

Quaternary Fault and Fold Database of the United States

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Oak Ridge fault (offshore) (Class A) No. 136

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Synopsis	The Oak Ridge Fault offshore is a steeply south-dipping reverse fault and is the v continuation of the fault that forms the south boundary of the Ventura Basin.
Name comments	Fault ID: This number refers to fault 335 of Jennings (1994).
County(s) and State(s)	VENTURA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
Physiographic province(s)	PACIFIC BORDER
Reliability of location	Poor Compiled at 1: scale. <i>Comments:</i> Location of fault from Qt_ft_ver_3-0_Final_WGS84_polyline.shp (I written communication to K.Haller, August 15, 2017) based on geometric represe ramp from Community Fault Model (Plesch and others 2007).

Geologic setting	<p>The Oak Ridge Fault is important to an assessment of earthquake hazards because of the westward extension of the fault system along which the Northridge earthquake and Huftile, 1995). Onshore the Oak Ridge Fault forms the south boundary of the Santa Cruz anticline (Yeats, 1983, 1988; Yeats and others, 1988). This fault extends offshore, west of Santa Cruz Island to underlie the low-relief shelf beneath the eastern Santa Barbara Channel (Fisher and others, 2005). The fault has been interpreted, using balanced structural sections, to extend to the surface as either a horizontal or gently south-dipping decollement at about 8 km depth (Huftile and others, 1995) or as a gently south-dipping thrust fault (Fisher and Namson, 2006). The Oak Ridge Fault formed initially during the Pliocene, as the Santa Cruz Basin was strongly compressed in a north-south direction.</p> <p>An alternative opinion about the structure of the Oak Ridge Fault concerns the paleogeography north of Santa Cruz Island. There the fault may not really be a fault at all but rather an active kink band above a ramp associated with a north-dipping thrust fault that is active today (Shaw and Suppe, 1994 but see also discussion in Stone, 1996 and Shaw and others, 1997).</p>
Length (km)	km.
Average strike	
Sense of movement	Thrust
Dip	<p>32–60° S.</p> <p><i>Comments:</i> Huftile and Yeats (1995) and Fisher and others (2005) depict a steeply dipping reverse fault in the near surface. Huftile and Yeats (1995) extend the fault to a depth of about 8 km where it flattens to a sub-horizontal detachment and then extends along a 32° south-dipping fault about 15 km.</p>
Paleoseismology studies	
Geomorphic expression	<p>Onshore the Oak Ridge Fault [94] has clear geomorphic expression in the Santa Cruz anticline. West of the town of Saticoy, however, the fault underlies the low-relief shelf beneath the shallow featureless marine shelf to the west. During the Quaternary, this plain was repeatedly exposed and eroded by the Santa Clara River, which apparently erased any geomorphic expression for faulting. The only likely geomorphic expression of the fault west of Saticoy is the Saticoy Mounds (Hall, 1998), a series of pressure ridges that overlie the fault and may be related to Holocene left-lateral strike-slip motion along the fault.</p>
Age of faulted surficial deposits	<p>Several ages have been proposed for the most recent movement along the Oak Ridge Fault. Huftile and Yeats (1995) propose that onshore the fault has not moved since 200–300 years ago. (2) The fault may offset Holocene deposits (Redin and others, 2005). (3) It appears to have moved during the late Quaternary (Sorlien and others, 2000). (4) The main strand of the fault offshore is beveled by an unconformity believed to be at the base of late Pleistocene deposits.</p>

	(~11 ka) sediment, but another strand of this fault, showing left-lateral slip, may be (Greene and others, 1978; Dahlen and others, 1990; Fisher and others, 2005). (5) Namson and Davis (2006), the fault is blind, but sediment as young as Quaternary at the fault's tip.
Historic earthquake	
Most recent prehistoric deformation	undifferentiated Quaternary (<1.6 Ma) <i>Comments:</i>
Recurrence interval	
Slip-rate category	Greater than 5.0 mm/yr <i>Comments:</i> 8.5 mm/yr, left lateral and 8.0 mm/yr contraction (Meade and Hager,
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