CATASTROPHIC RECORD OF THE MONTEREY FORMATION

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The Previous Monterey Formation records a series of biogenic and sedimentary catastrophes. These catastrophes are of two types: planktonic blooms and turbidites. Everyday processes are not preserved in the Monterey because those processes remove sediments and organic materials at the same rates as they are made. It is the unusual, the short-lived, the which is preserved. Recognizing the uniqueness of each event allows for detailed correlations within the Monterey section.