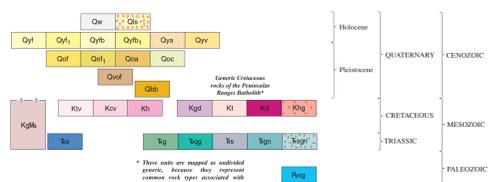
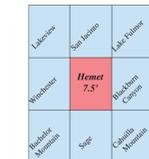


CORRELATION OF MAP UNITS

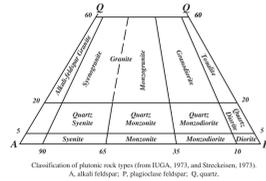


EXPLANATION

- Contact—Solid where located within ±15 meters; dashed where located within ±30 meters
- Fault—Dotted where concealed
- Strike and dip of igneous foliation
- Inclined, approximate strike and dip
- Vertical
- Vertical, approximate strike and dip
- Strike and dip of metamorphic foliation
- Inclined
- Vertical
- Bearing and plunge of metamorphic lineations
- Inclined
- Bearing and plunge of minor metamorphic fold axes
- Inclined



SURROUNDING 7.5' QUADRANGLES



DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS

VERY YOUNG SURFICIAL DEPOSITS—Sediment recently transported and deposited in channels and washes on surfaces of alluvial fans, alluvial plains, and hillslopes. Soil-profile development is non-existent. Includes:

