

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 27, 2014
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PUEBLO CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Directors Present: Paul Willumstad, Matt Cordova, Barb Bernard, Dennis Maroney, Bud O'Hara, Bill Alt, Corinne Koehler, Ron Serna

Also Present: Administrator Rick Kidd, Counselor Don Banner

Guests: Carla Sikes, City of Pueblo Representative
Earl Wilkinson, City of Pueblo Director of Public Works
Kim Kock, NorthStar Engineering
Chris Woodka, Pueblo Chieftain

With a quorum present, the regular meeting of the Pueblo Conservancy District was called to order at 10:08 am. The new board members were welcomed by Willumstad. Oaths of Office were received by Banner. The new members completed their W-9's and contact information for Kidd.

Minutes:

The minutes of the July 23, 2014 regular meeting were reviewed. Cordova moved to approve the minutes. Motion passed. Kidd asked who should be signatory to the minutes. With the increased Board it was decided that only the President and the Secretary would need to sign the approved minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

The July 2014 accountant's compilation report was presented for review. Kidd reported that there were no significant notes and that NorthStar's invoice was in accordance with their contract. Cordova moved to receive and file the reports and pay the bills. Motion passed.

Bills – The following bills were posted for review and approval:

\$ 350.00	MBD&G, Monthly Accountant fees
\$ 500.00	Banner and Bower, Attorney fees
\$ 600.00	Kidd Engineering, Administrator/Engineer fees
\$ 187.07	Kidd Engineering, Office supplies and postage
\$ 184.70	Cordova, Director's Fee
\$ 184.70	Phillips, Director's Fee
\$ 184.70	Willumstad, Director's Fee
\$ 48,576.00	NorthStar Engineering, Design, Permitting and Regulatory Approvals Contract
\$ 625.00	Chem-Way Lawn Care, Weed Spraying and Levee Sterilant

Arkansas River Levee Assessment Study, NorthStar –

Kim Kock reported that they are making significant headway on the design for repairs and replacements along the Levee. Their current plan is to lower the top of the Levee 12-feet. This will still provide capacity for a 500-year rainfall event plus 4-feet of freeboard. They have met with all utilities affected by the work and have cleared the plans through them. They are finalizing the COE 404 permit application and will be submitting it soon. Kock said that they are targeting their work so that it would be possible to award a construction contract by early November. The Union Pacific Railroad has finally responded and Kock has made contact with their designated personnel. They are still trying to arrange for a meeting with the UP Denver staff personnel.

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They are in the process of 404 permitting through the Army Corps of Engineers. They are going back in and getting additional detail and assessment surveys of some areas in question. They still have not received a response from Steve Oliver, of the Union Pacific Railroad. Kock asked if the District could work with them to go over Oliver's head. Banner suggested sending them a letter saying specifically what the engineered and construction plan is to do and put the Railroad on notice, and move on. Copies of this notice should be sent to all Railroad personnel who have been contacted along the way. Kock said that Joan Armstrong, Pueblo County Director of Planning and Development, requested that she be kept in the loop with information flowing to them. Banner briefed the Board that the District has been accessing the Levee through the Railroad property under a court order issued by Judge Maes. The Railroad could challenge this order but has not so far. The reconstruction work will require more access and potentially cause more disruption to the Railroad.

Kock reported that it looks like most of the material that would be taken off of the top of the Levee could be utilized as fill material for rebuilding the Wildhorse Levee, the new 11th Street Bridge, and the I-25 Ilex Interchange reconstruction. All of the qualified contractors on the I-25 project have expressed an interest in the material. The Levee reconstruction plan is to start at the north end of the Levee and move down. Kidd reiterated the need to reserve enough of this material for reconstruction of the Wildhorse / Dry Creek Levee. Kock said that Wildhorse/Dry Creek is a major source of floodwater in the Arkansas River. Wildhorse Creek originates on Ft. Carson. NorthStar did a hydrologic study of this drainage for the City of Pueblo. Kock said that FEMA arrived at a 100-year flow rate of 24-25,000 cfs for this drainage. Based upon the NorthStar work the City disagreed. After a couple of years of discussions, FEMA decided to accept the NorthStar work showing 12-13,000 cfs coming down Wildhorse. Alt expressed a concern that the killed tamarisk could affect structures downstream in the Pueblo West drainages. Bernard reported that the current plan for the Pueblo West return flow line is for it to terminate at a point upstream of the 18th Street Bridge.

