

CORRELATION OF MAP UNITS



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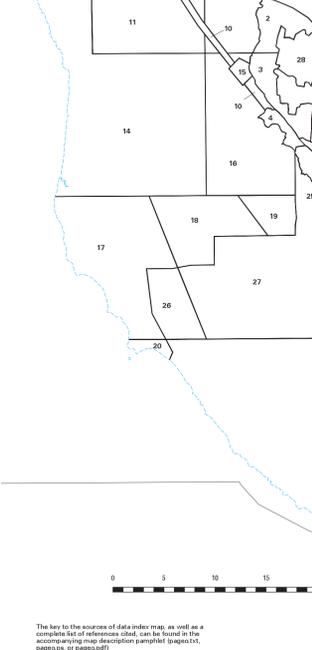
- af** Artificial fill (Holocene) — Loose to very well consolidated gravel, sand, silt, clay, rock fragments, organic matter, and man-made debris in various combinations. Thickness is variable and may exceed 30 m in places. Some is compacted and quite firm, but fill made before 1965 is nearly everywhere not compacted and consists simply of dumped material.
- af1** Artificial levee fill (Holocene) — Man-made deposit of various materials and ages, forming artificial levees as much as 6.5 m high. Some are compacted and quite firm, but fill made before 1965 are almost everywhere not compacted and consist simply of dumped materials. The distribution of levee fill conforms to levees shown on the most recent U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle maps.
- Qchac** Artificial stream channels (Holocene) — Modified stream channels, in most places where streams have been straightened and realigned.
- Qchsc** Stream channel deposits (Holocene) — Poorly to well-sorted sand, silt, silty sand, or sandy gravel with minor cobbles. Cobbles are more common in the mountainous valleys. Many stream channels are presently lined with concrete or rip rap. Engineering works such as diversion dams, drop structures, energy dissipaters and percolation ponds also modify the original channel. Many stream channels have been straightened, and these are labeled Qchsc. This straightening is especially prevalent in the lower reaches of streams entering the estuary. The mapped distribution of stream channel deposits is controlled by the depiction of major creeks on the most recent U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangles. Only those deposits related to major creeks are mapped. In some places these deposits are under shallow water for some or all of the year, as a result of reservoir release and annual variation in rainfall.
- Qbc** Beach sand (Holocene) — Unconsolidated, well-sorted sand. Local layers of pebbles and cobbles. Thin discontinuous lenses of silt relatively common in back-beach areas. Thickness variable, in part due to seasonal changes in wave energy; commonly less than 10 m thick. May interfinger with either well-sorted dune sand, or where adjacent to coastal cliffs, poorly-sorted colluvial deposits. Iron- and manganese-rich heavy minerals locally form pebbles as much as 0.7 m thick.
- Qbm** Bay mud (Holocene) — Water-saturated estuarine mud, predominantly gray, green and blue clay and silt, underlying marshlands and tidal mud flats of San Francisco Bay, Pescadero, and Pacifica. The upper surface is covered with corgons (*Spartina* sp.) and pickweed (*Salicornia* sp.). The mud contains a few lenses of well-sorted, fine sand and silt, a few shelly layers (oysters), and peat. The mud interfingers with and grades into fine-grained deposits at the distal edge of Holocene fans, and was deposited during the Pleistocene time in sea-level, about 12 ka to present (Imbri and others, 1984). Mud varies in thickness from zero, at landward edge, to as much as 40 m in near north County line.
- Qhb** Basin deposits (Holocene) — Very fine silty clay to clay deposits occupying flat-floored basins at the distal edge of alluvial fans adjacent to the bay mud (Qbm). Also contains unconsolidated, locally organic, plastic silt and silty clay deposited in very flat valley floors.
- Qhbc** Basin deposits, sub-aerated (Holocene) — Clay to very fine silty clay deposits similar to Qhb deposits except that they contain carbonate nodules and iron-stained mottles (Neal Coe and Searles, 1958). These deposits may have been formed by the interaction of bicarbonate-rich upland water and saline water of the San Francisco Bay estuary. With minor exceptions, sub-aerated basin deposits are in contact with estuary deposits.