- Wash deposits (late Holocene)**—Unconsolidated boundary to sandy alluvium of active and recently active washes of Bautista Creek. Ephemeral river channels having fresh flood scour and channel-and-bar morphology. Subject to localized reworking and introduction of new sediment mainly during winter months. In places, especially upper reaches of drainages, contains clasts up to one meter across. Grain shapes range from angular to rounded; larger clasts tend to be more rounded than smaller clasts.
- Landslide deposits (undivided late Holocene)**—Largely coherent mass on the south side of Avery Canyon; may or may not be landfilled.
- YOUNG SURFICIAL DEPOSITS**—Sedimentary units that are slightly consolidated to cemented and slightly to moderately dissected. Younger surficial units have upper surfaces that are capped by slight to moderately developed pedogenic-soil profiles (A/C to A/CB/Cambic/Cox profiles). Includes:
 - Young alluvial fan deposits (Holocene and late Pleistocene)**—Unconsolidated deposits of alluvial fans and headward drainages of fans. Consists predominantly of gravel, sand, and silt. Trunk drainages and proximal parts of fans contain higher percentage of coarse-grained sediment than distal parts. Three principal fans, Goodhart, St. Johns, Cactus Valley, and an unnamed, east-oriented drainage on the north side of the Santa Rosa Hills contain almost entirely of granitic (tonalite) debris. These fans are incised into dissected older alluvial fan deposits. Includes:
 - Young alluvial fan deposits, Unit 1 (Holocene and late Pleistocene)**—Unconsolidated alluvial fan deposit consisting of a mixture of Qof and Qof1. In part slightly older than units of Qof.
 - Young alluvial fan deposits of Bautista Canyon (Holocene and late Pleistocene)**—Unconsolidated deposits of alluvial fans and headward drainages of fans. Consists predominantly of gravel, sand, and silt. Trunk drainages and proximal parts of fans contain higher percentage of coarse-grained sediment than distal parts. Contains mineral detritus derived from metamorphic rocks.
 - Young alluvial channel deposits (Holocene and late Pleistocene)**—Unconsolidated, gray, sandy alluvium along two broad channels in the northeastern part of quadrangle and two channels in southwestern part of quadrangle.
 - Young alluvial valley deposits (Holocene and late Pleistocene)**—Fluvial deposits along valley floor. Consists of unconsolidated grayish, silty and clay-bearing sandy alluvium west of Santa Rosa Hills.
 - OLD SURFICIAL DEPOSITS**—Sedimentary units that are moderately consolidated and slightly to moderately dissected. Older surficial deposits have upper surfaces that are capped by moderately to well-developed pedogenic soils (A/CB/Cox profiles and Bt horizons as much as 1 to 2 m thick and maximum hues in the range of 10YR 5/4 and 6/4 through 7.5YR 6/4 to 4/4 and mature Bt horizons reaching 5YR 5/6). Includes:
 - Old alluvial fan deposits (late to middle Pleistocene)**—Reddish brown, gravel and sand alluvial fan deposits; indurated, commonly slightly dissected. In places includes thin alluvial-fan deposits of Holocene age. Includes:
 - Old alluvial fan deposits, Unit 1 (late to middle Pleistocene)**—Fluvial deposits along valley floor. Consists of indurated, and well dissected. In places includes thin alluvial-fan deposits of Holocene age. Most of unit is dissected older alluvial fan complexes of Goodhart, St. Johns, and Cactus Valleys located in the eastern part of Diamond Valley. Before dissection consisted of a fan complex extending from Avery Canyon to Goodhart Canyon. Mostly older than Qof.
 - Old axial channel deposits (late to middle Pleistocene)**—Fluvial sediments. Consists of moderately indurated, commonly slightly dissected gravel, sand, silt, and clay-bearing alluvium. Locally capped in thin, discontinuous alluvial deposits of Holocene age.
 - Old alluvial deposits (late to middle Pleistocene)**—Colluvial deposits on hillsides and at bases of slopes. Ranges from rubble to sand. Unconsolidated to slightly indurated.
 - VERY OLD SURFICIAL DEPOSITS**—Sediments that are slightly to well consolidated to indurated and moderately to well dissected. Upper surfaces are capped by moderate to well developed pedogenic soils (A/CB/Cox profiles having Bt horizons as much as 2 to 3 m thick and maximum hues in the range of 2.5YR 6/4 and 4/4 to 2.5YR 5/6). Includes:
 - Very old alluvial fan deposits (Pleistocene)**—Moderately to well indurated reddish brown alluvial fan deposits derived from Bautista Canyon and north side of Santa Rosa Hills. Grain size chiefly sand and gravel.
 - Bautista beds (Pleistocene)**—Akkosic, coarse-grained to conglomeratic sandstone. Unconsolidated to moderately indurated, pale gray to brownish gray, biotite-bearing. Contains scattered, discontinuous cobble and boulder beds. Fine-grained sandstone and silty and clayey beds locally are common. Composed almost entirely of detritus from tonalite.
 - Tonalite of the Taculota Valley pluton (Cretaceous)**—Informally named for exposures in Taculota Valley area near center of pluton (Morton, 2004). Relatively homogeneous, medium-grained, biotite-hornblende tonalite. Most of tonalite is massive and contains sparse ellipsoidal mafic inclusions.
 - Tonalite of the Coahuila Valley pluton of Sharp 1967 (Cretaceous)**—Relatively homogeneous hornblende-biotite tonalite and minor granodiorite. Gray, medium grained, hypidomorphic granular. Most tonalite is massive and contains sparse ellipsoidal mafic inclusions. Contains subequal amounts of biotite and hornblende. Typically consists of 40 to 50 percent, compositionally zoned, subhedral andesine, 20 to 35 percent quartz, and 0 to 8 percent potassium feldspar. Color index ranges from 10 to 30. Spinel is conspicuous accessory mineral in much of unit, occurring as large euhedral crystals. Other accessory minerals are epidote minerals (epidote and allanite), zircon, apatite, tourmaline, and opaque minerals. Contains sparse, ellipsoidal, mafic inclusions consisting essentially of biotite, hornblende, and plagioclase. Weathers to form large boulder outcrops. Emplacement ages based on zircon from a tonalite sample collected within the Coahuila Valley pluton southeast of the Hemet quadrangle. Tonalite gave an isotope dilution age of 96.5 Ma and an ion probe age of 95.5 Ma. Ar/Ar ages of hornblende was 94.4 Ma and biotite 91.9 Ma (Premo and others, 1998).
 - Hemet pluton (Cretaceous)**—Heterogeneous plutonic assemblage consisting mainly of biotite-hornblende and biotite tonalite. Biotite tonalite commonly has semiporphyratic texture with phenocrysts of euhedral biotite up to 1 cm across. Most of the tonalite contains readily visible small subhedral and euhedral sphenocrystals. Textures range from essentially massive to moderately well foliated. Contains layers of tan and brown weathering contaminated tonalite. Ellipsoidal mafic inclusions are sparse or absent in many parts of the pluton. Local pegmatite dikes occur in the western part of the pluton. More heterogeneous than the adjacent Coahuila Valley pluton. Included by Sharp (1967) as a sphenocryst part of his Coahuila Valley pluton (Qc). Sphenocryst-bearing tonalite collected at the Romanow (Bow) gave an isotope dilution age of 95.9 Ma and an ion probe age of 93.4 Ma. Ar/Ar ages of hornblende was 92 Ma and biotite 90 Ma (Premo and others, 1998). A tonalite sample collected near the metamorphic rock contact near the west side of the quadrangle gave an isotope dilution

GEOLOGIC SUMMARY

The Hemet 7.5' quadrangle is located near the eastern edge of the Perris block (Woodford and others, 1971) in the Peninsular Ranges batholith. The northeastern corner of the quadrangle extends across the San Jacinto Fault Zone onto the edge of the San Jacinto Mountains block. The Perris block is a relatively stable area located between the Elsinore Fault Zone on the west and the San Jacinto Fault Zone on the east. Both of the fault zones are active; the San Jacinto being the seismically most active in southern California. The fault zone in the quadrangle is the San Jacinto Fault Zone. The concealed location of the San Jacinto Fault Zone shown on this quadrangle is after Sharp, 1967.

