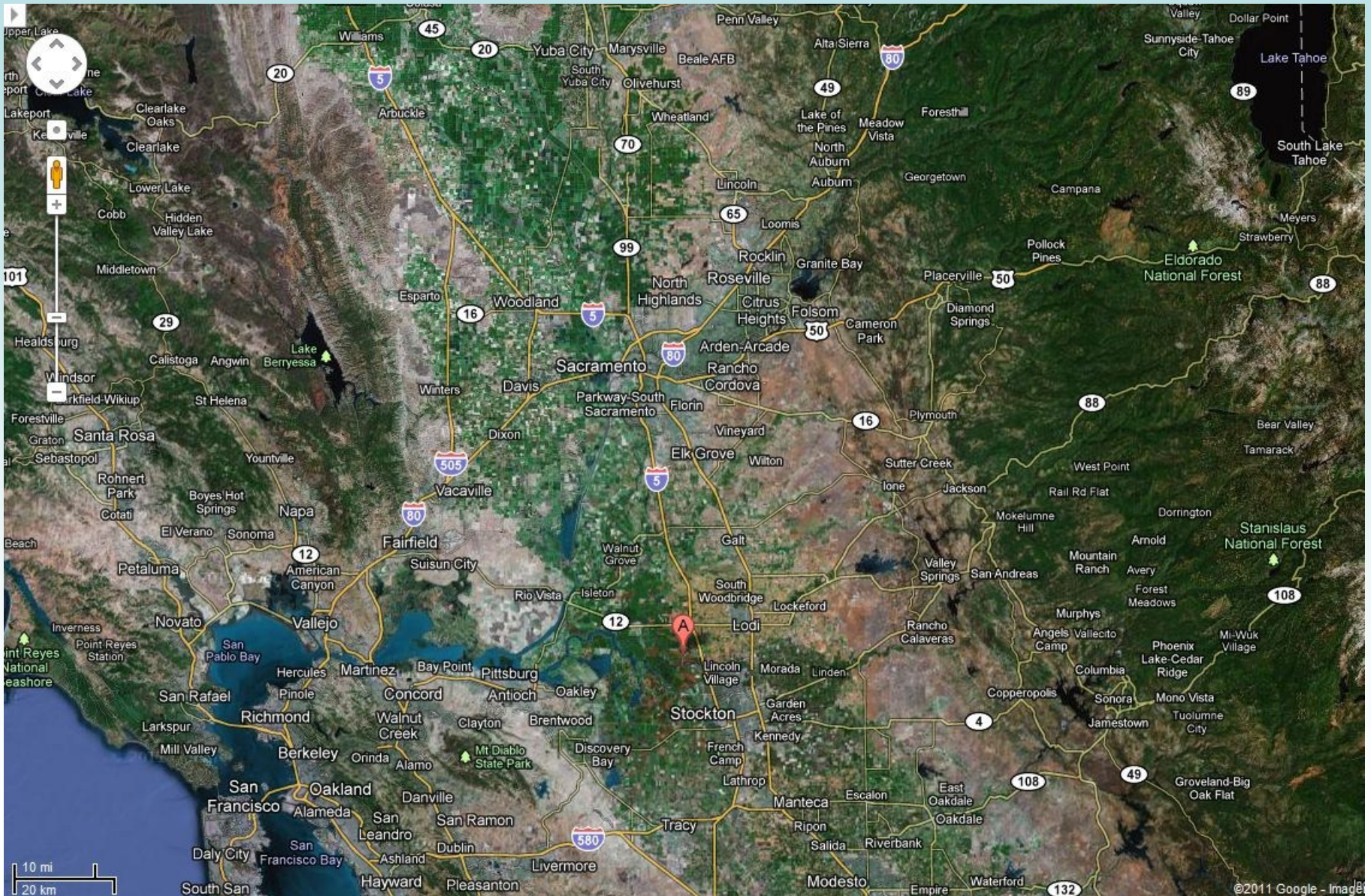
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# King Island Location in the Sacramento River Delta