- Qhp** Floodplain deposits (Holocene) — Medium to dark gray, dense, sandy to silty clay. Lenses of coarser material (silt, sand, and pebbles) may be locally present. Flood plain deposits usually occur between levee deposits (Qhb) and basin deposits (Qhb).
- Qnl** Natural levee deposits (Holocene) — Loose, moderately to well-sorted sandy to clayey silt grading to sandy or silty clay. These deposits are porous and permeable and provide conduits for transport of ground water. Levee deposits border stream channels, usually both banks, and slope away to flatter floodplains and basins. Abandoned levee systems, no longer bordering stream channels, have also been mapped.
- Qha1** Younger alluvial fan deposits (Holocene) — Brown, poorly-sorted, dense, sandy or gravelly clay. May represent the modern limit of deposition for Qha, although small fans at mountain front may have a debris-flow origin.
- Qha2** Alluvial fan and fluvial deposits (Holocene) — Alluvial fan deposits are brown or tan, medium dense to dense, gravelly sand or sandy gravel that generally grades upward to sandy or silty clay. Near the distal fan edges, the fluvial deposits are typically brown, never reddish, medium dense sand that fines upward to sandy or silty clay.
- Qyf** Younger (inner) alluvial fan deposits (Holocene) — Unconsolidated fine- to coarse-grained sand, silt, and gravel, covered gravel at heads of fans and in narrow canyons.
- Qyf6** Younger (outer) alluvial fan deposits (Holocene) — Unconsolidated fine sand, silt, and clayey silt.
- Qyf6** Cobblefill (Holocene) — Loose to firm, friable, unsorted sand, silt, clay, gravel, rock debris, and organic material in varying proportions.
- Qr** Sand dune and beach deposits (Holocene) — Predominantly loose, medium- to coarse-grained, well-sorted sand but also includes pebbles, cobbles, and silt. Thickness less than 6 m in most places, but in other places may exceed 30 m.
- Qal** Alluvium (Holocene) — Unconsolidated gravel, sand, silt, and clay along streams. Less than a few meters thick in most places.
- Qaf** Alluvial fan and fluvial deposits (Pleistocene) — Brown dense gravelly and clayey sand or clayey gravel that fines upward to sandy clay. These deposits display various sorting qualities. All Qaf deposits can be related to modern stream courses. They are distinguished from younger alluvial fan and fluvial deposits by higher topographic position, greater degree of dissection, and stronger profile development. They are less permeable than Holocene deposits, and locally contain fresh water mollusks and extinct late Pleistocene vertebrate fossils.
- Qaf1** Alluvial terrace deposits (Pleistocene) — Deposits consist of cobbly to bedded, clay-supported, gravels, cobbles, and boulders with a sandy matrix. Clasts are as much as 25 cm in intermediate diameter. Coarse sand lenses may be locally present. Pleistocene terrace deposits are cut into Pleistocene alluvial fan deposits. Qaf1 a few meters and lie up to several meters above Holocene deposits.
- Qaf2** Older alluvial fan deposits (Pleistocene) — Brown dense gravelly and clayey sand or clayey gravel that fines upward to sandy clay. These deposits display various sorting qualities. All Qaf2 deposits can be related to modern stream courses. They are distinguished from younger alluvial fan and fluvial deposits by higher topographic position, greater degree of dissection, and stronger profile development. They are less permeable than younger deposits, and locally contain fresh-water mollusks and extinct Pleistocene vertebrate fossils.
- Qaf3** Coarse-grained older alluvial fan and stream terrace deposits (Pleistocene) — Poorly consolidated gravel, sand, and silt, coarse gravel at heads of old fans and in narrow canyons.
- Qm1** Marine terrace deposits (Pleistocene) — Poorly consolidated and poorly indurated well-to poorly-sorted sand and gravel. Thickness variable but probably less than 30 m.
