environment. The associated foraminiferal assemblages are mixed and include shelf-edge and lower bathyal (> 6,500 ft or > 2,000 m) markers. Several foraminiferal species in this fauna are characteristic of low-oxygen conditions. An oxygen-minimum zone may also have been the source of pelletal phosphorite in these thin-bedded mudstones. The overall lithologic and paleontologic evidence suggests deposition of these rocks as distal-fringe turbidites immediately following rapid basin subsidence.

Recognition of the ostracode peak zone in uppermost Zemorrian strata 43 mi (70 km) to the west, at Arroyo Hondo, demonstrates its biostratigraphic continuity in this region.

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Offset Panel Aids Processor and Interpreter

A novel display of common-offset profiles is found to be a powerful analytical tool for seismic data. The offset panel displays six sets of common-offset, single-channel data taken from a conventional marine seismic survey. The single-channel profiles are displayed below one another and arranged vertically by offset and horizontally by common depth point. This arrangement causes effects due to near-surface geologic changes to generate geometric patterns that are different from patterns due to changes in seismic source or receiver. Both reflection and refraction data are used in the display. Reflection data of the near trace or offset are at the top of the display and indicate the presence of acoustic boundaries. Refractions observed on distant traces are sensitive to changes in the near surface. They allow properties of acoustic layers to be determined through their alteration of transit times and amplitudes.

This display takes advantage of the exchangeability of seismic source and receiver to relate variations in refraction arrival time and amplitude at different offsets. Data commonly muted by the processor allow the detection of near-surface velocity anomalies from the simple geometric patterns they generate. The geometric patterns are symmetrical around the anomaly. A variation in refraction arrival due to change in source or receiver lacks symmetry and may be distinguished from a velocity anomaly.

Refraction arrivals penetrate to a depth of perhaps one-fifth the source to receiver distance, dependent on velocity distribution. A velocity anomaly anywhere in the path can be identified if one can compare refraction arrivals with and without the anomaly in the path. The offset panel arranges the data so that a comparison can be made.

The simple symmetry of the data in such a display renders it useful in many areas of analysis. For the data processor, the most important functions of the offset panel are to (1) verify field recording geometry, (2) monitor the seismic source, and (3) determine processing parameters. For the interpreter, the display serves to: (1) detect anomalous velocity zones in the near surface and allow for their correlation with deep structure, (2) locate and identify shallow, high-amplitude reflections, and (3) indicate shallow geologic changes.

Geotechnical and drilling engineers can use the display to: (1) locate zones of unstable sediments on the seafloor, and (2) locate and evaluate shallow drilling hazards.

Refraction data recorded by the conventional seismic spread are found to be very important in resolving problems associated with the near surface. They are most useful in the direct detection of shallow drilling hazards.

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Tectonic and Climate Controls on Sedimentation of Upper Miocene Nonmarine Strata East of San Francisco Bay, California

Upper Miocene nonmarine and shallow-marine strata exposed east of San Francisco Bay record a change from convergent-margin to transform-margin tectonics. During the late Miocene, the East Bay area occupied the oceanward side of a shelved fore-arc basin which was progressively incorporated in the evolving San Andreas strike-slip orogene. Patterns of deposition in the broad fore-arc basin were relatively simple: andesitic arc-derived detritus was transported the full width of the fore-arc basin from the Sierras to the East Bay area. In contrast, the wrench-tectonic regime produced complex patterns of sedimentation displaying greater local variability. Based on stratigraphic data from D. Wagner and our observations, we infer that the west-facing slope of the fore-arc basin in the East Bay area was reversed about 13 m.y. ago, with uplift of the area between the eventual traces of the San Andreas and Hayward faults. A fluvial clastic wedge was shed eastward into the East Bay area from this uplifted terrane of Mesozoic subduction-complex and fore-arc basin rocks. Initial rupturing along a "proto-Hayward fault zone" followed the uplift about 10 m.y. ago. Loci of basaltic volcanism (10 to 7 m.y.) along these fractures interfinger with the clastic wedge. A similar pattern of uplift and drainage reversal apparently heralded the onset of wrenching along the Calaveras trend 6 to 8 m.y. ago. Expansion of the strike-slip orogene segmented the outer fore-arc basin into local basins, some characterized by periodic lacustrine deposition and probable internal drainage. By the end of the Miocene, Sierran arc volcanism waned at the latitude of San Francisco Bay, and arc-derived volcaniclastics were fully supplanted by recycled Coast Range-derived detritus in the East Bay area. Certain of these Coast Range sediment sources, particularly blueschist-bearing Franciscan terranes, serve to constrain estimates of strike-slip on the Hayward fault.

Although tectonics provide the principal control on patterns and composition of Neogene sedimentation in the East Bay area, late Miocene climatic fluctuations left a marked overprint. Red beds, typical of the lower upper Miocene and suggestive of seasonal aridity, correlate with a relatively cold period along the northeast margin of the Pacific Ocean. In contrast, overlying middle upper Miocene fluvial-lacustrine beds are gray brown and contain abundant carbonaceous debris and faunas indicative of a marked decrease in aridity. These strata correspond to a period of warming in the later Miocene prior to latest Miocene refrigeration (Messinian).

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Stratigraphy and Sedimentology of Upper Miocene Williams Sand, San Joaquin Valley, California

The upper Miocene, late Mohnian age, Williams Sand crops out in the southeastern Temblor Range along the southwest margin of the southern San Joaquin Valley, California. The Williams is composed of lenses of generally coarse material within the siliceous Antelope Shale Member of the Monterey Formation and is stratigraphically equivalent to the Stevens Sand. The sands and shales were deposited in paleontologically defined waters as much as 4,000 ft (1,219 m) deep. Based on field and laboratory studies, the Williams is interpreted as a