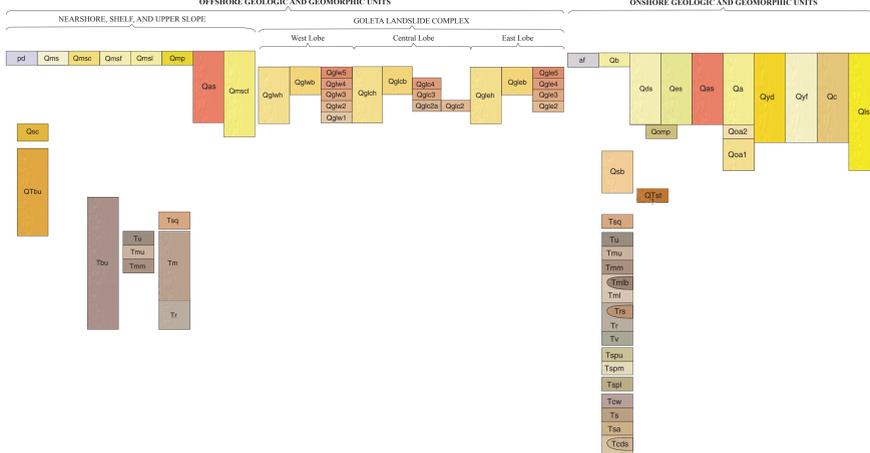


Offshore geology mapped by Daniel E. Gornall, Andrew C. Ritchie, Samuel J. Johnson, H. Gary Greene, and Peter Dartnell. Onshore geology mapped by Andrew C. Ritchie, Samuel J. Johnson, H. Gary Greene, and Peter Dartnell. This map is a scientific investigation map and is not intended for navigational use.

CORRELATION OF MAP UNITS [See Description of Map Units (chapter 8, in pamphlet) for precise unit ages]



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

- Offshore Geologic and Geomorphologic Units: Oil-platform debris, Beach deposits, Coastal estuarine deposits, Asphalt deposits, Channel alluvium, Deltas, etc. Onshore Geologic and Geomorphologic Units: Artificial fill, Beach deposits, Coastal estuarine deposits, etc. Includes detailed descriptions for each unit.

EXPLANATION OF MAP SYMBOLS

- Map symbols: Contact, Contact between lobes of Goleta landslide complex, Headscarf in Goleta landslide complex, Fault, Fault scarp, Folds, Antiform, Synform, Anticline upturn axis, Former shoreline or marine limit, Approximate modern shoreline, 3-mautical-mile limit of California's State Waters.

DISCUSSION

Marine geology and geomorphology were mapped in the Offshore of Coal Oil Point map area from approximately Mean High Water (MHW) to the 3-mautical-mile limit of California's State Waters. MHW is defined as an elevation of 1.33 m above the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88) (Weber and others, 2005). Offshore geologic units were delineated on the basis of integrated analysis of geologic, geophysical, and bathymetric data.

The offshore part of the map 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 (Qms) at depths less than about 35 to 50 m, and they are finer grained and more silty than the fine sand, silt, and clay (Qmf) from depths of 35 to 50 m to the shelf break at a depth of about 90 m. The boundary between units Qms and Qmf is based on observations and extrapolation from sediment sampling (see, for example, Reid and others, 2006) and current ground-truth surveying (see sheet 6). It is important to note that the boundary between units Qms and Qmf should be considered transitional and approximate and is expected to shift as a result of seasonal to annual- to decadal-scale cycles in wave climate, sediment supply, and sediment transport.

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