- Qfsc** Santa Clara Formation (lower Pleistocene and upper Pliocene) — Gray to red-brown poorly indurated conglomerate, sandstone, and mudstone in irregular lenticular beds. Conglomerate consists mainly of subangular to subrounded cobbles in a sandy matrix but locally includes pebbles and boulders. Cobbles and pebbles are mainly chert, greenstone, and gneiss with some schist, serpentinite, and limestone. Chert and Mine Ridge, south of Portola Valley, conglomerate contains boulders of an older conglomerate as long as one meter. Gray to buff claystone and siltstone beds on Coal Mine Ridge contain carbonized wood fragments as large as 60 cm in diameter. Included in Santa Clara Formation are similar coarse-grained clastic deposits near Burlingame. Sama-Wojcicki (1976) found a tuff bed in Santa Clara Formation near Woodside, and correlated it with a similar tuff in the Merced Formation. Thickness of Santa Clara Formation is variable but reaches a maximum of about 500 m along Coal Mine Ridge.
- Qfsl** Lake beds (upper Pliocene) — Fine-grained sandstone, calcareous sandstone, and mud. Locally contains fossils of late Pliocene (Blancan) age. Fossiliferous mud is best exposed near Stevens Creek Reservoir, where it is about 30 m thick.
- Qfsl** Merced Formation (lower Pleistocene and upper Pliocene) — Medium gray to yellowish gray and yellowish orange, medium- to very fine-grained, poorly indurated to friable sandstone, siltstone, and claystone, with some conglomerate lenses and a few friable beds of white volcanic ash. In many places sandstone is silty, clayey, or conglomeratic. Some of the conglomerate, especially where fossiliferous, is well cemented. Volcanic ash is in beds as much as 2 m thick and consists largely of glass shards. In type section of Merced Formation, the ash has been reported by Sama-Wojcicki (1976) to be 1.5 ± 0.8 m, old, but more recent work by Sama-Wojcicki and others (1991) indicates that the Merced Formation ash both about 435,000 and 740,000 years old. Merced Formation is about 1525 m thick in the sea cliffs north of Mescal Rock.
- Pf** Purikima Formation (Pliocene and upper Miocene) — Predominantly gray and greenish-gray to buff fine-grained sandstone, siltstone, and mudstone, but also includes some porcellanous shale and mudstone, chert, silty mudstone, and volcanic ash. West of Portola Valley, this unit consists of fine- to medium-grained silty sandstone. Locally divided into:
 - Pf1** Tunitas Sandstone Member (Pliocene) — Greenish-gray to light gray, pale-orange, or greenish-brown, very fine- to medium-grained sandstone with clay matrix. Concretions generally less than 30 cm across are present locally. Tunitas ranges in thickness from 76 m at type section to 122 m elsewhere.
 - Pf2** Lobitos Mudstone Member (Pliocene) — Dark gray to light gray and shades of brown, unbedded, silty mudstone. Lobitos has a maximum thickness of 140 m.
 - Pf3** San Gregorio Sandstone Member (Pliocene) — Greenish-gray to light-brown fine- to coarse-grained calcareous sandstone and calcareous concretions less than 30 cm across. San Gregorio Member ranges in thickness from 45 m in type section to about 140 m elsewhere.
 - Pf4** Pompano Mudstone Member (Pliocene) — Gray to white porcellanous shale and mudstone, in places rhythmically bedded with alternating layers of noncalcareous mudstone. This unit resembles Monterey Shale, Santa Cruz Mudstone, and Lambert Shale. At its type section in Pompano Creek the member is 700 m thick.
 - Pf5** Tabana Member (Pliocene and upper Miocene) — Greenish-gray to white or buff, medium- to very fine-grained sandstone and siltstone, with some silty mudstone. Locally, such as at San Gregorio State Beach, sandstone is tuffaceous and weathers white. Near Memorial Park, this member includes dark gray porcellanous mudstone. Pebble conglomerate occurs near base from Memorial Park eastward. Maximum thickness is 655 m.
 - Pf6** Santa Cruz Mudstone (upper Miocene) — Brown and gray to light gray, buff, and light-yellow siltstone, mudstone with noncalcareous mudstone and siltstone and minor amounts of sandstone. Santa Cruz Mudstone is more than 1000 m thick.
