



[See Description of Map Units (chapter 8, in pamphlet) for complete map-unit descriptions.]

[Note that composite units (gray- and white-stippled areas) are designated on map by composite label indicating both overlying sediment cover and lower (older) unit, separated by slash (for example, Qms/Tbu indicates that thin sheet of overlies Tbu)]

## NEARHORE, SHELF, AND UPPER SLOPE

pd	<b>Oil-platform debris (late Holocene)</b> —Mixed accumulations of construction material, coarse sediment, and debris associated with anthropogenic structures
ms	<b>Marine nearshore and shelf deposits (late Holocene)</b> —Mostly sand, ripples common
Qm1c	<b>Coarse-grained marine nearshore and shelf deposits (late Holocene)</b> —Coarse sand and gravel to boulders
Qm1d	<b>Fine-grained marine shelf deposits (late Holocene)</b> —Mostly clay, silt, and very fine sand
Qm1e	<b>Marine upper slope deposits (late Holocene)</b> —Mostly clay, silt, and very fine sand
Qm2	<b>Marine peckmarks (late Holocene)</b> —Sand and mud, in nearshore to elliptical peckmarks
Qm3	<b>Aphall deposits (Holocene)</b> —Black aphall (tar) derived from naturally petroleum seeps
Qm4	<b>Marine shelf-sediment lobes (Holocene or late Holocene)</b> —Sand and gravel, lobate form
Qm5	<b>Marine or nonmarine coarse-grained deposits (late Pleistocene?)</b> —Sedimentary strata, partly conglomeratic
Qm6	<b>Bedrock, undisturbed (Pleistocene, Pliocene, and Miocene)</b> —Predominantly mudstone and siltstone
Qm7	<b>Bedrock, undisturbed (Pleistocene)</b> —Undisturbed strata of the Pico, Siesta, and Monterey Formations
Tm1	<b>Slope formation (early Pliocene and late Miocene)</b> —Mainly mudstone and shale
Tm2	<b>Unnamed mudstone (late Miocene)</b> —Mainly mudstone, shale, and conglomerate, with subordinate dolomite and phosphatic pebble conglomerate. Shows only as composite unit <i>Qm7a</i> with Monterey Formation, undisturbed (Miocene)
Tm3	<b>Unnamed mudstone, undisturbed (Miocene)</b> —Mainly silty and calcareous mudstone and shale, may include strata of the unnamed mudstone unit (Tm) exposed in adjacent coastal (lower) outcrops
Tm4	<b>Upper silty-siltstone unit (late Miocene)</b> —Mainly marly, dolomitic and silty mudstone and shale, and with subordinate calcareous mudstone and shale
Tm5	<b>Middle shale unit (late and middle Miocene)</b> —Mainly marly shale, mudstone, dolomite, porcellanite, phosphatic, and subordinate tuff
Tm6	<b>Rimmed shale, undisturbed (late Miocene)</b> —Mostly mudstone, with subordinate dolomite, sandstone, and tuff