President's Report –

Willumstad recommends an orientation meeting for the new Board members. Presenters would include Jim Munch (Pueblo HARP), Kidd, Banner and Kock. Consensus was to hold it on September 16th from 3:00 to 5:00. Kidd is to arrange for the meeting place and work with Willumstad on the agenda.

Maroney asked if there was a strategic plan for the future. Willumstad said that the emphasis right now is certification of the levees. Banner said that the District updated their plan about 10-years ago. He will have the updated Official Plan to handout at the orientation meeting.

Administrator's Report-

Kidd reported that he had received a letter from HARP concerning their budget. They have included the \$50,000 Conservancy District contribution to the IGA and maintained the District related annual maintenance compensation rate at \$10,000. The auditors are still working on the District's audit and provided a letter to Banner to request certain information. The County has provided their annual statement of assessed valuations for the County. The District's Maintenance Fund Assessment is a stipulated fee and not a mil levy against the property valuations. Therefore, this report is of little significance to the District.

Old Business:

Bonding – Banner questioned if the Board wanted to check again to see if bonding of the board and members is required. A motion had been filed with the Court when there were only three members of the Board. The Judge agreed that bonding was not necessary. Bernard suggested exploring with the Special Districts Association for bonding. Banner is to send criteria to Kidd

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for him to follow up with SDA. Kidd and Banner serve under an annual contract agreement and they can be terminated at the will of the Board.

Website – Banner said that he expects the web site to be up and operating by the first of the year. Alt said that they used PCC to develop videos for the puebloweeds.com website. He thinks it costs \$100-200 a month to keep it up. Alt suggested that the developer put a counter on the website so that the District can see if it is being utilized. It is important to make sure that it is maintained and kept current. Banner suggested that, in light of recent situations in the City, it may be good to post all emails to the website. Sikes suggested that if this is done that the members have email accounts through a PCD email rather than their individual email addresses as currently used.

New Business:

Maroney says that the Fountain Creek Floodway District has two committees that he believes the Pueblo Conservancy District should have a seat in. They are the Technical Committee and the Citizens Advisory Committee. He said that the Technical Committee meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month. He is not sure about the Citizens committee. He feels that there should be designated representatives to the Technical Committee and then maybe rotate Board members through the Citizens Advisory Committee. Woodka suggested that, if the Board pursues this, they should send a formal request to the Fountain Creek District for a representative on the Technical Committee. He said that the Citizens committee is more informal. The Fountain District does have a website so that the PCD can learn more about what they do. Willumstad asked for volunteers. Maroney and O'Hara volunteered for the Technical Committee and Serna for the Citizens Committee. Cordova moved to have them serve as the District's representatives. Motion passed.

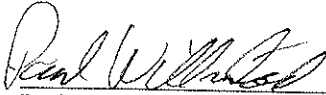
Kidd asked about a videographer for the orientation meeting. Alt said that Scott Richards from PCC did their videos. Scott is the head of the TV production department at Pueblo Community College. Kidd is to make contact with him.

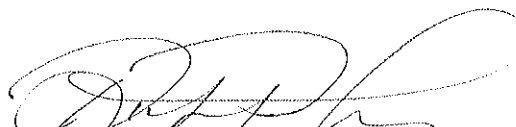
Other Business:

None

There being no further business to come before the Board, the business meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am. The next regular meeting date will be September 24, 2014, at 10:30 am. There will be a special meeting for orientation of the new Board members at 3:00 on September 16, 2014.

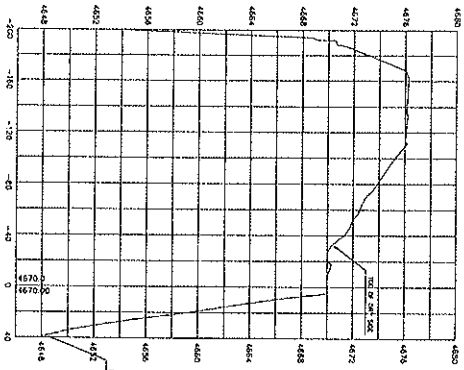
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Paul Willumstad, President

