



In 1904, the Southern Pacific completed its Inter-California or "Inter-Cal" line, which branched from the SP's Sunset Route at Niland, California, ran southward and entered Mexico at Mexicali, Baja California, then ran 50 miles east to re-connect with the Sunset Route at Araz Junction, California, about 5 miles west of Yuma, Arizona. The entire length of the Inter-Cal in both Mexico and the U.S. traverses the rich agricultural lands of the Colorado River Delta, irrigated by diversion of the entire flow of the Colorado River, which no longer has surface water flow into the Sea of Cortez.

Calipatria, California, is the first major agricultural town on the Inter-Cal south of Niland. This siding is typical for agricultural loading facilities on the Inter-Cal route.



Inter-Cal south of Calipatria.