

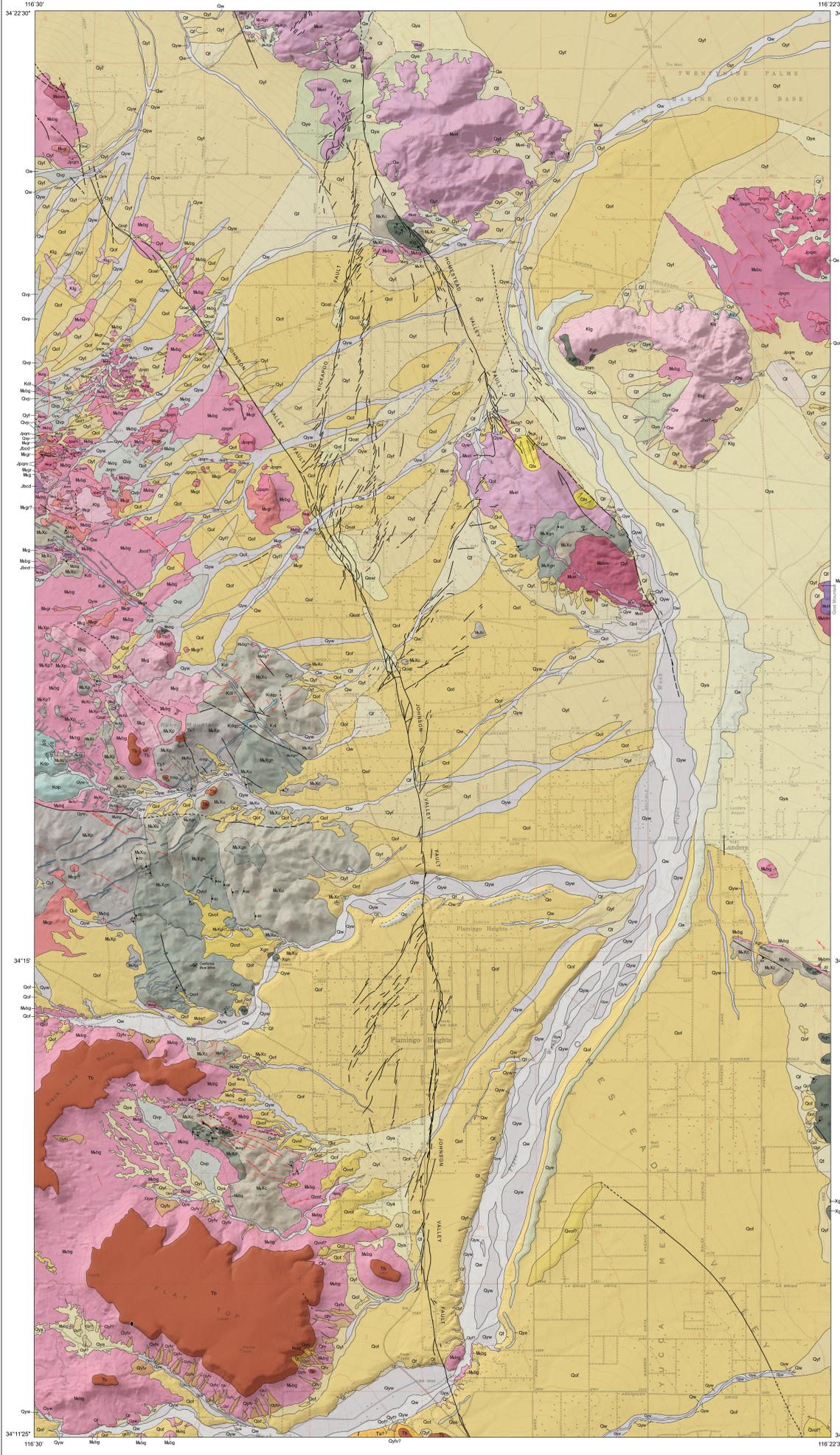


# PRELIMINARY GEOLOGIC MAP OF THE LANDERS AND YUCCA VALLEY NORTH (NORTHERN HALF) 7.5' QUADRANGLES, SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

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### DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS

