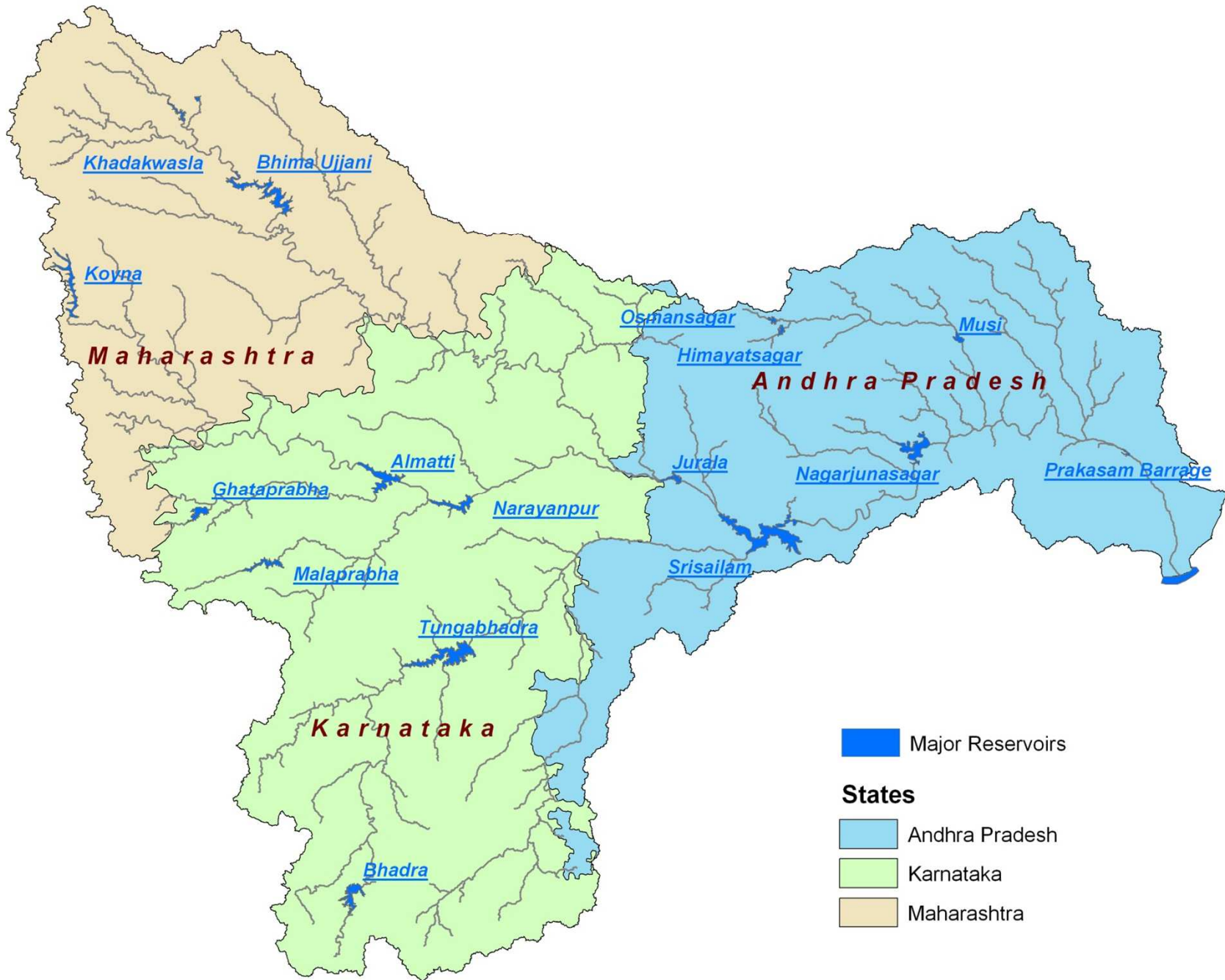


Farmers and irrigation

**Irrigation and
Drainage
CT4410**

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Major Reservoirs

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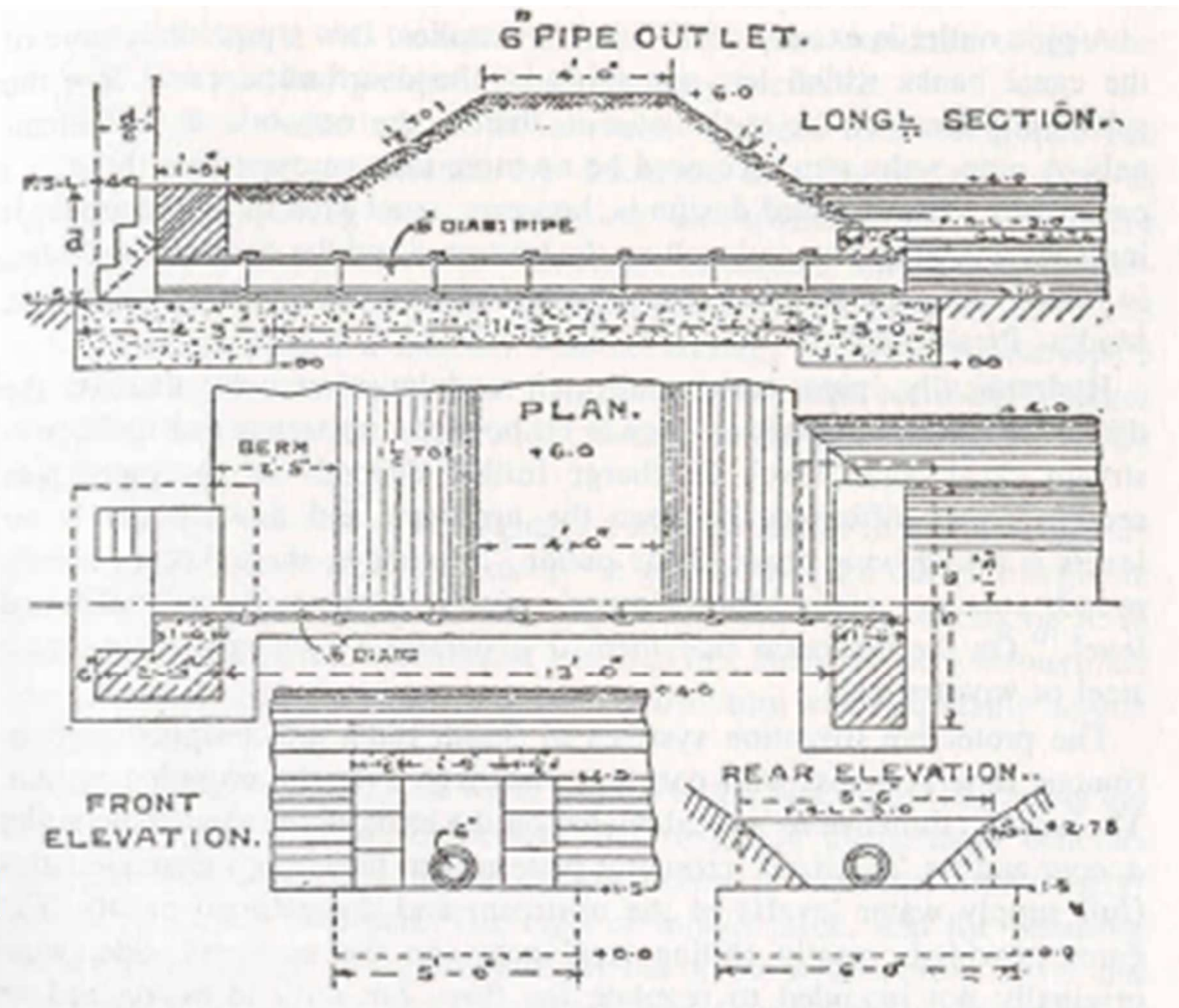
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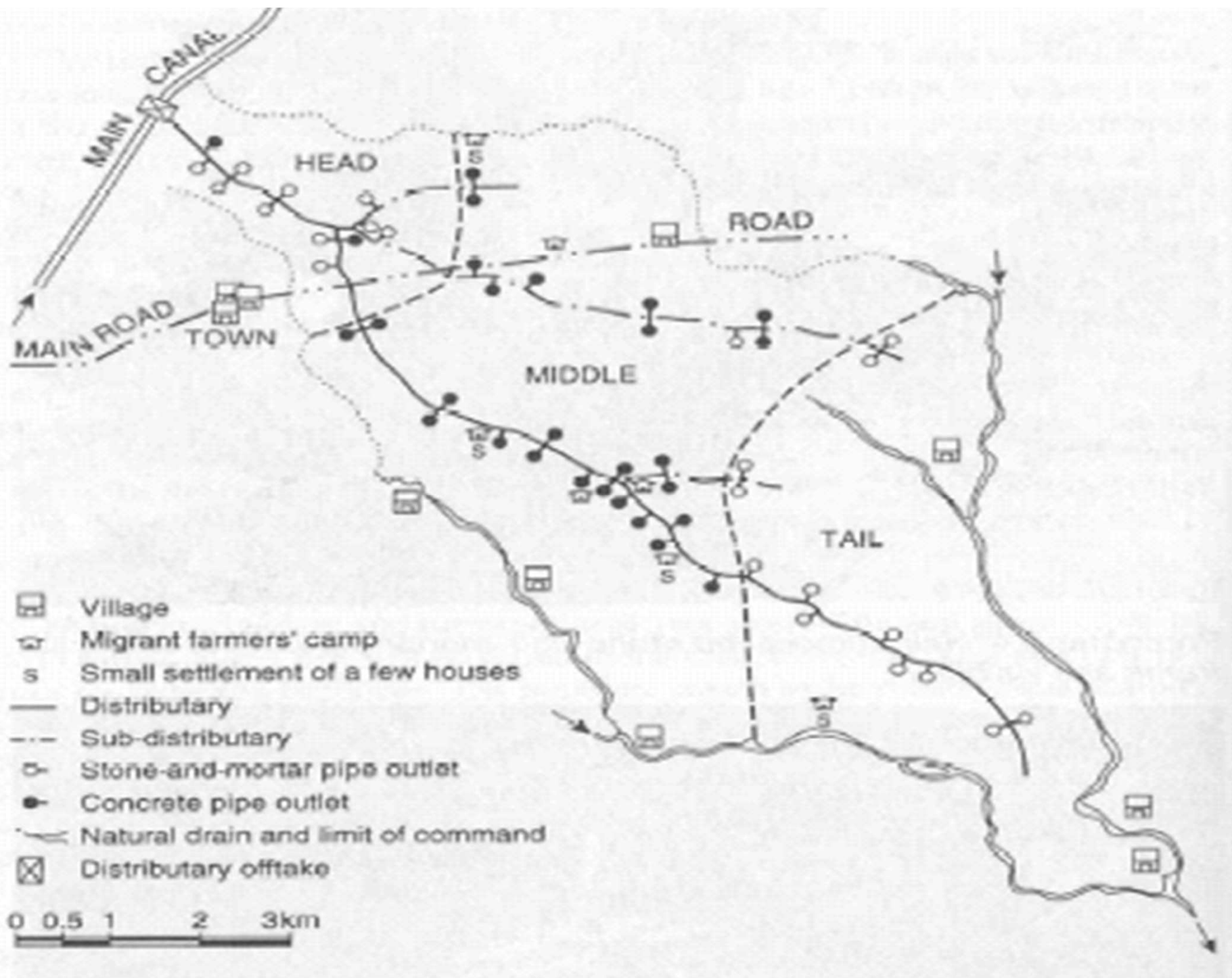
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2. Throughout the irrigation season all pipe outlets (referred to locally as “POs”) should be open constantly at design flow. Partial or complete closure of them to save irrigation water serves no purpose, as the allocations are already so small. Only during high rainfall should some outlets, or the entire canal, be closed for a short period. The outlets should not be opened to more than design discharge because they will then take water which is meant for other outlets. This applies at every level of the Scheme. Similarly, the distributary inlet should not be opened to more than design discharge as it, too, will then take water meant for other distributaries.

