Five wells have been drilled in the field with only the discovery well a commercial well. The second well encountered a major fault and stopped in the down-thrown side, the third and fourth wells were high and in the gas cap, and the fifth well was low and wet.

Exploration is difficult, not only because of the complex structural conditions, but surface exposures are limited by the thick growth of forests and underbrush. Many geologists believe that there is a commercial oil field in the vicinity.

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Geology and Related Developments in Part of the City of Los Angeles

Geologic conditions within the confines of a municipality continually manifest themselves as problems or as assets to the residents, the landowners, the industries, businessmen, and the city management.

During the past and present years the people of the City of Los Angeles have been and are affected by the geologic setting of their city. Some of the problems related to these geologic features appear only after a natural set of conditions has been altered by the projects of a growing city and her people. Other problems occur as geologic stresses tend to equalize in this area of changing tectonics. Still other situations arise when an effort is made to develop natural resources postulated to exist within a metropolitan area.

A part of the Los Angeles basin, located principally within the City of Los Angeles, and comprising an east-west-trending strip between the Los Angeles River and the Pacific Palisades is reviewed. Geologic conditions known in this area are discussed relative to building-site problems and to potential oil development. A review of recent efforts, on the part of the city management, to direct such developments to the best interests of the people is presented.

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Racetrack Hill Anticlinal Trend, Kern County, California

The Racetrack Hill anticlinal trend, approximately 7 miles east of Bakersfield, Kern County, consists of an area 10 miles long and one mile wide. On it are three oil fields of moderate economic importance—Racetrack Hill, Graham, and Jeppi—that have produced approximately 10,000,000 barrels of high-gravity oil from lower Miocene sands.

The Racetrack Hill anticlinal trend plunges approximately 500 feet per mile southwest which is almost perpendicular to the main structural trends in this part of California. It can be traced in the lower Miocene sediments as far as North Mountain View. Seismic data suggest that it probably extends southwest. The anticlinal structure, limited in general to the lower Miocene sediments, upward becomes less pronounced, and, in one place is displaced by a broad syncline in the younger sediments. Production along it is caused by actual domal closure in the Racetrack Hill oil field. Graham and Jeppi have been caused by cross-faulting in conjunction with nosing. This structure is bounded on the east by a major, possibly pre-middle Miocene fault having maximum vertical displacement of 2,000 feet.

The lower Miocene in this area is represented by a series of sediments ranging in thickness from 1,500 feet at outcrop to at least 4,000 feet in the vicinity of the North Mountain View area. The Nozu in this area reaches a maximum thickness of more than 400 feet in the Graham area where it consists mostly of a series of very coarse conglomerates. The underlying Freeman is a dark brownish gray siltstone. Beneath this the lower Miocene productive zones occur—the Jewett consisting of a series of siltstones and permeable sands having maximum thickness of 250 feet, the Pyramid Hill sand, a 20-foot ash bed beneath this characterized by a basal grit believed to be the base of the Saucesian stage, and the underlying probably Zemorrian stage sediments that are referred to as Vedder except where they grade into the non-marine Walker series. The Walker is non-productive.

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Stratigraphic Sections and Stratigraphy of San Joaquin Valley, California

The South San Joaquin Valley section begins on the west side of the San Andreas fault where the strata consist of about 4,500 feet of continental beds, from Paso Robles through Simmler, resting on a granite Basement Complex. East of the San Andreas fault, the structurally complex Temblor Range has a thick marine section from upper Miocene through the Eocene and probably part of the Upper Cretaceous, although no wells have penetrated the latter. Eastward from the Belgian anticline, the wedge of marine Pliocene thickens into the central basin. On the eastside, the Pliocene becomes entirely continental. The Miocene also thickens basinward but with the exception of the top and bottom generally maintains its marine character eastward. The Oligocene is a thin sliver which is overlapped westward and lost in the general eastward sand and continental facies. Greatest penetration of the upper Eocene has been at Belgian anticline. On the eastside, the upper Eocene rests unconformably on the Jurassic Basement Complex; and along the east border, it becomes thin and continental and inseparable from the lower Miocene, Walker.