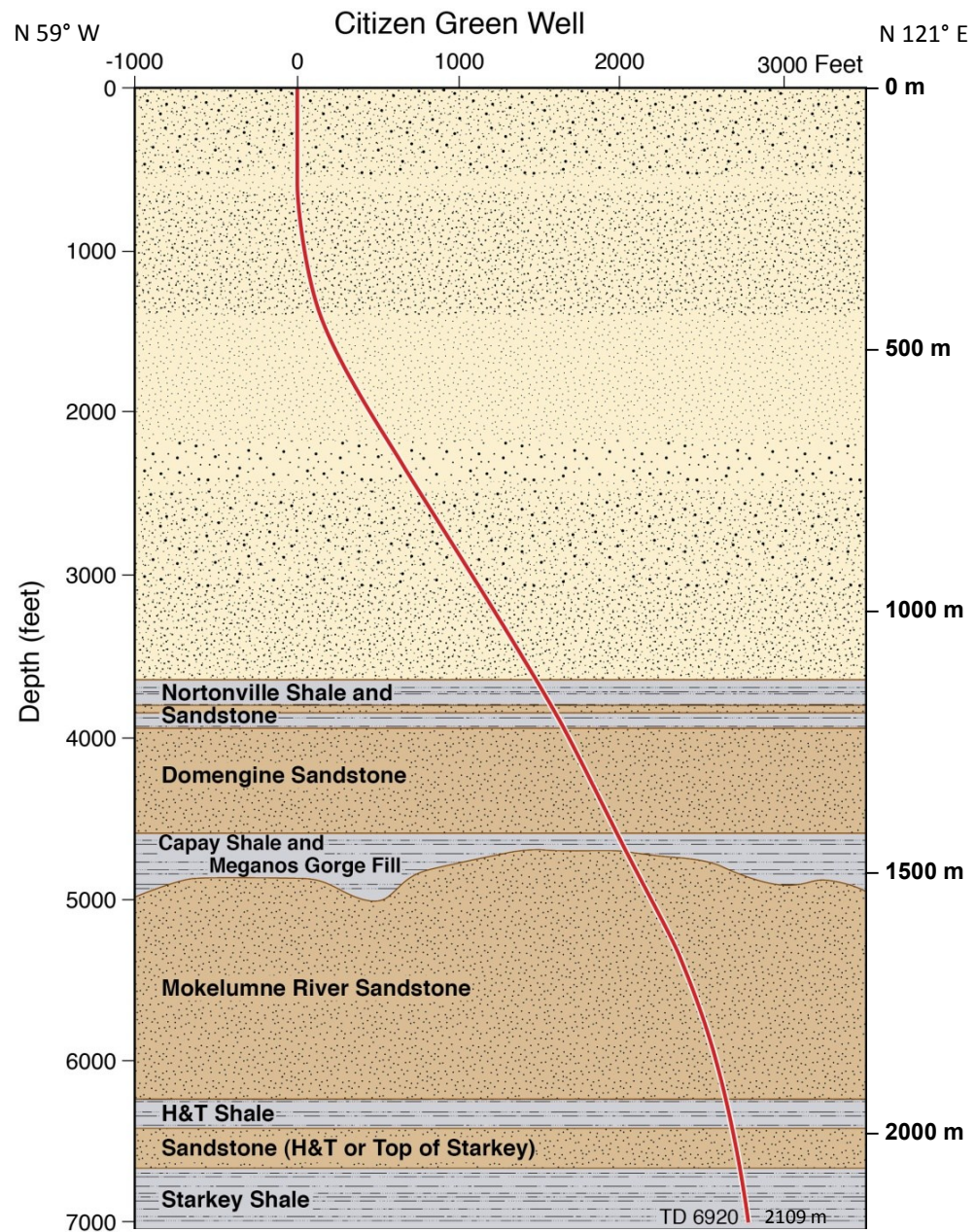


# Citizen Green Well on King Island



# Geologic column for the deviated Citizen Green well on King Island, California

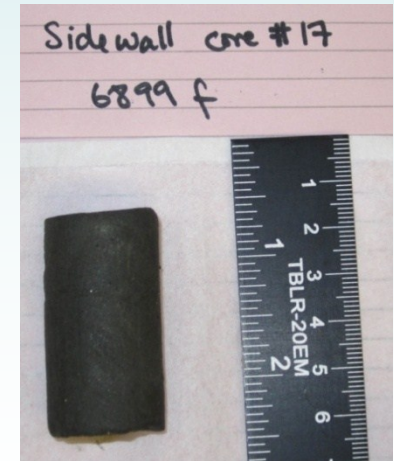
Equal horizontal and vertical scales



Topography of the top of the Mokelumne River Formation based on an interpretation of 3D seismic data by Tom Fassio

