Southern Pacific San Jose Yard & Industrial Tracks courtesy Shasta Division Archives

This drawing depicts not only yard/industrial tracks, but also company/ union agreement points where various types of pay arbitraries begin or end. It depicts the old Fourth Street main line and all three yards: the Old Yard, the original San Jose Yard adjacent to the Basset Street depot; the New Yard, later called College Park Yard; the final San Jose Yard at Newhall Street. What is missing is the West Side line relocation between West San Jose and Lick, which opened four years later. The towers at Valbrick and West San Jose WP crossings are not shown, as they were operated by the latter. Wx4's beloved (ex SPC) Almaden and SP New Almaden branches have been within yard limits since the discontinuance of the weekly mixed train the previous June 1. Soon to be eliminated is the center section of the branches between Alamitos and Le Franc. Click on the map for a PDF that includes both the inverted-color image seen here and the original blueprint. - Wx4.org