3. The distributary should run continuously at the same design flow throughout the season. In addition, because of the absence of proper water-level and flow-control structures, flow in the canals should always be kept at the same (design) levels, in order to maintain the same level of head on the outlets.

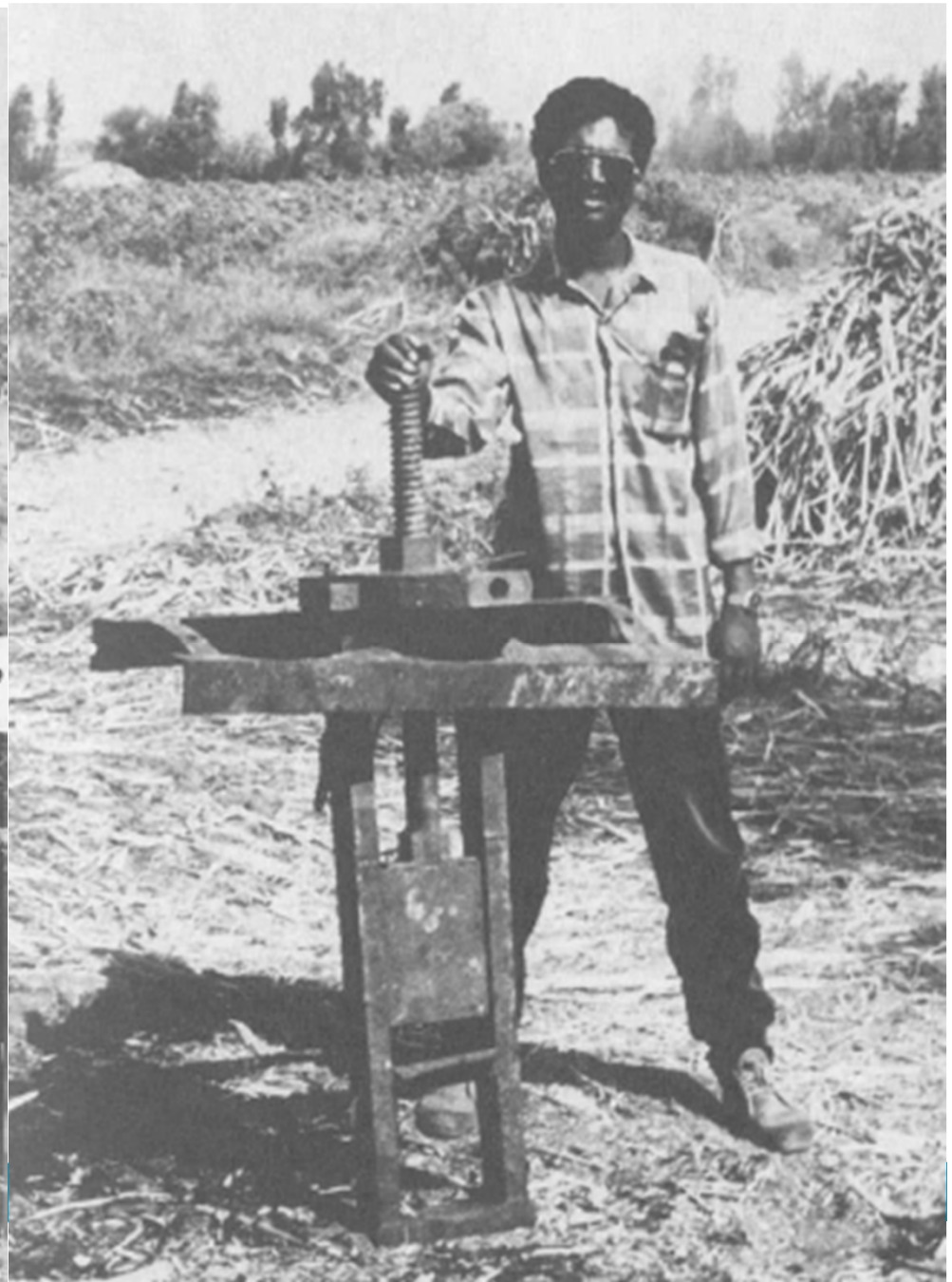
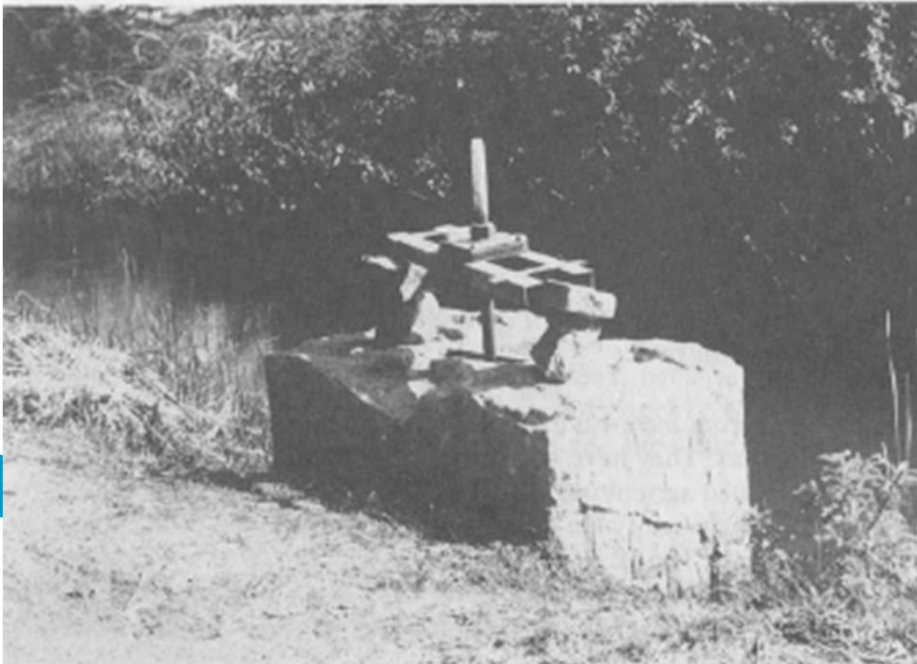