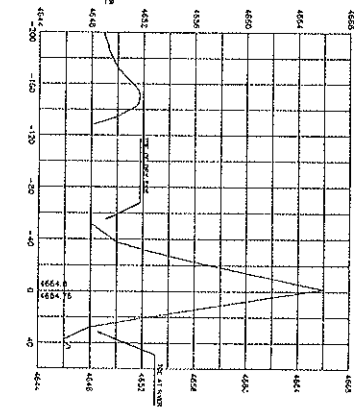

Donna Phillips, Secretary

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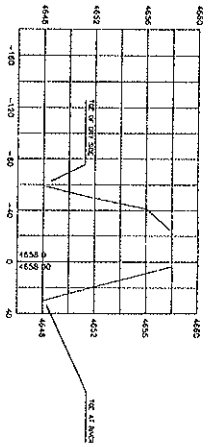
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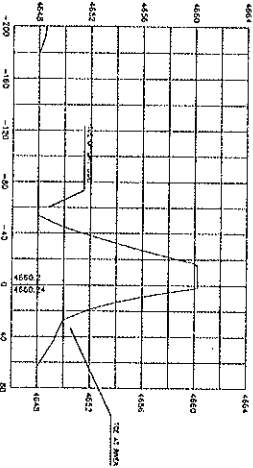
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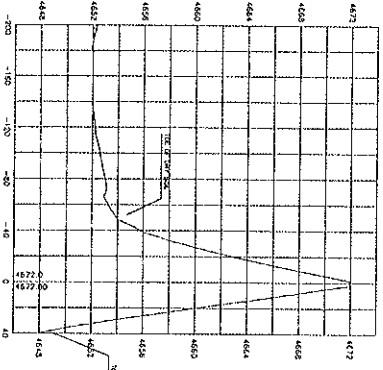
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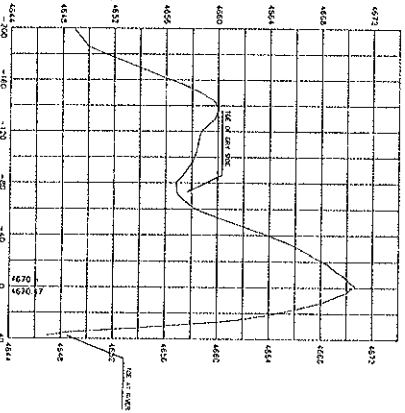
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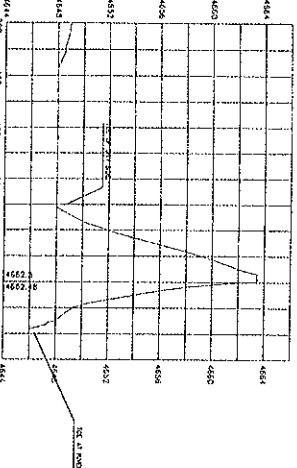
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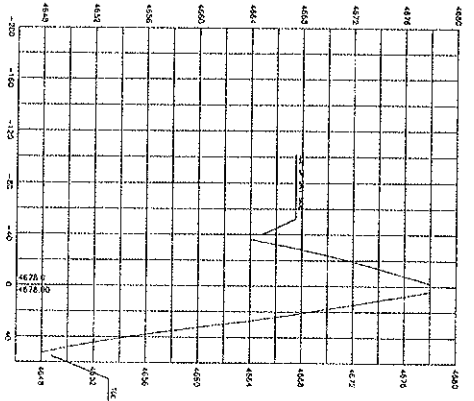


