#### Geothermal Technologies Program 2010 Peer Review



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Conducting a 3D Converted Shear Wave Project to reduce exploration risk at Wister, CA

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# Wister Seismic Overview



- Timeline
  - Project start October 2009
  - Project end date Q2 2011
  - Percent complete ~5%
- Budget
  - Total project funding \$8,525,515
  - DOE share \$4,475,015,
  - Ormat share \$4,050,500
  - Funding for FY10 ~\$8,400,000
- Barriers
  - Permit:

In case necessary, acquiring BLM drilling permits might effect the proposed timetable

- Partners
  - ExplorTech LLC

The primary objective of this project is to conduct a 3C 3D (converted shear wave) seismic survey to reduce exploration risk by characterizing fault and fracture geometrics at Wister, CA.

The intent of the proposed program is to use a 3D seismic survey with converted shear waves combined with other available data to site and drill production wells at Wister, a blind geothermal resource.

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# Ormat-DOE joint project

- Principal Investigator
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- Co-investigator
  - John Arestad (ExplorTech LLC)
- DOE
  - GTP DOE Golden Office





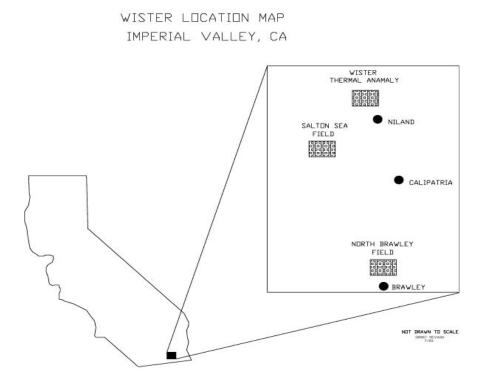
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- Grant Awarded October 2009
- Design Survey January 2010 (Complete)
- Sign acquisition and processing 3C 3D seismic survey contracts (Complete)
- Forward Modeling (Complete)
- BLM Permits (In process)
- Phase I: Seismic Survey scheduled to start on Q2, 2010
- Phase II & III: Well Drilling and Testing scheduled to start on Q4, 2010
- Project completed Q2, 2011

#### Wister Location Map

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- Farming activity has destroyed surface geological features.
- Approximately 30 temperature gradient holes defined a 8°F/100 ft anomaly covering 2.5 square miles.
- In 1988, UNOCAL drill Well 88-1 to 3942 ft where the well bore collapsed after intersecting a large fracture.
- Attempts to salvage the well failed and UNOCAL converted the well to a Temperature Observation hole.
- Temperature measurements show that 88-1 has a conductive gradient to 3926 ft where is 342°F is measured.

- Over 1000 gravity measurements collected on a 250 m grid where used to calculate complete Bougeur anomaly values.
- Zonge Geosciences, Inc. modeled these data with regional gravity and magnetic data to product complete Bougeur, horizontal gravity gradient, and reduced to pole magnetic maps.

# Validation of Innovative Exploration Technologies



- Phase I Converted Wave Seismic Project
  - Prepare forward models to determine probable seismic response.
  - Select contractors to acquire and process seismic data.
  - Obtain required permits.
  - Acquire 13.5 square miles of 3D seismic data using vibratory sources and multicomponent (3C) receivers.
  - Interactive processing of three data sets of 3C 3D three components.
     Compressional (P-P) wave data
     Fast (P-S1) converted shear-wave data
     Slow (P-S2) converted shear-wave data
  - Interpretation of the 3C 3D seismic data.
    - Structural, amplitude, velocity-ratio, and anisotropy analysis Integration with geological and other geophysical data
  - Prepare and present final report

# **Exploration program**

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# • Phase II & III– Drilling & Flow Testing

- Obtain permits.
- Drill 2 production wells each ~6500 feet deep
- Flow test each well

Using Ormat's standard testing strategy

Record TPS surveys with pressure build up.

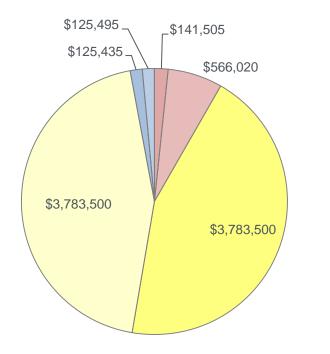
Reservoir properties (permeability, temperature, productivity, chemistry)



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# Project Total Budget: \$8,525,515 \$4,475,015 DOE funding with 47.5% Ormat cost share

	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III	Total
Ormat Cost share	\$141,505	\$3,783,500	\$125,495	\$4,050,500
DOE Cost share	\$566,020	\$3,783,500	\$125,495	\$4,475,015
Cost Share %	20.0%	50.0%	50.0%	47.5%
	\$707,525	\$7,567,000	\$250,990	\$8,525,515



Phase I - Ormat Cost Share
Phase I - DOE Cost Share
Phase II - Ormat Cost Share
Phase II - DOE Cost Share
Phase III - Ormat Cost Share
Phase III - DOE Cost Share