The geology of the quadrangle is dominated by Cretaceous tonalite formerly included in the Coahuila Valley pluton of Sharp (1967). The northern part of Sharp's Coahuila Valley pluton (his Kc1) is separated out as the Hemet pluton. Tonalite of the Hemet pluton is more heterogeneous than the tonalite of the Coahuila Valley pluton and has a different structural pattern. The Coahuila Valley pluton consists of relatively homogeneous hornblende-biotite tonalite, commonly with readily visible large subhedral honey-colored sphenocrystals. Only the tip of the adjacent Taculota Valley pluton, another large tonalite pluton, extends into the quadrangle. Tonalite of the Taculota Valley pluton is very similar to the tonalite of the Coahuila Valley pluton except it generally lacks readily visible sphenocrystals.

In the western part of the quadrangle a variety of amphibolite grade metamorphic rocks are informally referred to as the rocks of Menefee Valley; named for exposures around Menefee Valley west of the Hemet quadrangle. In the southwestern corner of the quadrangle a mixture of schist and gneiss marks a suture that separated low metamorphic grade metasedimentary rocks to the west from high metamorphic grade rocks to the east. The age of these rocks is interpreted to be Triassic (Morton, 2004) and the age of the suture is about 100 Ma (Premo, and others, 1998), essentially the same age as the adjacent Coahuila Valley pluton (Sharp, 1967). Rocks within the suture zone consist of a mixture of lithologies from both sides of the suture. Gneiss, schist, and anatectic gneiss are the predominant lithologies within the rocks on the east side of the suture. Lesser amounts of meta-igneous rocks and meta-sedimentary rocks of amphibolite grade are present. Biotite, hornblende-sillimanite and lesser amounts of garnet-biotite-sillimanite schist and metagraywacke-metalic graywacke lithologies occur west of the suture.

Pleistocene continental beds, termed the Bautista beds (e.g., Sharp, 1967) occur east of the San Jacinto Fault Zone in the northeast corner of the quadrangle. Most of the Bautista beds were derived from the San Jacinto pluton that is located just to the east of the sedimentary rocks. Along the northern part of the quadrangle is the southern part of a large Holocene-late Pleistocene fan emanating from Bautista Canyon. Sediments in the Bautista fan are characterized by their content of detritus derived from amphibolite grade metamorphic rocks located in the Bautista Canyon drainage. Between the Holocene-late Pleistocene Bautista fan and the Santa Rosa Hills is the remnant of a much older Bautista Canyon alluvial fan. A pronounced Holocene-late Pleistocene channel was developed along the south fringe of the very old alluvial fan and the Santa Rosa Hill. A new dissected late to middle Pleistocene alluvial cone was produced by the coalesced fans of Goodhart, St. Johns, and Avery canyons, and Cactus Valley.

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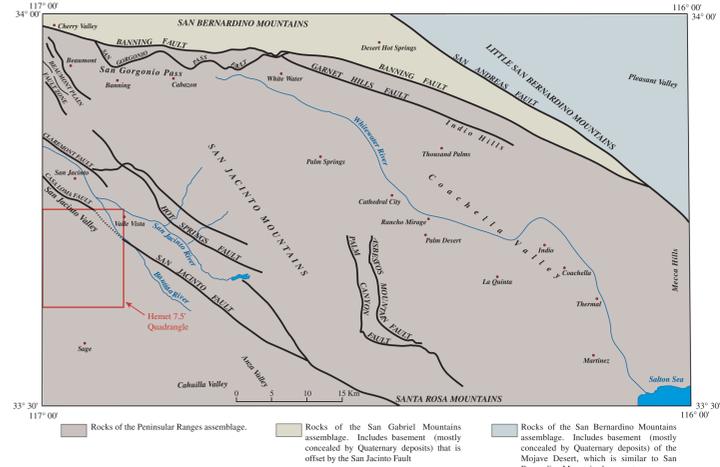
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Map of Palm Springs 30' X 60' quadrangle showing the location of the Hemet 7.5' quadrangle. Colored areas define structural assemblages. Approximate locations of most faults having large displacements or lengths are shown. * Town or geographic feature.