 - Pf7** Santa Margarita Sandstone (upper Miocene) — Light gray to grayish-brown to white, friable, very fine- to very coarse-grained arkosic sandstone. Fine-grained sandstone commonly contains glauconite. A quartz and feldspar pebble conglomerate crops out locally at the base of section. Santa Margarita Sandstone is a thick as 60 m.
- Tm** Unnamed marine sandstone and shale (upper Miocene) — Light gray, grayish-orange, and white, soft, friable, very fine- to medium-grained, well-sorted, poorly cemented quartzose sandstone with minor interbeds of siliceous mudstone and semi-siliceous shale. Contains late Miocene, shallow water marine fossils (Serg and M. Magbilen, 1975).
- Tm1** Ladera Sandstone (upper?) and middle Miocene) — Medium- to light-gray to yellowish gray and buff, fine-grained, poorly cemented sandstone and siltstone, with minor amounts of coarse-grained sandstone, yellow-brown dolomitic claystone, and white to light gray porcellanous shale and porcellanite. Fine-grained sandstone and siltstone comprise more than 90 percent of formation. Coarse-grained sandstone crops out in beds less than a few meters thick in lower half of section; dolomitic claystone and porcellanous shale beds are less than a meter thick, and outcrop scattered through the upper half of the section; porcellanite crops out in thin-bedded lenses less than a few meters thick in the lower part of the section. At and near base of Ladera Sandstone are medium to thick lenticular beds of well-cemented fossiliferous, chert granitic sandstone with intertongues with fine-grained sandstone. About 450 m thick.
- Tm2** Monterey Formation (middle Miocene) — Grayish-brown and brownish-black to very pale orange and white, porcellanous shale with chert, porcellanous mudstone, impure diatomite, calcareous claystone, and with small amounts of siltstone and sandstone near base. Monterey is generally thinner bedded than the Santa Cruz Mudstone but closely resembles parts of Purisima Formation, especially Pompano Mudstone Member. Thickness ranges from 120 to more than 600 m.
- Tm3** Lompoc Sandstone (middle Miocene) — Very pale orange, fine to coarse-grained, mostly well-cemented and hard arkosic sandstone. Maximum thickness about 300 m.
- Tm4** Page Mill Basalt (middle Miocene) — Interlayered, column-jointed basaltic flows and agglomerate. Flows are dark greenish gray to light gray, dense to vesicular, and finely crystalline; agglomerate is light gray to reddish brown. Volcanic rocks are pyroclastic in part. Ranges in thickness from 0 to 15 m.
- Tm5** Unnamed Sedimentary and Volcanic Rocks (Miocene and Oligocene) — Mainly dark gray, hard mudstone in A. to Navro area and massive, coarse grained and pebbly, thin-bedded, hard sandstone in Pescadero Point area. Mapped as Vaqueros(?) Formation by Hall and others (1959), but rocks do not resemble those of Vaqueros Sandstone in Santa Cruz Mountains. Includes andesite breccia. Contains foraminifers and mollusks of Zenarion (Oligocene) and Lusitanian (Miocene) age according to Clark and Beahm (1978). About 135 m thick near Pescadero Point and is 85 m thick near A. to Navro.
- Tm6** Lambert Shale and San Lorenzo Formation, Undivided (lower Miocene, Oligocene, and middle and upper Eocene) — Brown and dark-gray to gray, brown, and red mudstone, siltstone, and shale. Includes thin beds of fine- to coarse-grained sandstone. Lambert Shale is generally more siliceous than San Lorenzo Formation, but the two units cannot be distinguished where out of stratigraphic sequence and without fossils.
- Tm7** Lambert Shale (Oligocene and lower Miocene) — Dark gray to pinkish-brown, moderately well-cemented mudstone, siltstone, and sandstone. Chert crops out in a few places in upper part of section, and sandstone bodies up to 30 m thick, glauconitic sandstone beds, and microcrystalline dolomite are present in places. Lambert Shale is generally more siliceous than San Lorenzo Formation and less siliceous than the Monterey Shale. It resembles Santa Cruz Mudstone and parts of Purisima Formation. Lambert Shale is about 1400 m thick.