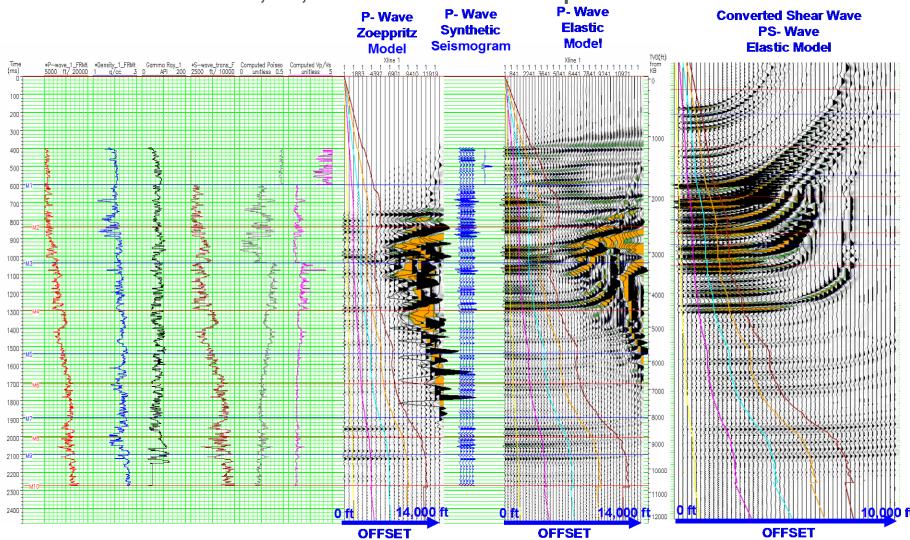


- Designed 3C 3D seismic survey.
- Signed contract with Dawson for acquisition.
- Signed contract with Fairfield for processing
- Generated forward models.
- Obtained land owners permission for data collection.
- Submitted permits applications to BLM. Expect permit approval around end of May.

# Forward P & PS Offset Models



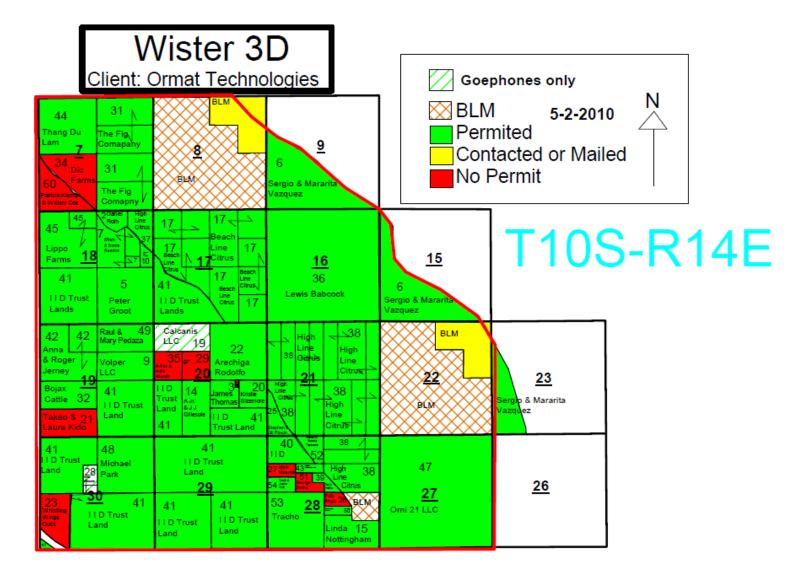
Modeled results indicate that we can expect good P-wave And Converted Shear Wave data to about 10,000, which is below the anticipated reservoir interval



# Land Owners Permission Map

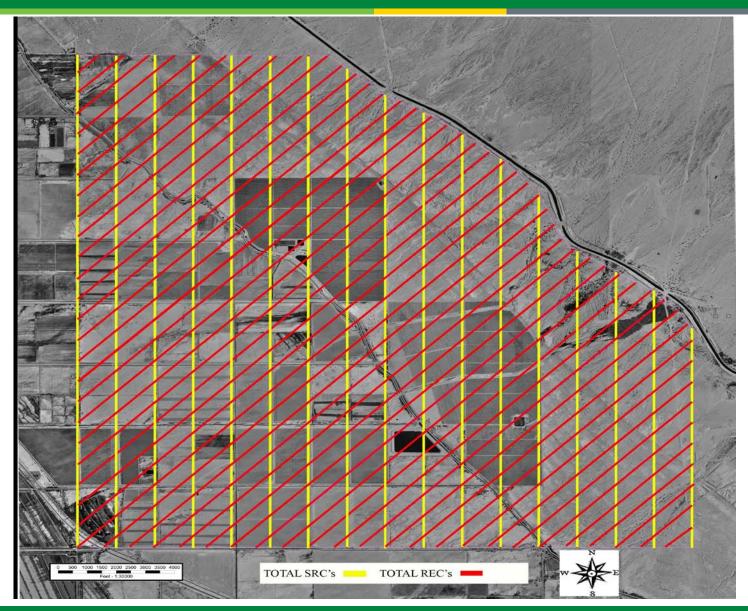


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# Survey Layout









- DOE Grant Awarded October 2009.
- Seismic Acquisition & Processing Contracts signed.
- Survey Designed.
- Permits submitted to BLM Q2, 2010.
  - Expected BLM approval end of May, 2010
- Forward models generated.
- Seismic acquisition scheduled to start end of May 2010.
- Drilling estimated to spud on Q4 2010.
- Project completed Q2 2011.