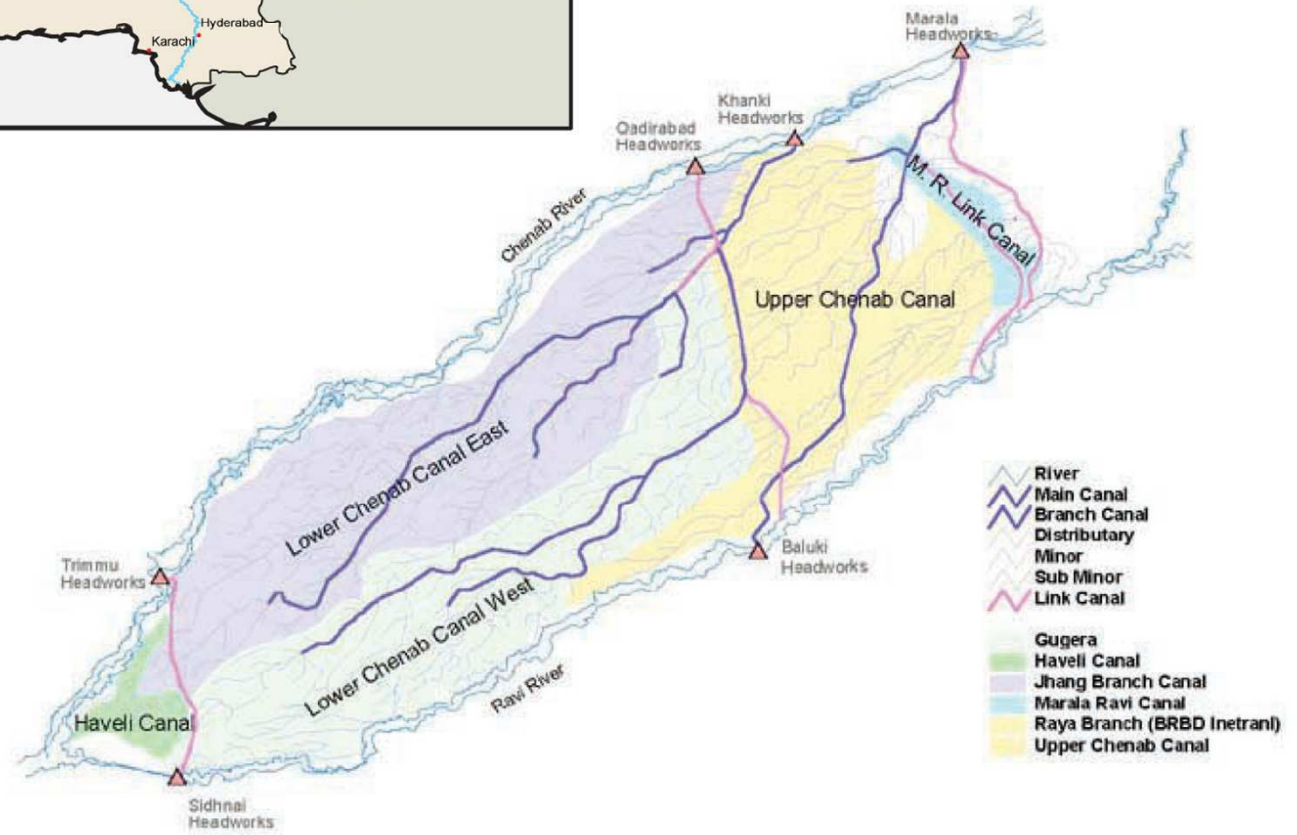
Photograph 4 Half demolished stone-and-mortar pipe outlet with gate frame still visible



