



San Diego Central Railroad was incorporated on November 8, 1886, to build from the San Diego Bay north to Oceanside, Escondido, and Poway. However, the SDC only constructed a 22 mile branch line from Oceanside, on the AT&SF-affiliated California Southern Railroad (1885), to the agricultural community of Escondido. The AT&SF-affiliated California Central Railway obtained ownership early on, maybe before service began in 1887.

Westward view of rolling stock with vintage logos (below) stored on sidings at the SDC end-of-track in Escondido. Note the tile roof building in the distance, but first we'll turn around toward the end-of-track.







This photo was shot through a chain link fence. The SDC end-of-track is about 100 feet on the other side of this yard engine.





Now we've headed back west, the tile roof structure marked "tickets" was visible in the first photo. This is the end of the line and last station on the North Coast Transit District's SPRINTER light rail, which in March 2008 commenced passenger service from Oceanside to Escondido on the 1887 SDC grade.



Closer view of the SPRINTER loading passengers at the Escondido Transit Center, the last stop on the line. Note the upgraded concrete ties on the SPRINTER route and the old wooden ties that continue to the old end-of-track.