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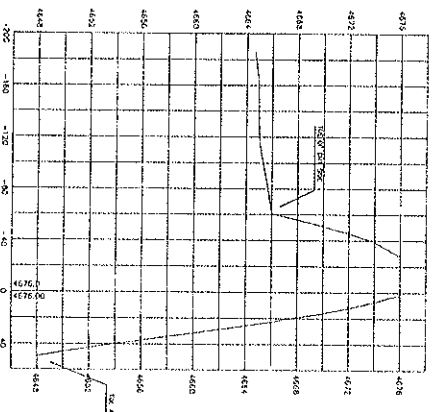
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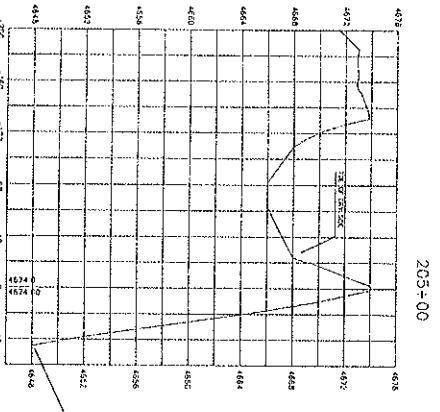
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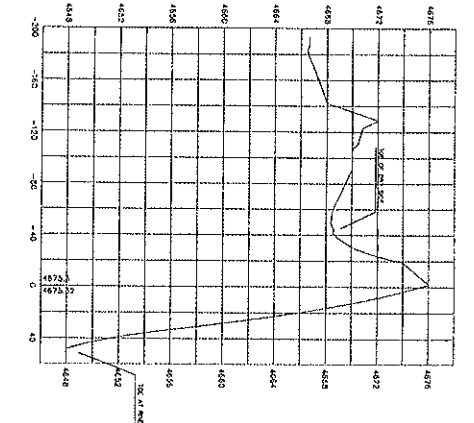
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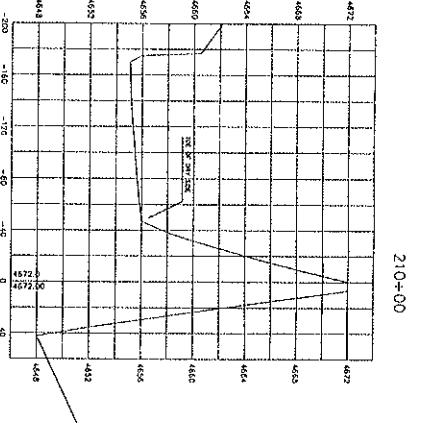