- Qw** **Modern wash deposits (late Holocene)**—Unconsolidated sand and gravel deposited in recently active stream channels. Occur as anastomosing to elongate deposits within Pipes Wash and its tributaries. Sediments are generally derived from local bedrock or older Quaternary deposits. Materials subject to localized reworking and new sediment deposition during storm events and only support local sparse vegetation. Very dark gray-brown (HYR 3.2) when damp. Locally contains moderately to well-consolidated, cohesive, silt clay overbank deposits, likely derived from the volcanic units. These overbank deposits are cemented and very micaceous with fossiliferous, and are very dark-brown (HYR 2.2) when damp.
- Qf** **Modern alluvial fan deposits (late Holocene)**—Unconsolidated to weakly consolidated, poorly sorted, sand, silt, and silt deposits. Locally, essentially unindurated alluvial fans. Fan apices commonly occur at or up against the base of mountain fronts or wash channel walls. Clasts are derived from up-slope rock sources and reworked from adjacent older fan deposits. Local fan deposits dominated by dark volcanic clasts shed from volcanics are denoted as Qf-v.
- Qv** **Modern alluvial fan deposits, volcanic clast dominated**—Local fan deposits dominated by dark volcanic clasts. Qf-v deposits include debris fans shed from the volcanic buttes within the field area and contain unweathered blocks of vesiculated and non-vesiculated basalt.
- Ql** **Modern playa deposits (late Holocene)**—Moderately consolidated, stiff, cohesive silt to fine sandine clay takes that are periodically flooded. Very pale-brown (HYR 7.5) dry and dark yellowish-brown (HYR 6.4) damp. Forms mud cracks on the surface. In places contains micaceous silt, is generally alkaline, and may locally contain evaporites (Dibble 1967a).
- Qm** **Modern eolian deposits (late Holocene)**—Unconsolidated, loose, generally well-sorted wind-blown sand. Fine- to medium-grained. Deposited on and just beyond the crest of the east bank of Pipes Wash and on south and east facing slopes and terraces in the northern half of the Landers Quadrangle. Very pale-brown (HYR 6.4) when damp.
- Qlc** **Landslide deposits (Holocene to Pleistocene)**—Previously mapped by Umbarger (1992). Landslide deposits are located on the eastern and northeastern side of Homestead Mountain. The deposit on the eastern side contains poorly sorted, angular clasts in a muddy matrix, and calcium carbonate coating over the surface (Umbarger, 1992). The deposit on the northeastern side contains angular to subangular clasts, and failure is likely from pre-existing discontinuities within the bedrock (Umbarger, 1992).
- Qym** **Younger wash deposits (middle Holocene to late Pleistocene)**—Weakly consolidated sand, cobbles and local boulders. Composed of silt and sand with gravel, few cobbles, and rare boulders. Commonly occurs as elongate deposits on the margins of active Qw deposits in Pipes Wash and its tributaries, as well as larger, conical upstream of the mountain front. Sediments are generally micaceous and contain coarse sand and gravel. May be locally sandy. Sediments may be subject to mobilization and redeposition during large storm events. Vegetation may be sparse to moderately dense. Light olive-brown (2.5Y 5/3) when damp.
- Qyf** **Younger alluvial fan deposits (middle Holocene to late Pleistocene)**—Unconsolidated to weakly consolidated, siltly sand with pebbles and cobbles. Surfaces are unindurated to slightly dissected. Locally overlain by thin eolian veneer or intertongued with eolian deposits such as sand sheets. Contains subrounded to subangular quartzite, feldspar, and biotite. Locally moderately consolidated with alternating layers of pebbly sand and thin silt layers. Clasts are locally derived up slope or up wash and reworked from adjacent older fan deposits. Yellowish-brown (HYR 5.4) when damp. No calcite, soil development, and iron oxides are uncommon. Locally includes narrow active (Qf-v) deposits. Local fan deposits dominated by dark volcanic clasts are denoted as Qyf-v.
- Qyv** **Younger alluvial fan deposits, volcanic clast dominated**—Local fan deposits dominated by dark volcanic clasts shed from volcanic units in the Yucca Valley North Quadrangle.
- Qys** **Younger alluvium (Holocene to late Pleistocene)**—Unconsolidated siltly sand with pebbles. Clasts are subangular to subrounded. Deposited in broad alluvial valleys. Alluvial surfaces are slightly elevated from active channels and support local sparse vegetation, suggesting they are only marginally drained during larger, more intense events. Brown (HYR 5.5) when damp. Locally overlain or intertongued with eolian deposits such as sand sheets.
- Qxp** **Piedmont veneer deposits (Holocene to middle Pleistocene)**—Weakly consolidated sand, gravel, and local cobble-sized fragments composed of angular to subangular granitic clasts. Unit forms thin veneer of decomposed granodiorite and sheet wash deposits overlain older, fine-grained surface deposits.
- Qye** **Eolian deposits (middle Holocene to late Pleistocene)**—Unconsolidated to moderately consolidated, unindurated to slightly dissected sand and silt with gravel and topographically controlled sand ripples. Very pale-brown to yellowish-red (HYR 7.4 to 5YR 5/6), clean fine- to medium-grained sand with subangular to subrounded grains. Deposited on the east bank of Pipes Wash and on north and west facing slopes northern half of the Landers Quadrangle. Abundant vegetation observed on these deposits.
- Qoa** **Older alluvium, tufa dominated (late to middle Pleistocene)**—Unconsolidated to moderately consolidated, fluvial pebbly fine- to coarse-grained sand and silt layered with tufa deposits and eroded and topographically controlled sand ripples. Associated with spring discharge along the Johnson Valley Fault, other unnamed faults, and elsewhere in the west side of the Landers Quadrangle. Locally surrounds small outcrops of biotite granodiorite (MgBz) and perthite biotite granodiorite (PpBz) that are too small to map.
- Qof** **Older fan deposits (late to middle Pleistocene)**—Slightly to moderately consolidated siltly sand with gravel. Intertongued with cobble-rich layers with boulders up to 1.5 m in diameter and capped by thin sheet wash. Yellowish-brown (HYR 5.4) damp. Local moderately consolidated paleobeds with carbonate. Brown (2.5YR 4.4) when damp where the source is predominantly gneissic. Paleobeds are composed of sandy silt held together with clay and are poorly sorted with gravel. Dark yellowish-brown (HYR 4.4) when damp. Surfaces are coarsely to moderately dissected. Typically capped with younger sheet wash on large flat surfaces. Includes flood plain. Locally includes thin sand deposits. Surface is modified by erosion in the eastern Yucca Valley North Quadrangle. Surfaces are generally elevated at least several meters above active channel grade and are subject to biotite wash. Includes debris flow deposits on the northeastern edge of Homestead Mountain. The debris flow deposits are well-indurated, poorly sorted, and contain a reddish-brown siltstone matrix. Includes debris flow deposits on the northeastern edge of Homestead Mountain. The debris flow is faulted against a landslide deposit along the Homestead Valley Fault.
- Qol** **Lacustrine deposits (late to middle Pleistocene)**—Moderately to strongly cemented, unindurated to moderately dissected fine-grained sand, silt, clay, and mud from lake or playa deposits. For phenocrysts, 7% subangular to rounded in a fine clay matrix, 5% plagioclase, 2% hornblende and chlorite. Fresh surface to pebbly. Previously mapped by Umbarger (1992). Possibly old lakebed deposits from a pond or marshy area that drained into Pipes Wash during the Pleistocene that are too small to map.
- Qov** **Very old fan deposits (early Pleistocene)**—Moderately to well-consolidated silt, sand, gravel, cobbles, and boulders locally exceeding 1 m in diameter and forming deposits up to 15 m thick, some clasts are exotic to local source areas. Moderately consolidated yellowish (2.5YR 6/6) alternating 14 cm thick beds of gravelly sand and silt. Includes debris flow deposits on the northeastern edge of Homestead Mountain. The debris flow is faulted against a landslide deposit along the Homestead Valley Fault.