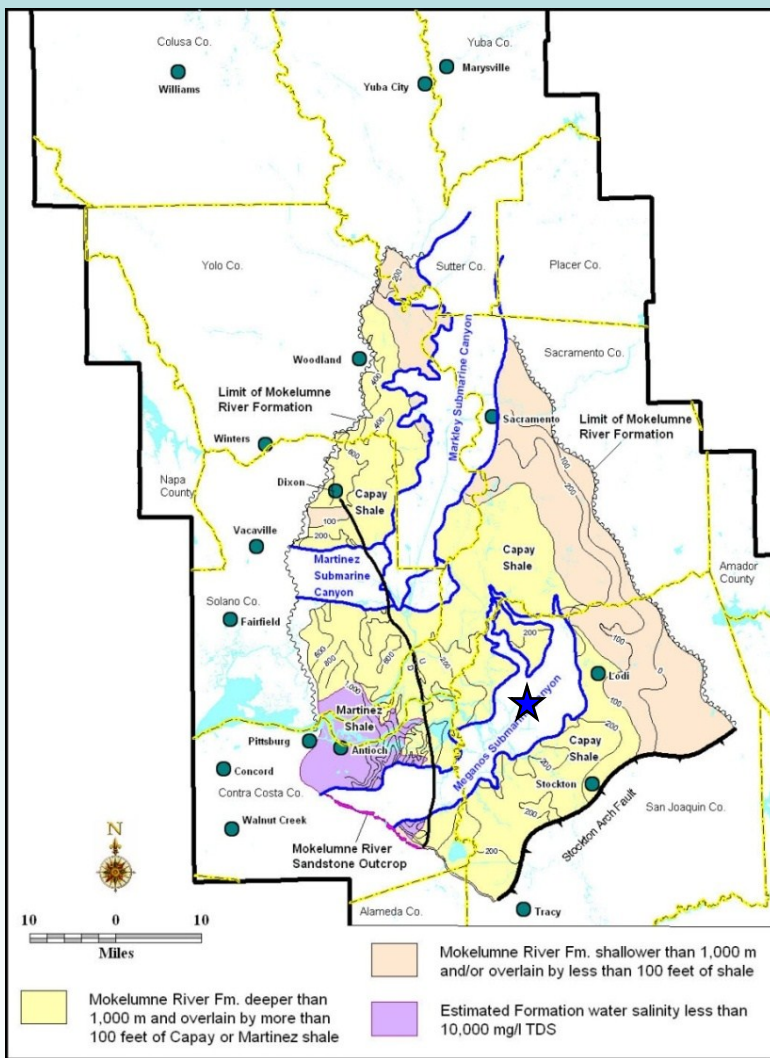


Whole core (3.5-inch diameter) recovered:  
19 feet from the bottom of the Nortonville shale-top of the Nortonville sand  
55 feet from the top of the Mokelumne River sandstone, mostly unconsolidated sand



44 sidewall cores (1-inch diameter, ~2.5 inches long) recovered from all formations  
Many sandstone cores are unconsolidated