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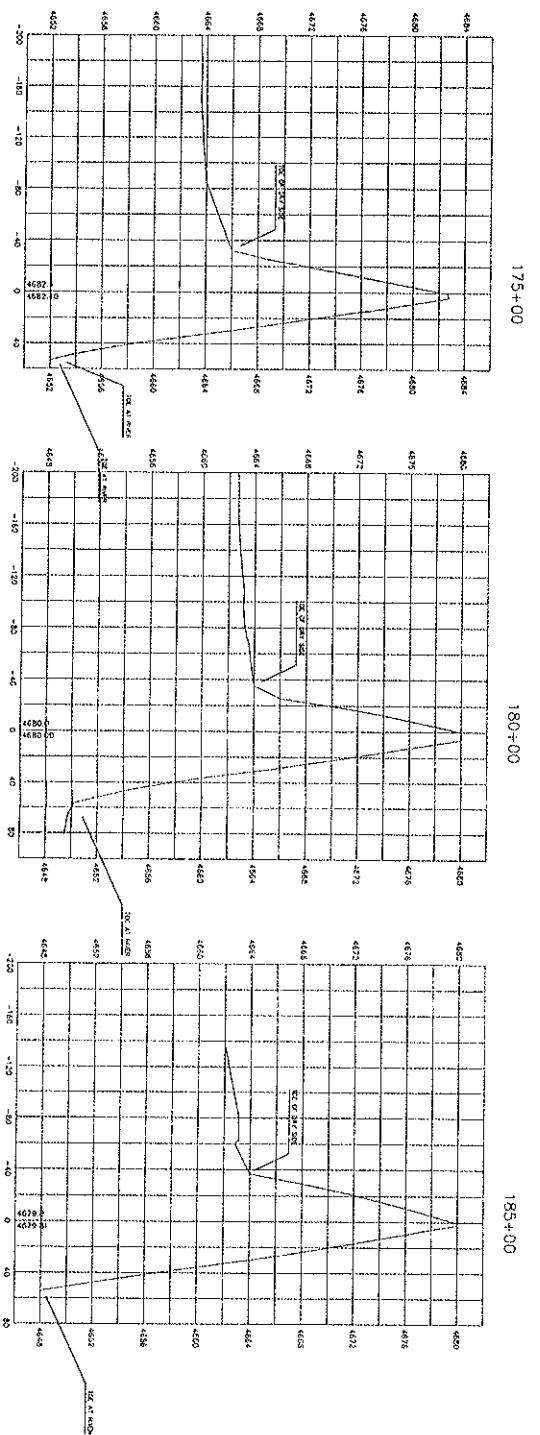
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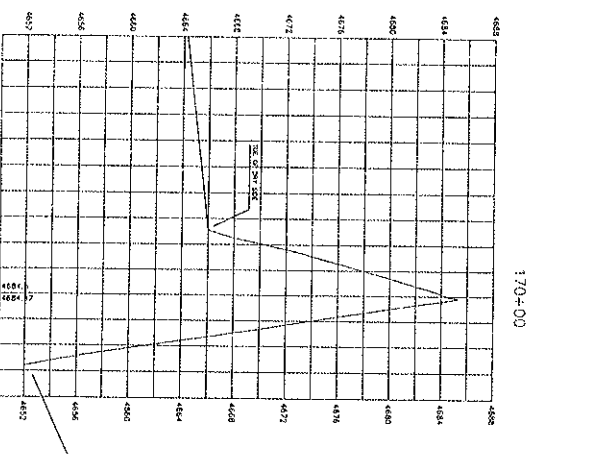
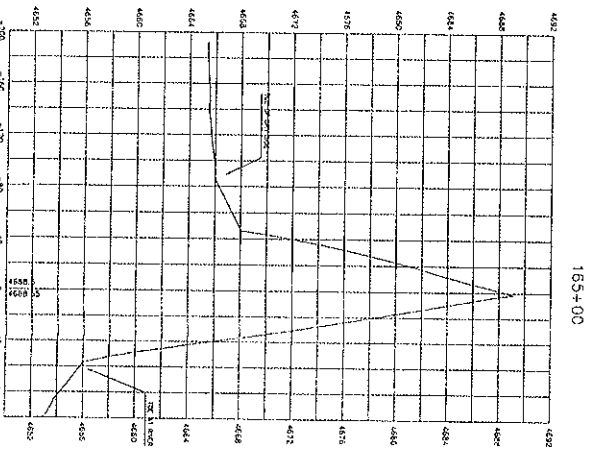
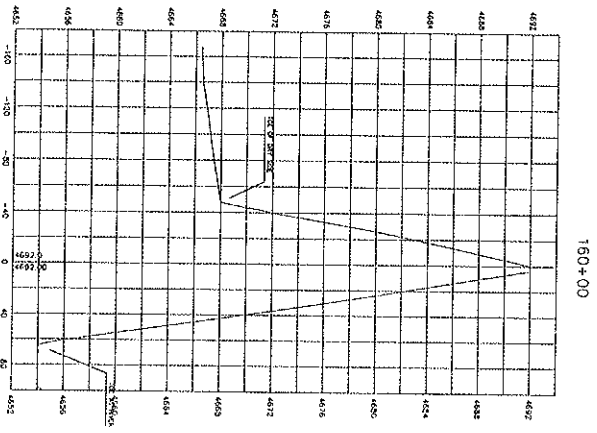
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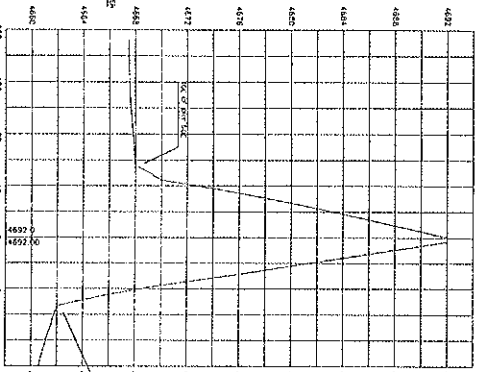