Groundwater use in Pakistan





















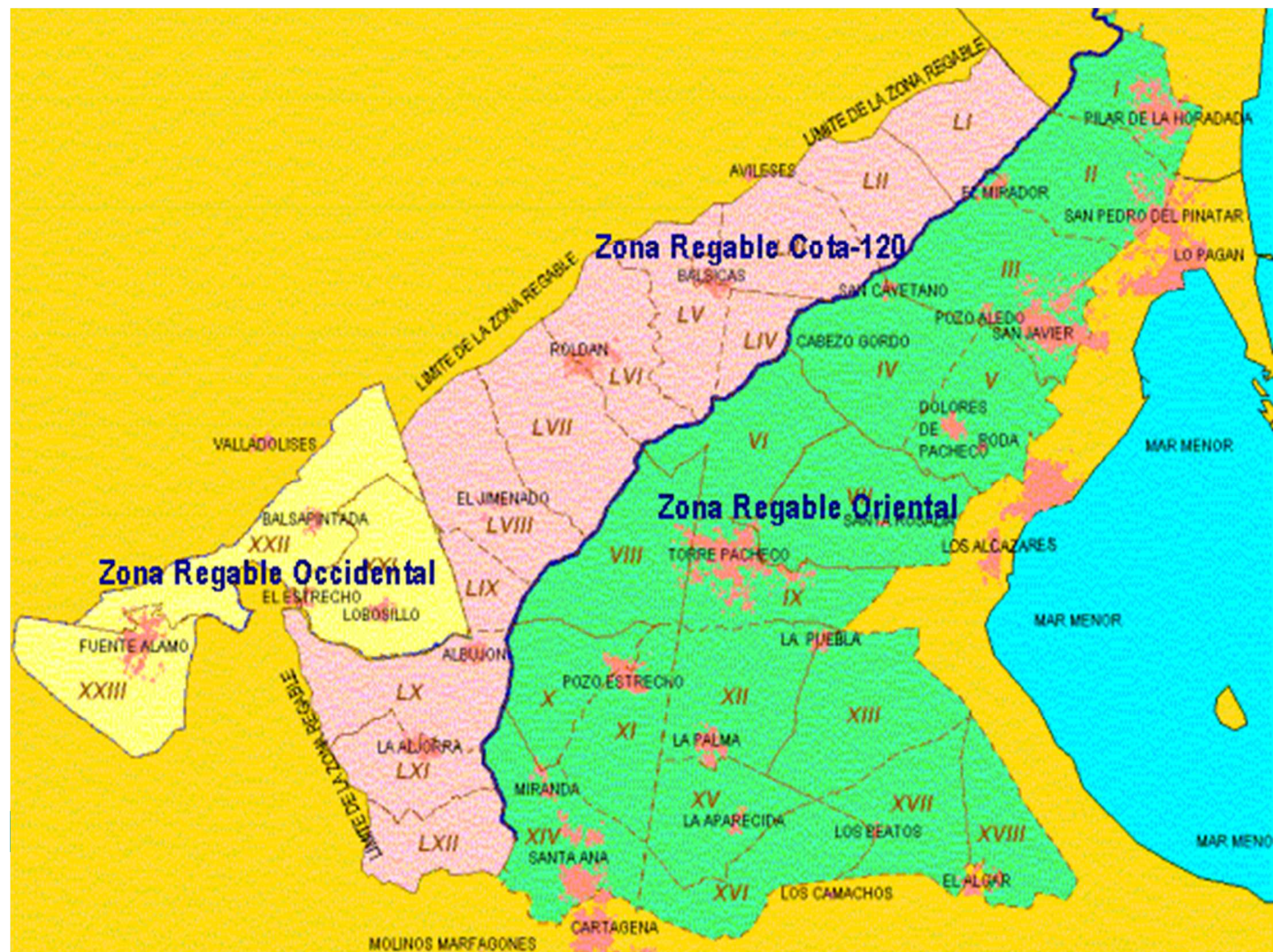






Campo de Cartagena





Original design

Pressurized system

Constant flow

Time measurement

Prepared for sprinkler,
suitable for surface
irrigation



But, what happened?

Constant flow appeared to be less constant...