### TERTIARY VOLCANIC AND SEDIMENTARY UNITS

- Tb** **Basalt flows and scoria (Miocene)**—Olivine-bearing massive basalt flows, previously mapped by Dibble (1967b). Occurs on Flat Top Butte and Black Butte as well as smaller, scattered, baffle-forming outcrops. Local pebbly (Tb) indicates the basalt is near-vental. Basalt flows overlap a thin reddish-brown to orange-brown granitic basement rock. Forms resistant dark gray breccia flows with a layer of dark brown-red and dark gray scoria on the top of the buttes. The basalt is variably and phenocryst poor. Vesicles range in size from <1 mm to 6 cm and increase in abundance up section to 60%. Vesicles are commonly filled with calcite. Phenocryst abundance is around 20% with plagioclase, olivine, and orthopyroxene making up the major mineral assemblage. The olivine is almost entirely altered to iddingsite. Phenocryst size averages 1 mm. Basalt with coarse to medium-grained phenocrysts. Olivine (O) is more vitreous, and vesicles here are commonly filled with calcite. At this contact, alteration such as oxide staining, epithermal, and iron oxides, is present. On top of the buttes is a lipchill tuff with large coarse tops (up to 15 m) and highly within an ash matrix. Vesicles within the scoria are concentrated in the top 50% with an average vesicle size of 3 mm. Whole rock <sup>40</sup>Ar/<sup>39</sup>Ar dating at one locality on Flat Top Butte (see map) yielded a Miocene age of 8.43 ± 0.08 Ma. Analyses were conducted at the New Mexico Geochronology Laboratory.
- Tv** **Intrusive basalt (Miocene)**—Vitreous, aphanitic, basaltic plug with inclusions of obsidian (2-3 mm). Dark gray with no distinguishable phenocrysts in hand sample. Olivine and plagioclase present in the groundmass. Contains mafic xenoliths. Intrudes pre-Tertiary units. Previously mapped by Dibble (1967b).
- Ts** **Alkalic sandstone (Miocene)**—Unconsolidated to consolidated sedimentary deposits beneath basalt flows (Tb). Previously mapped by Dibble et al. (the "Old Woman" Sandstone") (1967b). This unit is variably thickness and crops out in segments underneath the basalt, probably due to paleogeography. The first ~3 m below the basalt are anomalously reddish with abundant calcite veins in the upper meter. Deposits range from unconsolidated, subangular, arkosic sand and pebbles to consolidated, boulded silt with subrounded pebbles and cobbles up to 15 cm. Sediments are derived from underlying granitic units and contain plagioclase, potassium feldspar, quartz, biotite, and muscovite. Consolidated sections contain calcareous layers as frequent as 8 cm apart. Tuff is deposited within the unit in several areas just below the basalt on Flat Top Butte, probably from spring discharge. This unit is extensive but only mappable on the east side of Flat Top Butte where it is relatively thick and exposed by erosion.

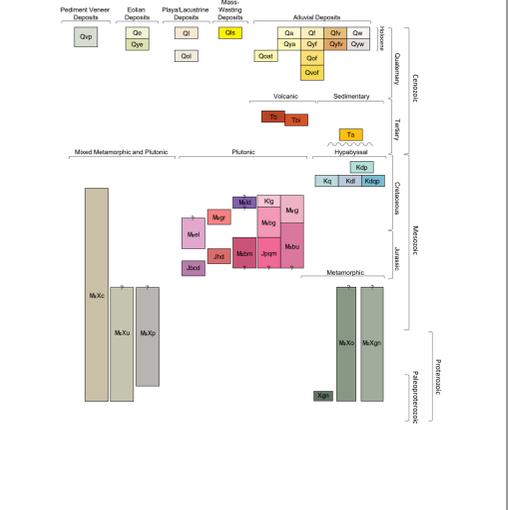
### INTRUSIVE AND METAMORPHIC UNITS - MESOZOIC AND/OR OLDER