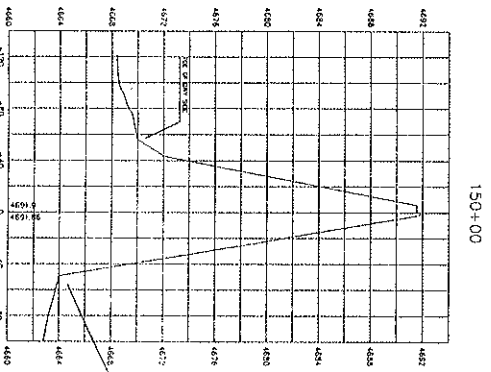
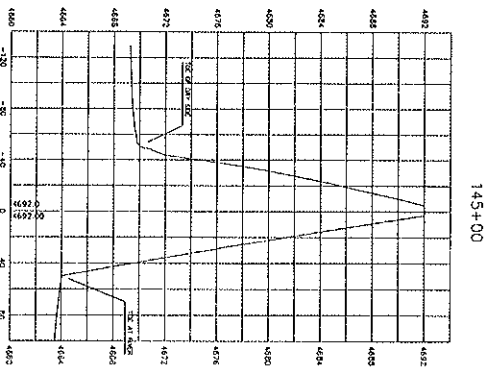
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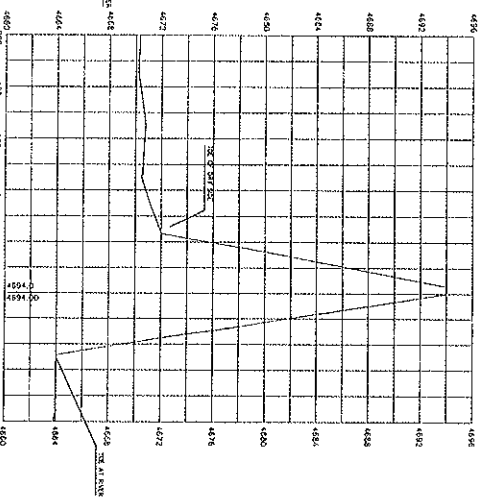
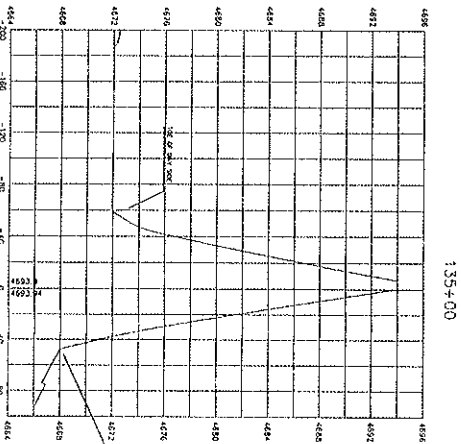
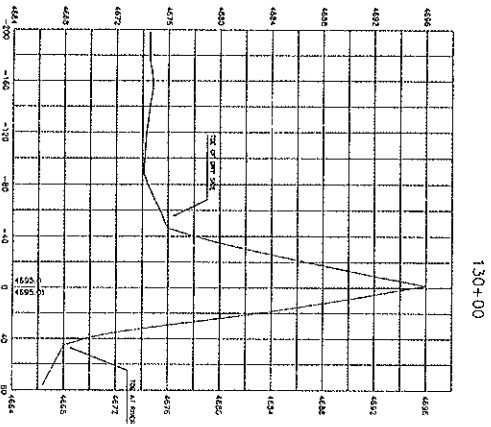
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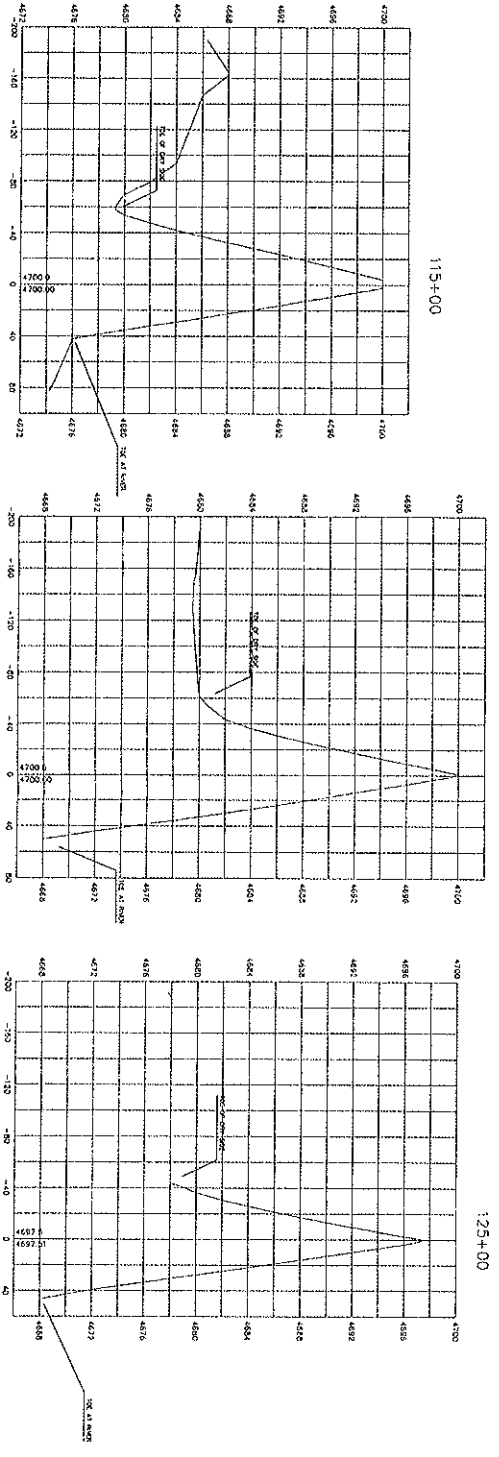


