

Quaternary Fault and Fold Database of the United States

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Oak Ridge fault, mid-Channel structure (Class A) No. 138

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Synopsis	The Oak Ridge fault, mid-Channel structure is a left-oblique blind reverse fault trending moderately south ($\sim 45^\circ$) and offsets Quaternary sediment.
Name comments	
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 (F

	W.A., written communication to K.Haller, August 15, 2017) attributed to Cao and others (2003).
Geologic setting	<p>The structural interpretation of the offshore Oak Ridge fault is controversial because Yeats (1995) described reverse motion along this part of the fault whereas Shaw and Suppe (1994) proposed that instead of being a fault, the offshore Oak Ridge trend is an active kink band developed above the deep (3–5 km) Lower Pitas Point-Montalvo [492] and Upper Pitas Point-North Channel fault zone [180]. Further controversy involves the sense of structural vergence. The Oak Ridge fault of Hufnagel and Yeats verges northward whereas Shaw and Suppe (1994) propose that the kink band within the Oak Ridge trend results from southward vergence. See discussions in Stone (1996) and others (1996) and Yeats (1998).</p> <p>The onshore Oak Ridge fault forms the south boundary of the Ventura Basin (Yeats 1988). This reverse fault extends offshore, west of this basin, to form the Mid Channel structure under the Santa Barbara Channel. In this trend the Oak Ridge dips steeply at shallow depth (>3 km) but moderately (~45°) at greater depth (Redin and others, 2005 #8474; Sorlien and others, 2000). Sorlien and others (2000) derive structural interpretations that indicate that displacement along this fault in the Mid Channel trend is left-oblique.</p>
Length (km)	41 km.
Average strike	270
Sense of movement	Reverse
Dip	45° S. <i>Comments:</i> 45° S. at depths > 3 km (Sorlien and others, 2000; Redin and others, 2005 #8474).
Paleoseismology studies	
Geomorphic expression	A bathymetric high called the Mid-Channel trend extends along the fault's trace.
Age of faulted surficial deposits	The fault offsets Quaternary sediment (Redin and others, 2005 #8473, 2005 #8474 and others, 2000).
Historic earthquake	
Most recent prehistoric deformation	undifferentiated Quaternary (<1.6 Ma) <i>Comments:</i>

Recurrence interval	
Slip-rate category	Between 1.0 and 5.0 mm/yr <i>Comments:</i> Slip rate is unconstrained, but may be similar to the slip along the Oa fault to the east, <i>i.e.</i> , about 8 mm/yr left lateral oblique (Meade and Hager, 2005).
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