- Kf** **Lattice dikes (Cretaceous)**—Localized to the western Landers Quadrangle and trend northwest. Very texturally dependent on thickness of the dikes. Thin lattice dikes are light gray, fine-grained to fine-grained, and foliate. Thinner lattice dikes commonly range from microporphyritic to microporphyritic textures. Where these dikes are thicker up to 30 meters thick, they are composed of numerous phenocrysts of quartz, potassium feldspar, and plagioclase, and Dibble (1967a) has shown that these dikes are composed of predominantly potassium feldspar, as large as 3 mm, make up as much as 60% of the rock mass, with the groundmass composed of the same minerals as those that occur as phenocrysts as well as iron oxides (Dibble, 1967a). Extent of the thicker dikes resembles the thinner lattice dikes and are biotite and foliate. The Cretaceous or younger (Dibble, 1967a; Mosch and others, 1955). Dikes intrude metamorphic units MxZ and MxO, and Mesozoic igneous units, MgBz and MgZ. Shown in dikes which vary from narrow to wide. These dikes are highly variable in their chemical compositions are dioritic whereas intrusions are granitic in composition. Thinner dikes are granitic in composition.
- Kdgp** **Quartz porphyry dikes (Cretaceous)**—Massive light-gray dikes trending northeast in the eastern half of the Landers Quadrangle. Weathers an indurated unit MxZ, MxO, and MxO. Typically Cretaceous in age and may be associated with Mesozoic igneous units (Mosch and others, 1955). 45-50% phenocrysts of quartz, potassium feldspar, plagioclase, and biotite in a light-gray groundmass composed of the same mineralogy. Color index is 1-3% as mostly biotite, which is 2 mm across on average. Quartz forms distinct, oval, smoky gray, subhedral phenocrysts, about 10P, 3 mm average. Samples are 15% potassium feldspar sub- to subhedral, tabular, up to 1.4 mm long, but on average, 4 mm long and include 20% subhedral plagioclase phenocrysts, average 4 mm wide. Dikes intrude metamorphic units MxZ, MxO, MxO. Sericite alteration present. Granitic in composition.
- Kdp** **Pegmatite dikes (Cretaceous)**—Thick, resistant pegmatite dikes up to 2-3 meters thick intruding igneous and metamorphic units, concentrated in the western half of the Landers Quadrangle. Crop out as dikes swarms and as individual dikes. Pegmatite dikes are on average about a meter thick composed of predominantly potassium feldspar and quartz in equal proportions. Quartz and feldspar crystals are up to 15 cm long with an average grain size of 6 cm. Quartz and potassium feldspar are commonly intergrown, but more commonly form individual crystals. Accessory minerals of pegmatites across the field are include muscovite, biotite, and zircon. Pegmatite dikes commonly grade into apite textures, or dikes are layered with pegmatite and apite bands. The apite portions and apite dikes elsewhere in the field are very fine-grained, and predominantly composed of quartz, plagioclase, and alkali feldspar in equal proportions with less than 1% mafic minerals including chlorite, biotite, and zircon. Pegmatite and apite dikes intrude igneous unit MxZ and metamorphic units MxZ and MxO. The pegmatite dikes are often faulted near and at the California Blue Mine. At the California Blue Mine, a pegmatite dike intrudes Palaeoproterozoic gneiss. Here, they have been mapped on mafic gneiss and metagabbro units with the pegmatite dikes and minerals including plagioclase, topaz, claudovite, thorite, and minor zircon, apatite, monazite, allanite, titanite, columbite, and zircon have been documented (Pau, 2019). No critical minerals or mantle-like patterns have been observed in any other pegmatite dikes in the map area. Only one large resistant dike swarm on the western edge of the Landers Quadrangle and other large pegmatite dikes have been mapped, but these dikes are pervasive throughout metamorphic units and MgBz in the entire western half Landers Quadrangle. Within the large dike swarm, pegmatite dikes are closely spaced together and intrude MgBz.

