

Pipes Canyon Fault Valley Groundwater Basin

- Groundwater Basin Number: 7-49
- County: San Bernardino
- Surface Area: 3,408 acres (5 square miles)

Basin Boundaries and Hydrology

This groundwater basin underlies Pipes Canyon Valley in San Bernardino County at the northwestern boundary of the Colorado Desert Region. The basin is bounded by non-water-bearing rocks of the eastern San Bernardino Mountains. Average annual precipitation is probably between 18 to 20 inches per year.

Hydrogeologic Information

Information was not available for the following subsections:

Groundwater Level Trends

Groundwater Storage

Groundwater Budget (Type C)

Groundwater Quality

Water-Bearing Formations

Groundwater is likely found in unconsolidated younger Quaternary alluvial deposits in this basin. There are no known wells in this basin.

Restrictive Structures

The Pipes Canyon Fault cuts part of the basin and this fault and associated faults form the southwest boundaries of the basin (Bortugno and Spitler 1986). The northeastern part of the basin is bounded by older crystalline rocks of the San Bernardino Mountains.

Recharge Areas

Recharge to the basin is chiefly from the infiltration of runoff through alluvial deposits at the base of the surrounding mountains.

Well Characteristics

	Well yields (gal/min)
Municipal/Irrigation	Unknown
	Total depths (ft)
Domestic	Unknown
Municipal/Irrigation	Unknown

Active Monitoring Data

Agency	Parameter	Number of wells /measurement frequency
DWR	Groundwater levels	None
DWR	Miscellaneous water quality	None
Department of Health Services and cooperators	Title 22 water quality	Unknown

Basin Management

Groundwater management:	No known water management agency
Water agencies	
Public	Unknown
Private	Unknown

References Cited

- Bortugno EJ, and Spitler TE. 1986. *Geologic Map of California, San Bernardino Sheet*. Single Map Sheet, Scale 1:250,000.
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Errata

Changes made to the basin description will be noted here.