- Tm8** Midrange Basalt and related volcanic rocks (Miocene and/or Oligocene) — Basaltic volcanic rocks, both extrusive and intrusive. Extrusive rock is primarily dark gray to orange-brown to greenish-gray flow breccia, but includes lesser amounts of rhyolite flows, and flows. Extrusive rocks have a maximum thickness of 120 m. Intrusive rock is dark greenish gray to orange brown and crops out as roughly tabular bodies up to 180 m thick intruding older sedimentary rocks. Minor amounts of sandstone and mudstone are locally included.
- Tm9** Vaqueros Sandstone (lower Miocene and Oligocene) — Light gray to buff, fine- to medium-grained, coarse-grained, arkosic sandstone interbedded with olive- and dark gray to brown mudstone and shale. Sandstone beds are commonly 0.3 to 3 m thick and mudstone and shale beds are as much as 5 m thick. Vaqueros varies from a few meters to as much as 700 m in thickness.
- Tz** Zayante Sandstone (Oligocene) — Thick- to very thick-bedded, yellowish-orange arkosic non-marine sandstone containing thin interbeds of greenish and white siltstone and lenses and thick interbeds of pebble and cobble conglomerate. Thickness 550 m along Lompoc Creek.
- Td** San Lorenzo Formation (Oligocene and upper and middle Eocene) — Dark gray to red and brown shale, mudstone, and siltstone with local interbeds of sandstone. About 550 m thick. Locally divided into:
 - Td1** Ries Mudstone Member (Oligocene and upper Eocene) — Olive-gray to red and brown unbedded mudstone and siltstone with locally laminated shale. Spheroidal weathering is common, as are elongate carbonate concretions. About 400 m thick.
 - Td2** Twokar Shale Member (middle and upper Eocene) — Olive-gray to red and brown laminated shale with some mudstone. Includes a few thin interbeds of very fine-grained sandstone which thicken to as much as 30 m near Big Basin. About 210 m thick.
 - Td3** Butano Sandstone (middle and lower Eocene) — Light gray to buff, very fine- to coarse-grained arkosic sandstone in thin to very thick beds interbedded with dark gray to brown mudstone and shale. Conglomerate, containing boulders of granite and metamorphic rocks and well-sorted cobbles and pebbles of quartzite and porphyry, is present locally in lower part of section. Amount of mudstone and shale varies from 10 to 40 percent of volume of formation. About 3000 m thick.
 - Td4** Upper sandstone member — Thin-bedded to very thick-bedded medium-gray, fine- to medium-grained arkosic sandstone containing thin interbeds of medium-gray siltstone. Thickness about 215 m.
 - Td5** Middle siltstone member — Thin- to medium-bedded, nodular, olive-gray pyritic siltstone. Thickness about 215 m.
 - Td6** Lower conglomerate and sandstone member — Thick- to very thick interbeds of sandy pebble conglomerate and very thick-bedded to massive, yellowish-gray, granular, medium- to coarse-grained arkosic sandstone. Thickness as much as 1500 m.
 - Td7** Conglomerate — Thick- to very thick interbeds of sandy pebble conglomerate mapped locally in the lower member.
 - Td8** Shale in Butano Sandstone (lower Eocene) — Greenish-gray, light gray, red, and reddish brown clay shale, mudstone, siltstone, and a few thin interbeds of light gray sandstone. Exposed near the head of Corte Madera Creek. Total thickness is unknown, but at least 200 m of this material is exposed.
 - Td9** Whiskey Hill Formation (middle and lower Eocene) — Light gray to buff coarse-grained arkosic sandstone, with light gray to buff silty claystone, glauconitic sandstone, and tuffaceous siltstone. Sandstone beds contain about 30 percent of map units and brown and silty claystone beds are expansive. Locally, sandstone beds are well cemented with calcite. At apparent base of section on north side of Jasper Ridge, just east of Sausalito Lake, a thin greenstone pebble conglomerate is present. In places within this map unit, sandstone and claystone beds are chaotically disturbed. This formation is as much as 900 m thick.