### INTRUSIVE AND METAMORPHIC UNITS - MESOZOIC AND/OR OLDER (CONTINUED)

- Kq** **Quartz peels (Cretaceous)**—Massive, fractured, milky white quartz from local peels and veins around Spy Mountain that intrude unit Kf. Varies compositionally and texturally from massive, foliated quartz to pegmatite veins with potassium feldspar and quartz in roughly equal abundance. Veins have chlorite margins at the contact of Kq.
- Mg** **Leucocratic granite (Cretaceous)**—Massive to light-gray, isomeric granite. Has variable grain size but is typically medium- to coarse-grained with equigranular texture. Composed of plagioclase, alkali feldspar, and quartz in generally equal proportions with slight variability. Mafic minerals consistently make up less than 5% of the phenocrysts as biotite and muscovite. Accessory minerals include titanite, zircon, and chlorite. Alkali feldspar, plagioclase, and quartz are all equant, with plagioclase and alkali feldspar presenting as subhedral crystals and quartz as to subhedral. Feldspar and quartz have myrmecitic growth in this section. The average grain size is 3-4 mm, with mafic minerals less than 1 mm. Lacks mafic xenoliths. This unit has also been referred to as the Cactus granite (Vaughan, 1922; Mosch and others, 1955), the White Tank Mountain (Miller, 1938), the White Tank Quartz Monzonite (Rogers, 1938, 1961), and quartz monzonite (Dibble, 1967a, 1967b). Dated in the adjacent Quadrangle at 89 +/- 10 Ma at the Panama Tite quarry (Dibble 1967a) as Dibble's quartz monzonite unit. This age could correspond to the biotite granodiorite (MgBz) described herein. Chemistry on a sample mapped as Kq indicates that this unit is granitic in composition.
- Mg** **Biotite granite (Mesozoic)**—Massive, pervasively jointed granite. Weathers purple-gray. Of intermediate composition between Kq and MgBz, located in the western half of the Landers Quadrangle. Coarse-grained and equigranular similar to Kq. Mafic content and xenolith abundance is between Kq and MgBz. Color index is between 5-10% and mafic xenoliths are rare that present. Chemistry indicates that this unit is granitic in composition.
- Mai** **Quartz monzonite (Mesozoic)**—Localized to the northern half of the Landers Quadrangle. Massive, light-gray, light to coarse-textured quartz monzonite and granite. Weathers dark purple-gray. Fine-grained with phenocrysts primarily of quartz, alkali feldspar, and plagioclase in equal parts and 2% biotite and hornblende up to 1 mm. Samples are mostly aphanitic and slightly porphyritic with larger phenocrysts of potassium feldspar up to 2.3 cm making up about 5% of the bulk rock. Displays myrmecitic texture in this section. Contains muscovite, titanite (Dibble, 1967a), chlorite, and iron oxides as accessory minerals. In places previously mapped as the north by Dibble, this unit intrudes or is in gradational contact with the biotite granodiorite (MgBz) (Dibble, 1967a). Chemistry in this unit varies slightly from quartz monzonite to biotite.
- Mai** **Leucocratic quartz diorite (Mesozoic)**—Localized to the northern half of the Landers Quadrangle. Nearly white, fine-grained metacarbonate rock. Weathers with dark brown tuffs. Very resistant and fractures in blocks. Rockfall-producing unit with angular boulders up to 1.5 meters. Intrudes biotite granodiorite (MgBz) and biotite diorite (MgBd). Composed of quartz and plagioclase with minor quartz, hornblende, chlorite, and iron oxides (Dibble, 1967a). Biotite forms as both individual phenocrysts up to 8 mm wide as well as glomerations of smaller biotite. Contains mafic xenoliths varying in size from 0.40 to 0.60 cm, similar in composition to those found in the biotite granodiorite (MgBz) and the porphyritic granodiorite (PpBz). Chemistry ranges in composition from monzonite to monodiorite.