Two responses from farmers:

Water meters: from time to flow



On-farm storage

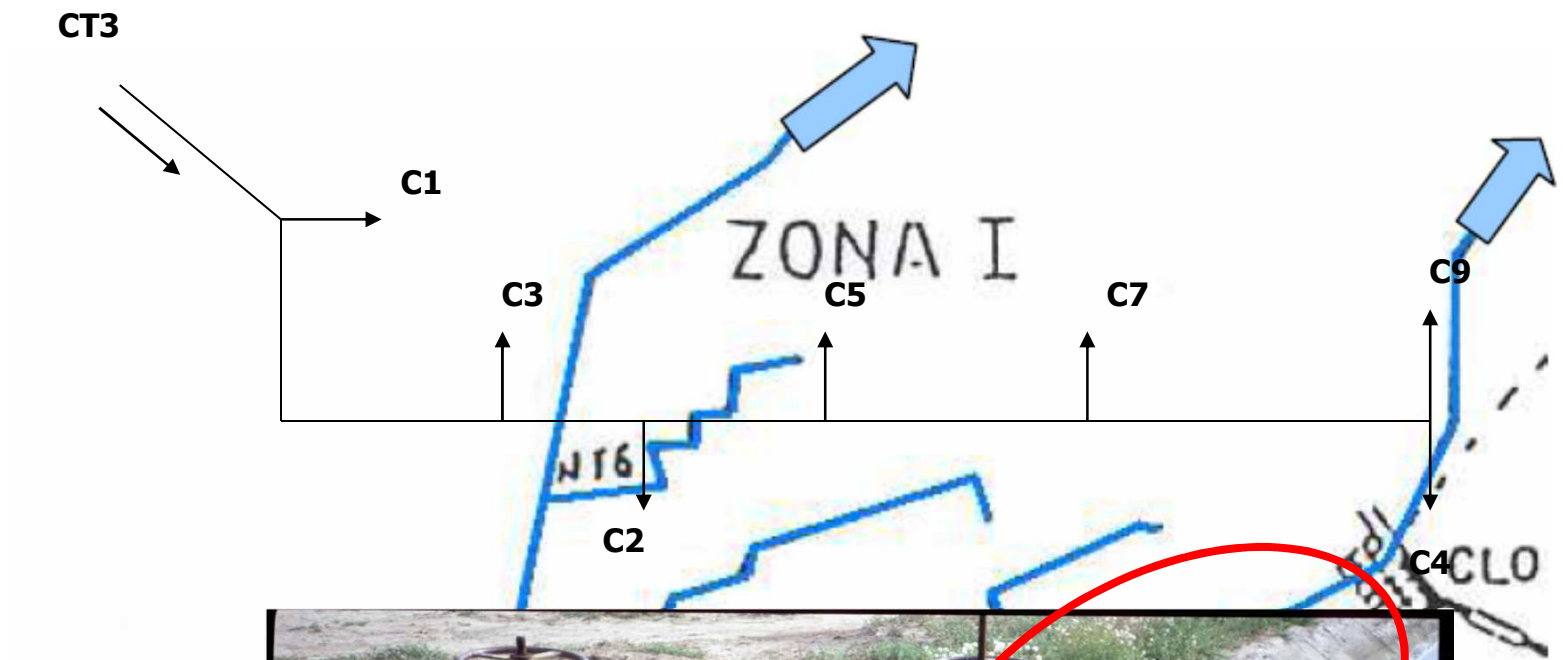


Proyecto Rio Dulce









The **average farmer** in CT3 irrigated about **7 hectares**,
 using a flow of **200 l/s** for **three hours**,
 thus putting on a hectare about 2.200 m³ (220 mm).

This same average farmer irrigated **2 times in the season**.

Canal	Mean	Maximum	Minimum
C2	1.2	2	1
C4	1.7	3	1
C5	1.9	3	1
C3	2	3	1
CT3 (Tertiary canal)	2.1	6	1
C7	2.3	4	1
C9	3.3	6	1

Comunero	Flow max (l/s)	Flow min (l/s)	Min/max
C2	230	172	0.75
C3	235	198	0.84
C5	290	265	0.91
C9	238	122	0.51
C4	254	116	0.46
CT3	250	175	0.7

Responses:

Farmers irrigate longer or more often

Farmers decrease their irrigated area during the season

Farmers increase their irrigated area during the season