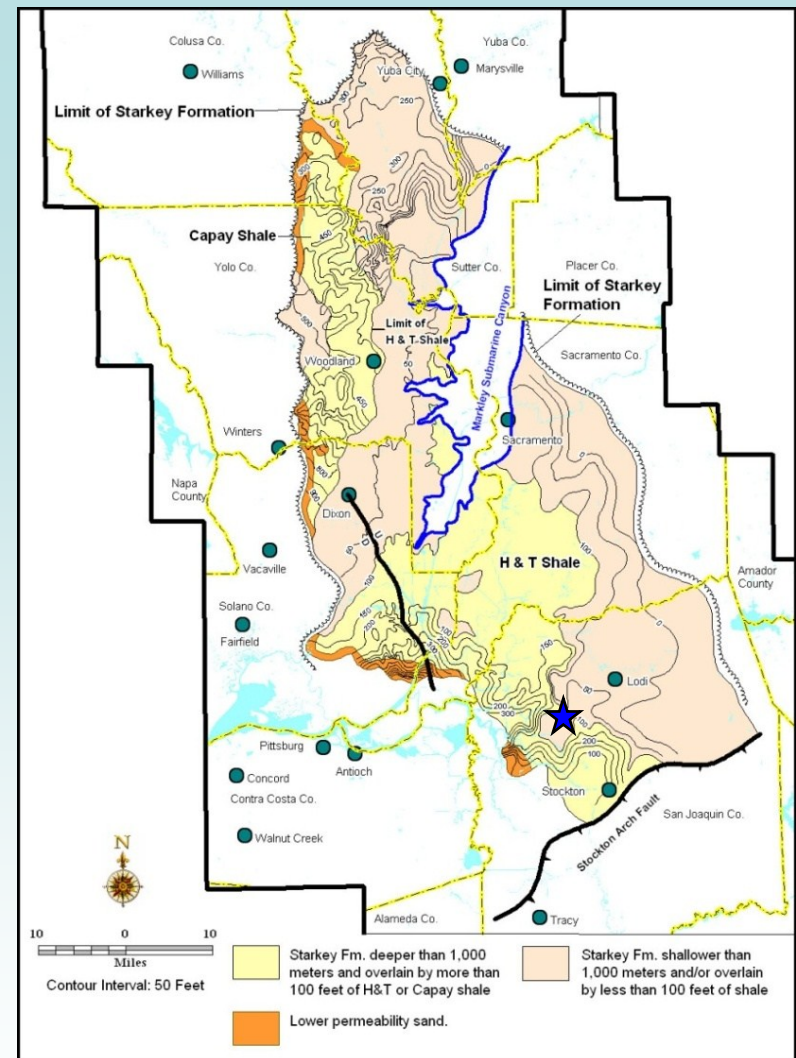
Side wall core #	Calculated Vertical depth (feet)	Calculated Vertical Depth (meters)	Formation	Sample Comments - Burton	Side wall core #	Calculated Vertical depth (feet)	Calculated Vertical Depth (meters)	Formation	Sample Comments - Burton
50,49,48	3704	1129.0	Nortonville shale	core not recovered	20	6036	1839.8	Mokelumne ss	hard core-silty sand
47	3880	1182.6	Nortonville shale &	unconsolidated sand	19	6165	1879.1	Mokelumne ss	hard core-silty sand; not convincingly shale; gradational contact from Moke to H&T
46	4038	1230.8	Domengine sand	unconsolidated sand	18	6203	1890.7	H&T shale	hard core-sandy shale
45	4151	1265.2	Domengine ss	unconsolidated sand	17	6262	1908.7	H&T shale	definitely shale; removed for entrained gas analysis
44	4266	1300.3	Domengine ss	removed for entrained gas analysis	16	6283	1915.1	H&T shale	hard core-shaly, marly?
42	4490	1368.6	Domengine ss	unconsolidated sand	15	6300	1920.2	H&T shale	hard core-sand
41	4572	1393.5	Domengine ss	unconsolidated sand	14	6315	1924.8	H&T shale	1 piece partial-shale
40	4605	1403.6	Capay shale	unconsolidated shale	13	6334	1930.6	H&T shale	sand stringer; core not recovered
39	4612	1405.7	Capay shale	a very small piece of shale	12	6354	1936.7	H&T shale	hard core pieces-shale
38	4632	1411.8	Sand in Capay	unconsolidated sand	11	6370	1941.6	H&T shale	hard core pieces-sand
37	4653	1418.2	Capay shale	unconsolidated shale	10	6426	1958.6	H&T sand	hard core-sand
35	4685	1428.0	Capay shale	unconsolidated silty sand	9	6464	1970.2	H&T sand or shale	hard core-sand; shale stringer or still in H&T shale?
34	4813	1467.0	Mokelumne ss	unconsolidated silty sand	8	6496	1980.0	H&T sand	hard core-sand
33	5189	1581.6	Mokelumne ss	unconsolidated sand	7	6530	1990.3	H&T sand or shale	hard core-sand with shale
32	5254	1601.4	Mokelumne ss	unconsolidated silty sand	6	6585	2007.1	H&T sand	sand; removed for entrained gas analysis
31	5423	1652.9	Mokelumne ss	unconsolidated sand	5	6614	2015.9	H&T sand	hard core-sand
30	5451	1661.5	Mokelumne ss	unconsolidated sand	4	6666	2031.8	Starkey shale	hard core-shale
29	5487	1672.4	Mokelumne (shaley)	clay-siltstone layer, removed for entrained gas analysis	3	6704	2043.4	Starkey shale	removed for entrained gas analysis
28	5558	1694.1	Mokelumne ss	unconsolidated sand	2	6738	2053.7	Starkey shale	2 large pieces and 1 small hard core-shale
27	5621	1713.3	Mokelumne ss	unconsolidated sand	1	6775	2065.0	Starkey shale	hard core-shale
26	5656	1723.9	Mokelumne ss	hard core, but not well consolidated	TD	6920	2109.2	in Starkey shale	
25	5718	1742.8	Mokelumne ss	unconsolidated sand					
24	5782	1762.4	Mokelumne ss	hard core-silty sand					
23	5843	1780.9	Mokelumne ss	hard core-silty sand					
22	5907	1800.5	Mokelumne ss	hard core-silty sand					
21	5972	1820.3	Mokelumne ss	hard core-silty sand					