 - Td10** Shale in Whiskey Hill Formation (lower Eocene) — Brown and reddish brown claystone, mudstone, siltstone and shale. Locally contains lenses of sandstone up to 50 m thick. Exposed along Highway 94, and along Highway 92, east of Half Moon Bay, where a small patch of red mudstone can be seen in a drainage ditch. Total thickness is unknown, but at least 200 m of this material is exposed along Highway 84.
 - Tu** Unnamed sedimentary rocks (Eocene?) — Mudstone, shale, and argillite with minor sandstone.
 - Tl** Locatelli Formation (Paleocene) — Nodular, olive-gray to pale yellowish-brown micaceous siltstone. Thickness 265-275 m. Locally may be included in Sandstone.
 - Tl1** Sandstone — Massive, medium gray, fine- to medium-grained arkosic sandstone. Maximum thickness 25 m.
 - Tl2** Pigeon Point Formation (Upper Cretaceous) — Sandstone and conglomerate, interbedded with siltstone and pebbly mudstone. Sandstone is fine- to coarse-grained, arkosic, and gray to greenish gray; mudstone and siltstone are gray or buff in color. Conglomerate contains well-rounded pebbles, cobbles, and boulders of red and gray fine-grained and porphyritic felsic volcanic rocks, granitic rocks, chert, quartzite, dark-colored metamorphic rocks, limestone, and classic sedimentary rocks. Pigeon Point Formation is estimated to be more than 2600 m thick.
 - Kah** Unnamed shale (Upper Cretaceous) — Dark gray, thin-bedded, nodular shale and silty shale. Unit is exposed only in the bed of San Francisco Creek, in Menlo Park, where about 15 m of section is visible.
 - Ka** Conglomerate of strata of Anchor Bay (Wentworth, 1968) (Cretaceous) — Massive sandstone and conglomerate with pebbles and cobbles of diabase, gabbro, and minor granitic rocks; contains abundant shell fragments of a rudist bivalve similar to *Cretolittorina occanti* of Late Cretaceous (Campanian) age.
 - Ka1** Unnamed sandstone and shale (Cretaceous?) — Rhythmically interbedded, indurated micaceous sandstone and greenish-gray argillite; age uncertain, but probably Cretaceous based on lithologic similarity to other Cretaceous strata in the Santa Cruz Mountains.
 - Kg** Granitic rocks of Montara Mountain (Cretaceous) — Very light gray to light brown, medium- to coarse-crystalline foliated granitic rock, largely quartz diorite with some granite. These rocks are highly fractured and deeply weathered. Foliation is marked by an alignment of dark minerals and dark dioritic inclusions. Tabular bodies of apfite and pegmatite generally parallel foliation.
 - Kg1** Granitic rocks of Red Loma (Cretaceous) — Predominantly dark-weathering, white to light gray, fine- to coarse-grained hornblende-biotite quartz diorite. Also includes stocks and plugs of medium- to coarse-grained, light-gray alkalic and granite, and dark, fine- to coarse-grained, hornblende-cummingtonite gabbro. Alkalic dikes similar to the larger alkalic body, locally intrude the quartz diorite. The gabbro body appears in map view to intrude the quartz diorite as well, but contact relations have not been observed because of poor exposure of the gabbro. The quartz diorite is very similar to that of Montara Mountain, but is distinguished by having fewer dark minerals and virtually lacking metallic opaque minerals (Ross, 1972), as well as by association with other types of plutonic rocks. This unit includes, mapped locally: Granite and diorite.
 - Kg2** Hornblende-cummingtonite gabbro
 - Kg3** Unnamed volcanic rocks (Cretaceous or older) — Dark-gray, dense, finely-crystalline felsic volcanic rock, with quartz and albite phenocrysts. Exposed only west of Pescadero. Thickness unknown.