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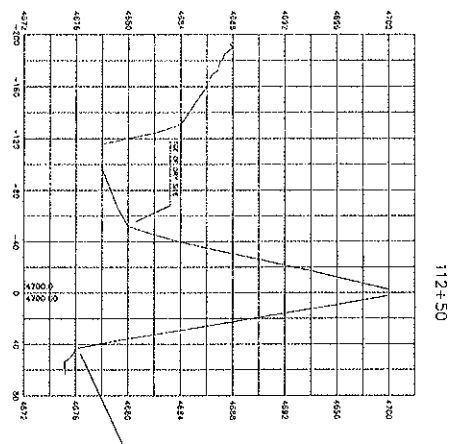
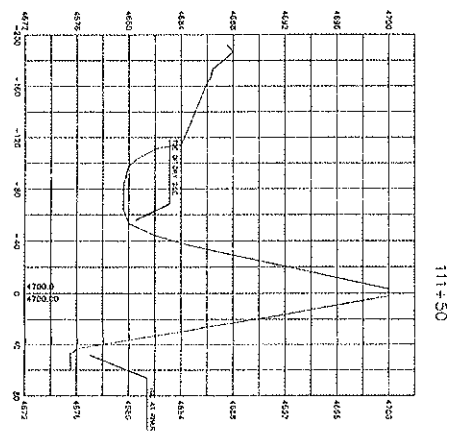
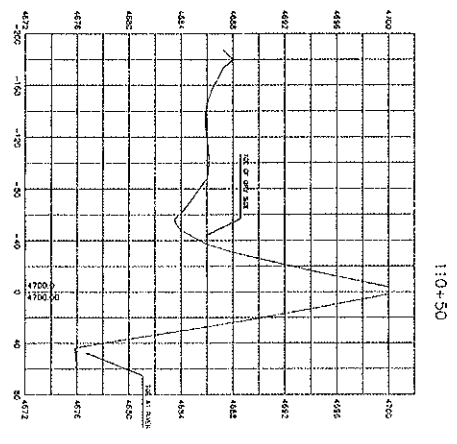
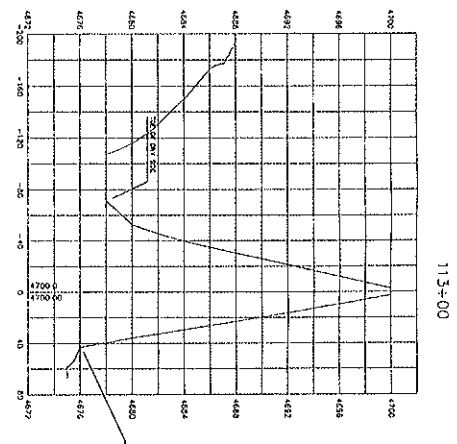
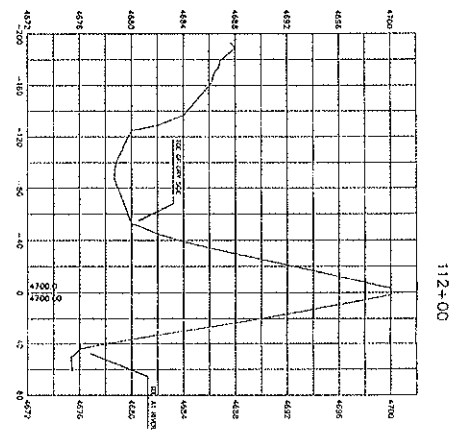
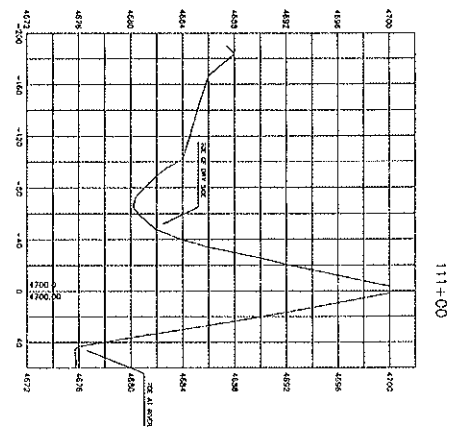
