

CALIFORNIA SOUTHERN RAILROAD AND ASSOCIATED MINING DISTRICTS IN THE MOJAVE DESERT

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INTRODUCTION

This report is part of a research project that describes the relationships between mines and railroads in the Mojave Desert and southwestern Great Basin of southeastern California and southwestern Nevada. t

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Italics indicate quotations.

HISTORY

The California Southern (CS) Railroad connected San Diego to San Bernardino, the Cajon Pass and Barstow. It was completed in 1885 under a partnership with the Santa Fe Railroad (Myrick, 1963:774). This line became part of the Los Angeles and Salt Lake (LA&SL) Railroad through track agreements in 1905 (Serpico, 1988; Signore, 1988). The CS and LA&SL connected to the Mojave Northern and Cushenberry Mine Railroads. The CS line went through the Oro Grande and Barstow Mining Districts.

The portion of the CS in the Mojave Desert is described in our report on the LA&SL railroad.

REFERENCES

All references in this report are found at

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