 - Kg4** Franciscan Complex, undivided (Cretaceous and Jurassic) — Mostly graywacke and shale (fs). May be variably cherted. Parity coeval with Pigeon Point Formation. Kgp granitic rocks of Montara Mountain (Kgp), unnamed shale (Ksh), unnamed volcanic rocks (Kvj), and unnamed sandstone (Kk). Locally divided into:
 - ga** Granite and diorite
 - hg** Hornblende-cummingtonite gabbro
 - Kvj** Unnamed volcanic rocks (Cretaceous or older)
 - Kk1** Unnamed sandstone (Kk)

- fs** Sandstone — Greenish-gray to buff, fine- to coarse-grained sandstone (graywacke) with interbedded siltstone and shale. Siltstone and shale interbeds constitute less than 20 percent of unit, but in places form sequences as much as several tens of meters thick. In many places, shearing has obscured bedding relations; rock in which shale has been sheared to gouge constitutes about 10 percent of unit. Gouge is concentrated in zones that are commonly less than 30 m wide but in places may be as much as 150 m wide. Total thickness of unit is unknown but is probably at least many hundreds of meters.
- fs1** Greenstone — Dark green to red altered basaltic rocks, including flows, pillow lavas, breccias, tuff breccias, tuffs, and minor related intrusive rocks, in unknown proportions. Unit includes some Franciscan chert and limestone bodies that are too small to show on map. Greenstone crops out in lenticular bodies varying in thickness from a few meters to many hundreds of meters.
- fc** Chert — White, green, red, and orange chert, in places interbedded with reddish-brown shale. Chert and shale commonly are rhythmically bedded in thin layers, but chert also crops out in very thick layers. In San Carlos, chert has been altered along faults to tan- to buff-colored clay. Chert and shale crop out in lenticular bodies as much as 75 m thick; chert bodies are commonly associated with Franciscan greenstone.
- ff** Limestone — Light gray, finely- to coarsely crystalline limestone. In places limestone is unbedded, in other places it is distinctly bedded between beds of black chert. Limestone crops out in lenticular bodies up to 120 m thick, in most places surrounded by Franciscan greenstone.
- fm** Metamorphic rocks — Darkly blue to brownish gray blocks of metamorphic rock, commonly glaucophane schist, but some quartzite granitic. These rocks are finely to coarsely crystalline and commonly foliated. They almost always crop out on tectonic boundaries in sheared Franciscan rocks (fs) and serpentinite (sp), and they reach maximum dimensions of several tens of meters though some are too small to show on map.
- fn** Argillite — Dark gray to grayish-black argillite and shale with minor beds of sandstone.
- fer** Sheared rock (metamorphic) — Predominantly graywacke, siltstone, and shale, substantial portions of which have been sheared, but includes hard blocks of all other Franciscan rock types. Total thickness of unit is unknown, but is probably at least several tens of meters.
- sp** Serpentinite (Cretaceous and/or Jurassic) — Greenish gray to bluish-green sheared serpentinite, enclosing variably abundant blocks of unbedded rock. Blocks are commonly less than 3 m in diameter, but range in size from several centimeters to several meters. They consist of greenish-black serpentinite, schist, rodolite, ultramafic rock, and silica-carbonate rock, nearly all of which are too small to show on the map.
- Jav** Siliceous volcanic rocks and keratophore (Jurassic?) — Highly altered intermediate and siliceous volcanic and hypabyssal rocks. Feldspars are almost all replaced by albite. Recent hydrographic and isotopic analyses yielded a Jurassic age for similar rocks in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties (Jones and Curtis, 1991).
- Jgh** Galbraith (Jurassic?) — Light green-gray, dark gray weathering, mafic intrusive rock, mostly gabbro but also includes some diabase rock. The age of this unit is unknown, but the unit is probably part of the Jurassic Coast Range Ophiolite Diabase and granitite (Jurassic?)
- gd** Gneissic gabbro (Mesozoic or Paleozoic) — Strongly foliated, black and white gneiss. Foliation due to alignment of dark minerals in a light-colored matrix.