- Mbi** **Biotite granodiorite (Mesozoic)**—Massive medium- to coarse-grained granodiorite. Most commonly medium-grained but occurs coarse-grained. This unit varies in hardness and forms both coarse and fine-grained textures. Weathers light-tan to medium-pinkish-tan. Fresh outcrops are light-tan to light-pinkish-gray. Color index varies from 8-25% as mostly biotite and minor megacrysts. Biotite forms individual phenocrysts up to 1 mm and also forms glomerations up to 8 mm. The rest of the mineral assemblage is composed of potassium feldspar (10-15%), quartz (30%), and plagioclase (35-40%). Average grain size for felsic minerals is 3-4 mm. Accessory minerals include muscovite, titanite, and zircon. This unit is commonly porphyritic, with common phenocrysts up to 6 mm. Contains common mafic xenoliths averaging 10 cm wide. Locally, smaller are, locally weakly foliated. This unit is similar to the biotite granodiorite (MgBz) but distinguished by its higher color index, presence of mafic xenoliths, local porphyritic texture, and darker appearance. Observed in direct contact with PpBz where mafic xenolith abundance can be upwards of 70-80%. This unit commonly has a ductile, fine-grained, gray, porphyritic fabric of granodiorite composition containing exotic xenoliths at the contact with metamorphic units on the west side of the Landers Quadrangle. This unit is intruded by lattice dikes (Kf), pegmatite dikes (Kdp), mafic dikes, felsic dikes, and biotite dikes (Kb). Mafic dikes vary in composition from megacrystic to fine-grained. Chemistry on one sample of MgBz indicates that this unit is a granodiorite, but close to granite in composition.
- Mbn** **Biotite monzonite (Mesozoic)**—Dark-greenish-gray biotite diorite. In places such as Goat Mountain, this unit is very friable and forms low, rounded outcrops. Has a high color index up to 50%. Composed mostly of biotite and plagioclase with minor quartz, hornblende, chlorite, and iron oxides (Dibble, 1967a). Biotite forms as both individual phenocrysts up to 8 mm wide as well as glomerations of smaller biotite. Contains mafic xenoliths varying in size from 0.40 to 0.60 cm, similar in composition to those found in the biotite granodiorite (MgBz) and the porphyritic granodiorite (PpBz). Chemistry ranges in composition from monzonite to monodiorite.
- Jfd** **Hornblende diorite (Jurassic?)**—Massive, dark gray to black, ranging from monodiorite to biotite (Dibble, 1967a). Fresh surface is medium-gray, but weathers dark-brownish-gray due to iron oxides. Color index is about 10-25%. Equant hornblende, biotite, and chlorite, up to 4 mm long. The rest of the phenocrysts are mostly plagioclase (45-55%) and quartz (10-20%) up to 3 mm. Average grain size is 1-2 mm for all mineral phases. Contains minor muscovite, potassium feldspar, andesine, quartz (7), and hornblende (7). This unit contains small mafic xenoliths up to 2 cm long as well as quartz and apatite veins about 2 centimeters wide. Locally contains coarse mafic pegmatite composed of potassium feldspar, hornblende, and zircon with average phenocryst size greater than 2 mm. This unit yields a potassium age of 78.4 +/- 2.4 Ma for biotite and an age of 109 +/- 6.5 Ma for hornblende (Miller and Morton, 1980). The emplacement age is estimated to be between 160-200 Ma (Miller and Morton, 1980). Chemistry on two samples indicates this unit is diorite in composition.
- MgP** **Granite (Mesozoic)**—Massive, reddish-brown resistant granite. Fine-grained with average grain size less than 1 mm and a color index around 7%. Major minerals include quartz, potassium feldspar, and biotite in decreasing abundance. Biotite is evenly distributed throughout as individual phenocrysts up to 2 mm long. Quartz is often yellowish tinged and smoky. Intrudes or mixes with JpBz and intrudes MgBz. Mapped in some areas where it appears with JpBz and MgBz and the individual units are not distinguishable at map scale. Chemistry indicates this unit is granitic in composition.
- JpBz** **Porphyritic biotite quartz monzonite (Jurassic?)**—Massive purple-gray resistant porphyritic granodiorite. Weathers dark gray to tan. Resembles the biotite granodiorite (MgBz) but is much more porphyritic, up to 40-50%. In hand sample, the mineralogy of the matrix is very similar to the mineralogy of the biotite granodiorite (MgBz). Phenocrysts are bleached white to purple potassium feldspar, on average 2 cm long. Some feldspar phenocrysts exhibit macroscopic zoning. Color index is 30-40%, and mafic minerals are biotite with lesser hornblende. The rest of the groundmass is made of quartz and plagioclase with lesser orthopyroxene and zircon. This unit also contains mafic xenoliths up to 1 meter wide, but commonly up to 15 cm wide. This unit is intruded by felsic dikes and unindurated dikes. This unit is bleached with calcic alteration near the eastern edge of the map boundary in the Landers Quadrangle. Chemistry indicates that this unit is quartz monzonite, but close to granite in composition.