### Capay shale and Mokelumne River sandstone

At King Island, the Mokelumne River sandstone is gas-bearing in a pinnacle in the Meganos Gorge. The Capay shale overlies the pinnacle. The Domengine and Starkey sandstones are not intruded by the gorge. The well penetrated these potential reservoir formations and overlying shale seals.

★ Citizen Green well on King Island



### H&T shale and Starkey sandstone

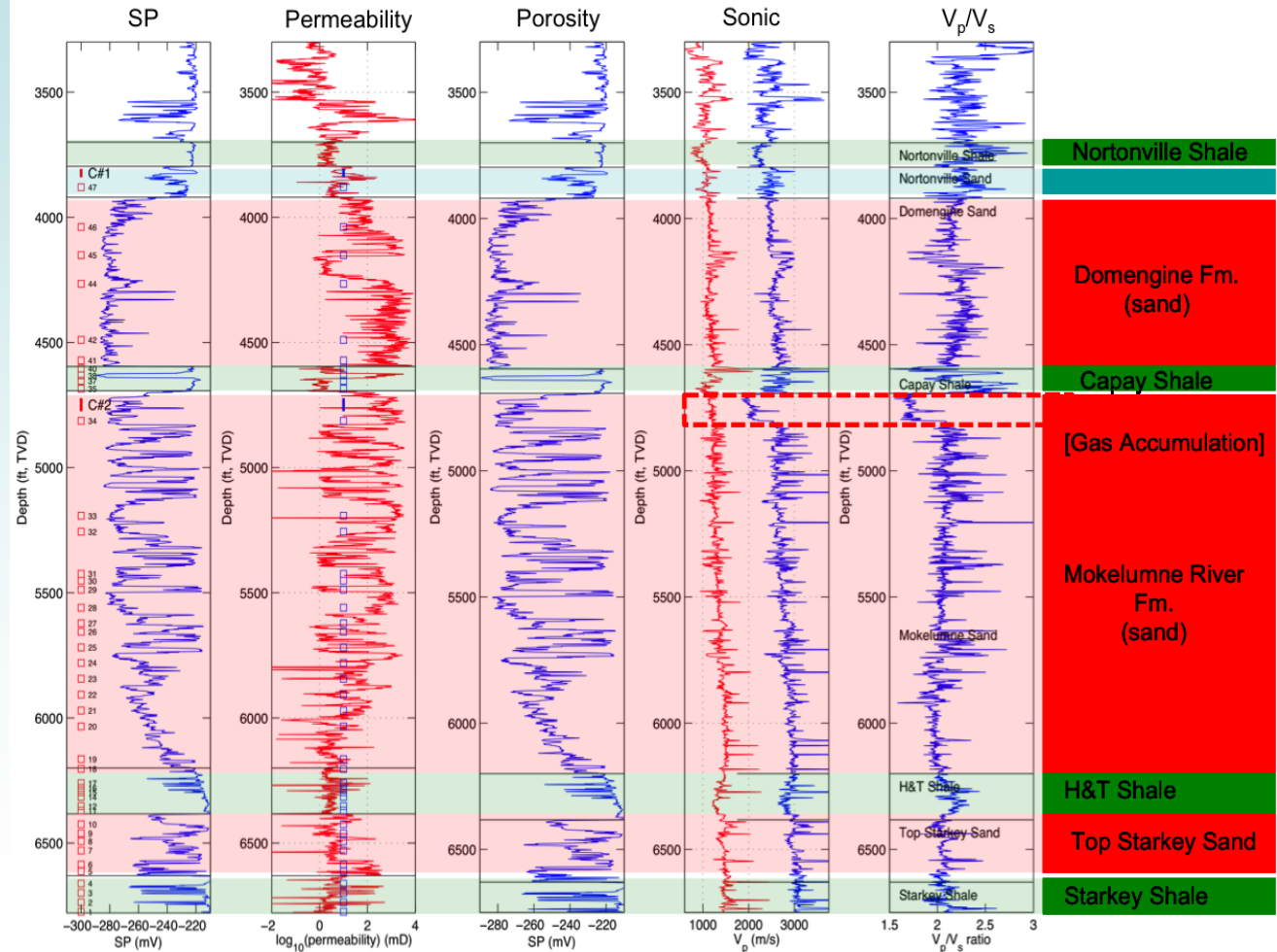
Reference: Downey, Cameron, John Clinkenbeard, (California Geological Survey) 2011, *Studies Related to Geologic Carbon Sequestration Potential in California*, California Energy Commission