- sch** Metasedimentary rocks (Mesozoic or Paleozoic) — Mainly pelitic schist and quartzite.
- mv** Marble (Mesozoic or Paleozoic) — White to gray finely crystalline marble and granitic marble, in places distinctly bedded, in places foliated. Within Montara Mountain, this unit also includes quartzite hornfels and crops out as rare isolated bodies as much as 75 m long in granitic rocks. Near Ben Lomond Mountain, the unit locally includes chert and calc-silicate rocks.

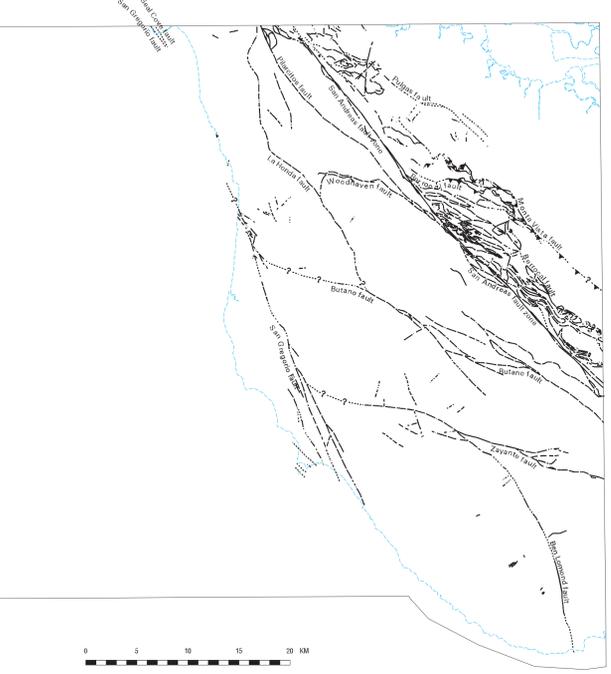
MAP SYMBOLS

- Contact — Depositional or intrusive contact, dashed where approximately located, dotted black and white green.
- - - - - Fault — Dashed where approximately located, small dashes where inferred, dotted where concealed, queried where location is uncertain.
- Reverse or thrust fault — Dotted where concealed.
- ↑ Anticline — Shows fold axis, dashed where concealed.
- Syncline
- Strike and dip of bedding
- Overturned bedding
- Fluctuating bed
- Vertical bedding
- Strike and dip of foliation
- Vertical foliation
- Strike and dip of joints in plutonic rocks
- Vertical joint

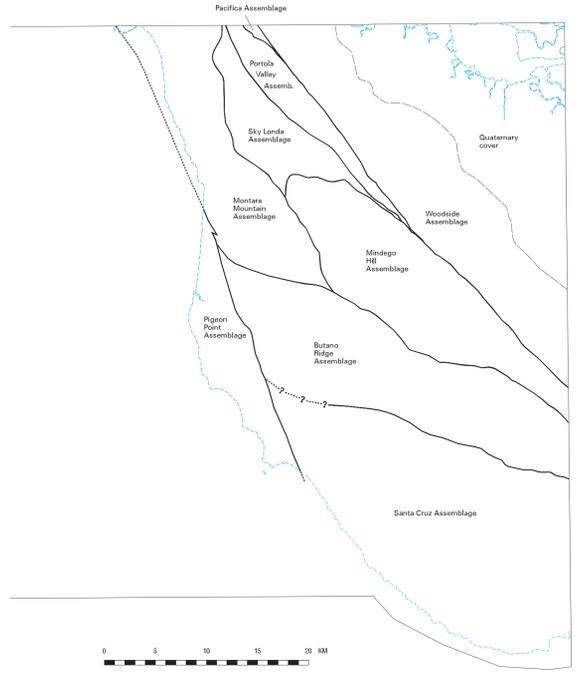
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GEOLOGY OF THE PALO ALTO 30 X 60 MINUTE QUADRANGLE, CALIFORNIA: DERIVED FROM THE DIGITAL DATABASE OPEN-FILE REPORT 98-348

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