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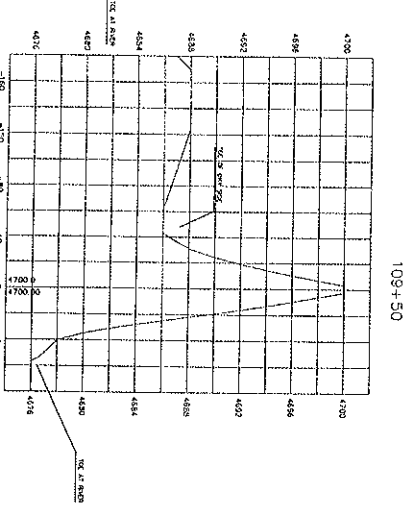
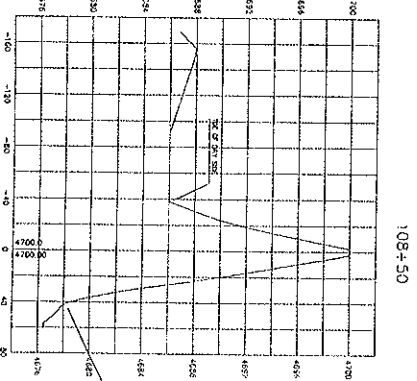
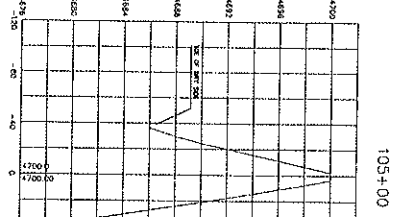
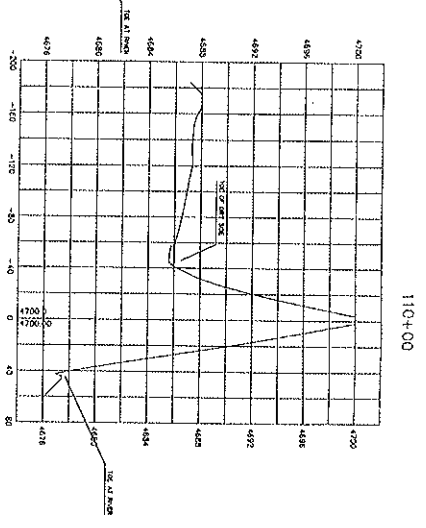
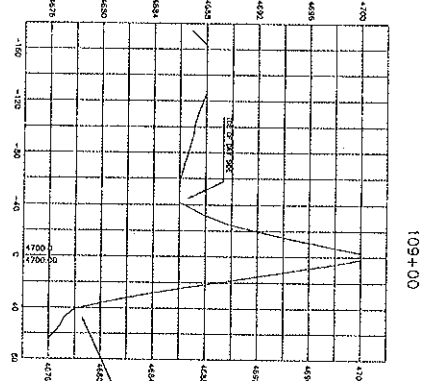
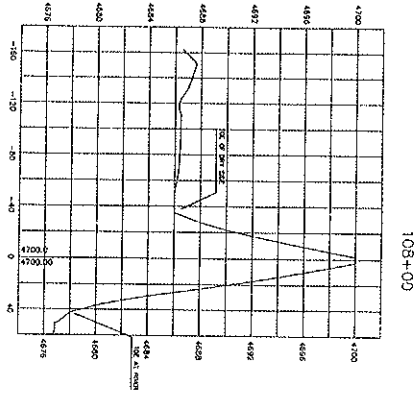
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