## OLETA LANDSLIDE COMPI

West Lobe	
Og <sub>1</sub> W	Goleta landslide headwall, west lobe (Holocene) – Scarp exposing bedrock and overlying late Quaternary shelf and slope deposits
Og <sub>2</sub> W	Goleta landslide head wall, west lobe (Holocene) – Mix of intact to semi-intact blocks of sediment and unconsolidated mud and sand, at base of headwall scarp
Og <sub>3</sub> W	Goleta landslide fifth-flow deposit, west lobe (Holocene) – Landslide deposits consisting of mud and sand, derived from ridge-valley
Og <sub>4</sub> W	Goleta landslide fourth-flow deposit, west lobe (Holocene) – Landslide deposits consisting of mud and sand
Og <sub>5</sub> W	Goleta landslide third-flow deposit, west lobe (Holocene) – Landslide deposits consisting of mud and sand
Og <sub>6</sub> W	Goleta landslide second-flow deposit, west lobe (Holocene) – Landslide deposits consisting of mud and sand
Og <sub>7</sub> W	Goleta landslide initial flow deposit, west lobe (Holocene) – Landslide deposits consisting of mud and sand
Central Lobe	
Og <sub>1</sub> C	Goleta landslide headwall, central lobe (Holocene) – Scarp exposing bedrock and overlying late Quaternary shelf and slope deposits
Og <sub>2</sub> C	Goleta landslide head block, central lobe (Holocene) – Mix of intact to semi-intact blocks of sediment and unconsolidated mud and sand, at base of headwall scarp
Og <sub>3</sub> C	Goleta landslide fourth flow deposit, central lobe (Holocene) – Landslide deposits consisting of mud and sand, derived from ridge-valley
Og <sub>4</sub> C	Goleta landslide third-flow deposit, central lobe (Holocene) – Landslide deposits consisting of mud and sand
Og <sub>5</sub> C	Goleta landslide second-flow deposit, central lobe (Holocene) – Landslide deposits consisting of mud and sand
Og <sub>6</sub> C	Goleta landslide initial flow deposit, central lobe (Holocene) – Landslide deposits consisting of mud and sand

L&S LOG	
Ogleh	Goleta landslide headwall, east lobe (Holocene)—Scarp exposing bedrock and overlying late Quaternary shelf and slope deposits
Ogleb	Goleta landslide head block, east lobe (Holocene)—Mix of intact to semi-intact blocks of sediment and unconsolidated sand and sand, at base of headwall scarp
Ogle5	Goleta landslide fifth-phase flow deposit, east lobe (Holocene)—Landslide deposits consisting of mud and sand
Ogle4	Goleta landslide fourth-phase flow deposit, east lobe (Holocene)—Landslide deposits consisting of mud and sand
Ogle3	Goleta landslide third-phase flow deposit, east lobe (Holocene)—Landslide deposits consisting of mud and sand
Ogle2	Goleta landslide second-phase flow deposit, east lobe (Holocene)—Landslide deposits consisting of mud and sand

### EXPLANATION OF MAP SYMBOLS

**Contour**—Solid where location is certain, long-dashed where location is approximate, short-dashed where location is inferred, dotted where location is concealed

**Contour between lobes of Galesia landward complex**—Delineates east, central, and west lobes of landfile complex

**Headscarp in Galesia landward complex**—Bachures point downscarp

**Fault**—Solid where location is certain, long-dashed where location is approximate, short-dashed where location is inferred, dotted where location is concealed, queried where uncertain

**Fault scarp**—Inferred from aerial photographs, bachures point downscarp

**Folds**—Solid where location is certain, long-dashed where location is approximate, short-dashed where location is inferred, dotted where location is concealed

**Antiflex**

**Synform**

**Anticlinal upwarps axis in Quaternary deposits**

**Former shoreline or marine limit**

**Approximate modern shoreline**—Defined as Mean High Water (MHW) (+1.33 m), North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88)

**3-sigma limit of California's State Water**

## DISCUSSION

Marine geologic units and geologic features were mapped in the Offshore of Coos Point map area from approximate Mean High Water (MHW) to the 3-nautical-mile limit of California's State Waters. MHW is defined at an elevation of 1.33 m above the North American Vertical Datum of 1985 (NAVD 85) (Weber and others, 2005). Offshore geologic units were delineated on the basis of integrated analyses of adjacent onshore geology with multibeam bathymetry and backscatter imagery (sheets 1, 2, 3), seafloor-sediment and rock samples (Reed and others, 2006), digital camera and video imagery (sheet 6), and high-resolution seismic-reflection profiles (sheet 8).

The onshore geology was compiled from Dibble (1981, 1987a,b) and Minor and others (2009). Unit ages, which are largely from Minor and others (2009), reflect local stratigraphic relations.