# Schlumberger Logs Run

- Platform Express
- Elemental Capture Sonde
- Sonic Scanner
- Combinable Magnetic Resonance (CMR)
- Formation Microimager (FMI) (We can select up to 1000 feet of images)
- Could not run MDT tool to collect water samples.
- Gas column observed in the upper Mokelumne River Fm.
- Several high quality reservoirs and seals identified.



# Citizen Green Well Data Analysis To-Date

Jonathan Ajo-Franklin

- Core sample porosity/permeability measurements correlated with well log NMR pore/perm data and thin section analysis
- Virtual petrophysical analysis and permeability modeling based on 3D micro CT imaging

Tim Kneafsey & Seiji Nakagawa

- CT scans of CO<sub>2</sub> and brine injections into a Domengine Formation core
- Seismic velocity and electrical resistivity measurements during CO<sub>2</sub> injection

Mark Conrad

- Mineralogical analysis of thin sections

Curt Oldenburg & Christine Doughty

- Multi-phase flow of simulations of CO<sub>2</sub> injection into the Mokelumne River Sandstone

# Citizen Green Well Data Analyses Not Yet Started

WESTCARB is seeking water samples from deep wells in the King Island area for geochemical experiments.

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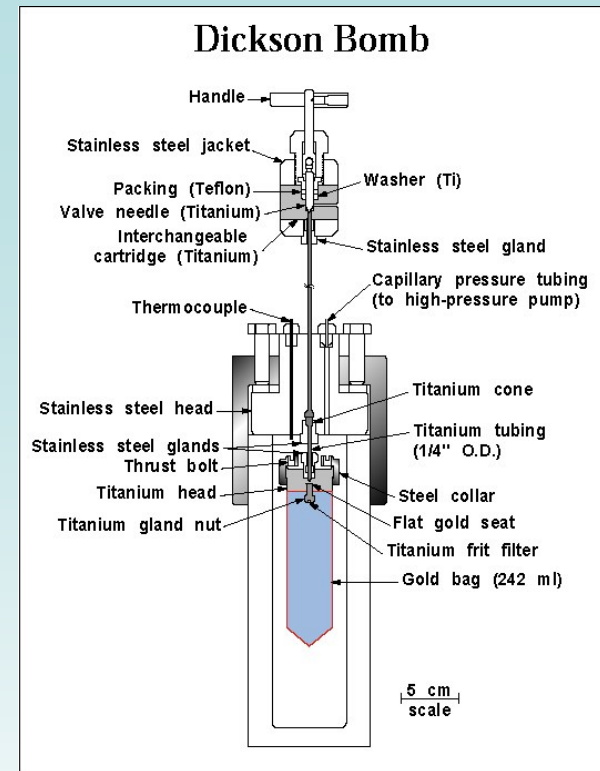
- High temperature/high pressure laboratory experiments to determine long-term geochemical interactions among the reservoir rock, CO<sub>2</sub>, and brine

Nic Spycher

- Reactive transport simulation of injected CO<sub>2</sub> flow and trapping, considering geochemical reactions among the reservoir rock, CO<sub>2</sub>, and brine