- Jbd** **Biotite chlorophane diorite (Jurassic?)**—Massive, dark gray diorite. Fine-grained with a color index around 35%. Mafic minerals include mostly clinopyroxene (25%) and biotite (10%). The rest of the phenocrysts are mostly plagioclase with minor quartz. Average grain size is less than 1 mm with mafic minerals forming clusters up to 2-3 mm. Muscovite is present as a minor phase (<1%). This unit forms the mafic xenoliths within MgBz, and MgBz. Only observed in the western Landers Quadrangle.
- MxZ** **Mixed metamorphic and igneous complex (Mesozoic to Palaeoproterozoic)**—Includes a mixed assemblage of leucocratic granite (Kq), biotite granodiorite (MgBz), metamorphic porphyry (MxP), biotite orthogneiss (MxO), and banded biotite gneiss (XpBz) that are too small to differentiate at the map scale. This unit is intruded by pegmatite dikes (Kdp), mafic dikes, felsic dikes, and unindurated dikes.
- MxO** **Metamorphic porphyry (MxP), biotite orthogneiss (MxO), and banded biotite gneiss (XpBz)**—Includes a mixed assemblage of metamorphic porphyry (MxP), biotite orthogneiss (MxO), and banded biotite gneiss (XpBz) that are too small to differentiate at the map scale. This unit is intruded by lattice dikes (Kf), quartz porphyry dikes (Kdgp), and unindurated dikes.
- MxP** **Metamorphic porphyry (Mesozoic or Palaeoproterozoic)**—Medium- to dark-gray mesocratic metamorphic rock with feldspar porphyroblasts ranging from less than 1 cm to 10 cm and ranging in abundance from 20-40% in a medium- to coarse-grained groundmass. Feldspar porphyroblasts range in color from light-gray to pink. Locally, hydrothermal alteration is present with epidote and ironoxide. Metamorphic foliation varies from semi-aligned porphyroblasts to argon grains. Feldspar porphyroblasts show primary igneous textures indicating that they were developed during initial igneous intrusion and not during metamorphism. Minerals in the groundmass, mostly biotite, plagioclase, and quartz in varying concentrations, typically align in foliation around the porphyroblasts. Contains 4-6 cm peak of primarily biotite in concentrations no less than 60% (Mosch and others, 1955). In places, particularly along New Dixie Mine Road, this unit occurs anomalously high country on a Greiger contour, and preliminary XRF data show anomalously high barium concentrations. Mosch and others (1955) report several radioactive and non-radioactive elements in this unit with higher concentrations noted in the biotite-rich inclusions. This unit contains accessory minerals such as magnetite, ilmenite, feldspar, apatite, allanite, zircon, and titanite (Mosch and others, 1955). Mineral compositions vary across the unit. This unit is intruded by quartz porphyry dikes (Kdgp), pegmatite dikes (Kdp), mafic dikes, and unindurated dikes.
- MxO** **Gneiss, unindurated (Mesozoic or Palaeoproterozoic)**—Includes a mixed assemblage of biotite orthogneiss (MxO), mafic dikes, felsic dikes, and unindurated dikes.
- MxO** **Biotite orthogneiss (Mesozoic or Palaeoproterozoic)**—Laminated, light-gray medium- to fine-grained granitic gneiss. Weathers a compressed mosaic of quartz, feldspar, and biotite, with minor muscovite. Nearly homogeneous with linear foliation. Varies from slightly porphyritic to nonporphyritic. Foliation is moderately banded with thin, biotite-rich laminae. This unit is intruded by lattice dikes (Kf), quartz porphyry dikes (Kdgp), mafic dikes, and unindurated dikes.
- XpBz** **Banded biotite gneiss (Palaeoproterozoic)**—Commonly banded to finely laminated gneiss, medium- to dark-brownish-gray composed of quartz, feldspar, biotite, muscovite and iron oxides, including finely leucocratic bands rich in quartz and feldspar and melanocratic dark bands rich in biotite. In places, the quartz appears yellowish-tan. Bands vary from discrete, continuous with alternating bands, to more diffuse bands with foliation defined by biotite. Where the gneiss exhibits thin bedded, pyroclastic rocks are often present and visible in the leucocratic bands. The alternating felsic and mafic layers suggest a sedimentary protolith. This gneiss may correlate to the Yucca Valley Gneiss, which is a part of the Pato Gneiss (Powell, 1981) and the Baldwin Gneiss (Mair and Morton, 2000).