The offshore part of the mud area largely consists of a gently offshore-dipping (less than 1°) shelf underlain by sediments derived primarily from relatively small coastal watersheds that drain the Santa Ynez Mountains. Shelf deposits are primarily sand (Orms) at depths less than about 35 to 50 m, and they are finer grained sediment such as very fine sand, silt, and clay (Ormsf) from depths of 35 to 50 m southward to the shelf break at a depth of about 90 m. The boundary between units Orms and Ormsf is based on observations and extrapolation from sediment sampling (see, for example, Reid and others, 2006) and camera ground-truth surveying (see sheet 6). It is important to note that the boundary between units Orms and Ormsf should be considered transitional and approximate and is expected to shift as a result of seasonal- to annual- to

local-scale cycles in water column, sediment slough, and sediment transport. These cycles are associated with the seasonal water depth greater than 90 m, below the shelf break in the upper water; however, here they are identified as a separate unit (Unit Omst) because of their location below the distinct shelf-scale geomorphologic break.

Coarser grained, marine deposits (coarse sand to boulders) of units Omstc, Omseel, and Omc are recognized on the basis of their high acoustic backscatter (sheet 3), their ground-truth-survey imagery (sheet 6), and, in some cases, their moderate seafloor relief (sheets 1, 2). This coarse-grained facies is linked either to the mouths of steep coastal watersheds or to adjacent seafloor bedrock outcrops, and the deposits generally represent wave-windrowed layers of delicate sediment. Two distinct lobes of this facies are present in the upper water column, one on the inner shelf edge of the map area, and the other, more similarly oriented winnowed deltaic deposits that form a belt at lower sea levels during the late Pleistocene or early Holocene. An isolated patch of clast-supported cobble (unit Omc), which rests on bedrock south of Coal Oil Point at a water depth of 70 m, also may have been deposited at lower sea levels during the late Pleistocene.

Offshore bedrock exposures are mapped as either the Miocene Monterey Formation (Tm, Tmu, Trmn), the upper Miocene and lower Pliocene Siquis Formation (Tsq), or the undivided Quaternary and Tertiary bedrock (QTbu) or undivided Tertiary (Tbu) units on the basis of the confidence in extending the onshore mapping of Minor and others (2009) offshore. Midshelf to outer shelf bedrock exposures are all mapped as undivided units; however, offshore sampling data (see, for example, Kunitomo and others, 1986), as well as regional cross sections that are constrained by petroleum exploration data and sampling (Redin, 2005; Redin and others, 2005), have suggested that these seafloor outcrops predominantly consist of Tertiary rocks. The Tertiary rocks were deposited in a north-south, internally warped, south-dipping monocline that formed above the blind, north-dipping Pinole-North Channel fault system; the fault tip is interpreted to lie beneath the continental shelf, about 6.0-7.6 km offshore.

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The Santa Barbara Channel, including the map area, has a long history of hydrocarbon production (Barham, 1998). The offshore oil fields are located along the California coast from San Francisco southward to Los Angeles. The map area includes the South Eelshore oil field, the Coal Oil Point oil field, and the Naples oil and gas field (see sheet 11). Oil and gas are mainly sourced by the Miocene Monterey Formation; the reservoirs are in the Vaqueros Formation, the Rincon Shale, and the Monterey Formation. Development of the South Eelshore oil field began in 1966 from platform "Tolly" (see sheet 10), which was the last platform to be installed in California's Santa Monica, Debris and Palmdale Basins. The South Eelshore oil field is one of the largest offshore oil fields in the world and uses a pd. Areas of grouped to solitary pocketmarks (unit Cmp) caused by gas seeps are common features. In addition, numerous asphalt (tar) deposits (unit Qas) associated with hydrocarbon seeps and gas vents are mapped both onshore and offshore. The offshore deposits, which have been confirmed with seafloor video observations (see sheet 11), often are localized along faults or other structural features. Onshore, asphalt deposits occur as small-scale features such as mud cracks and bedrock outcrops but are distinguished from them on the basis of their low acoustic backscatter. Although many such asphalt deposits are too small to be shown on the map, the larger deposits can cover as much as several hundred square meters.

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# Offshore and Onshore Geology and Geomorphology, Offshore of Coal Oil Point Map Area, California

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