# High Temperature/High Pressure Geochemical Laboratory Experiments

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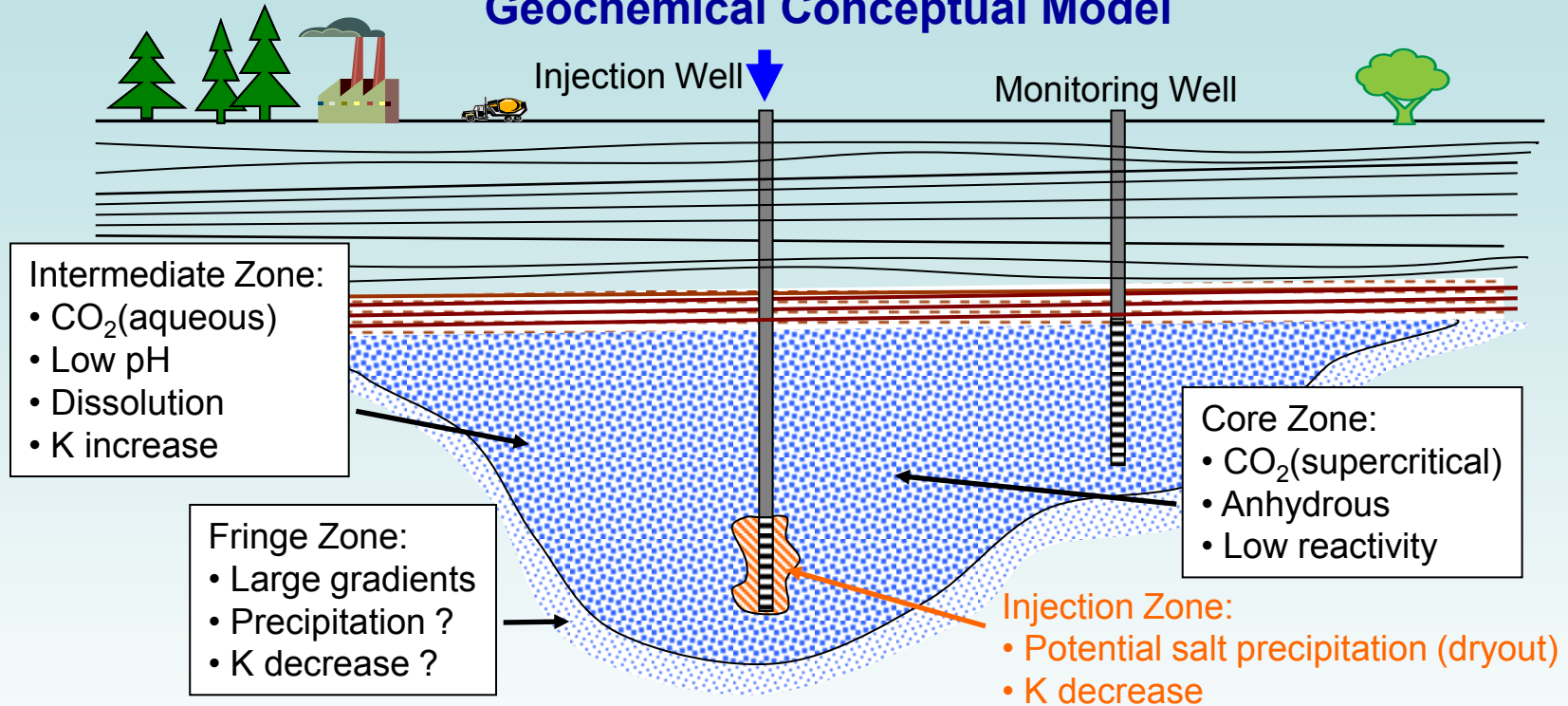
Laboratory experiments on long term geochemical interactions among core, synthetic formation fluid, and CO<sub>2</sub>. These interactions determine the transport and fate of CO<sub>2</sub> in the deep subsurface.

Experiments are run at reservoir T and P, or higher T in the case of “accelerated” tests designed to maximize possible interactions. Geochemical reaction simulators are used to both design and interpret experiments. All work is closely coupled to the modeling effort at LBNL.

# Reactive transport simulation of CO<sub>2</sub> Injection

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## Geochemical Conceptual Model



## Geochemical Processes to Consider

- Multiphase fluid flow (CO<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O)
- Mutual CO<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O solubility
- Aqueous- and gas-phase transport
- Porosity-permeability coupling
- Multicomponent reactions
  - Mineral precipitation/dissolution
  - Aqueous complexation
  - Surface complexation (as needed)
  - Gas dissolution/exsolution