### CORRELATION OF MAP UNITS



**MAP SYMBOLS**  
Contact between map units—Solid where accurately located, long dash where approximately located, short dash where inferred, dotted where location uncertain, quartered where identity or existence is uncertain. Arrow and number indicate direction and angle of dip of fault plane.  
Fault—Solid where accurately located, long dash where approximately located, short dash where inferred, dotted where location uncertain, quartered where identity or existence is uncertain. Arrow and number indicate direction and angle of dip of fault plane.  
Dike, unindurated  
Dike, indurated  
Felsic dike  
Mafic to intermediate dike  
Felsic dike  
Kf  
Kdp  
Kdgp  
Kb

**MAP SYMBOLS**  
Landslide—Arrows indicate principal direction of movement  
California Blue Mine  
Strike and dip of geologic structure; number indicates dip angle in degrees.  
Inclined joint  
Metamorphic foliation  
Ergonite foliation  
Dike orientation  
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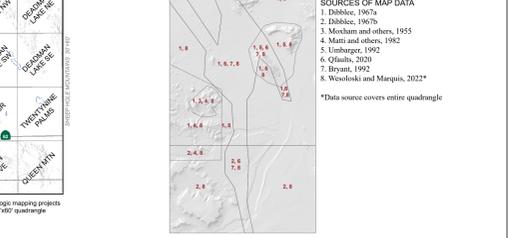
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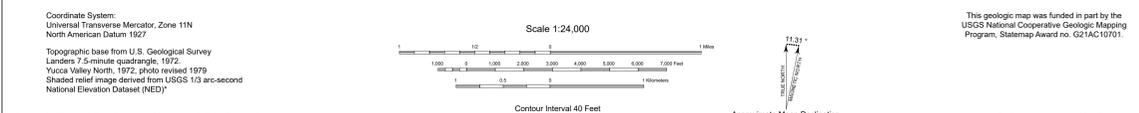
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Coordinate System: Universal Transverse Mercator, Zone 11N  
North American Datum 1927  
Topographic base from U.S. Geological Survey Landers 7.5-minute quadrangle, 1972  
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Shaded relief image derived from USGS 10 arc-second National Elevation Dataset (NED)

Scale: 1:24,000

Contour Interval: 40 Feet  
Dotted Lines Represent 20-foot Contours  
Contour Interval on River Surface: 5 Feet  
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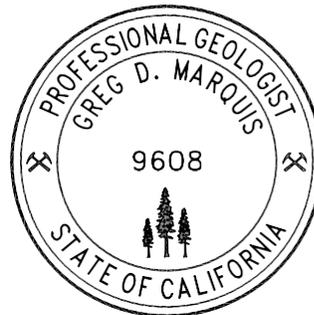


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