

National Predictive Services Forecast

California South Ops

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Predictive Service Area (PSA)	Fri 8 Mar	Sat 9 Mar	Sun 10 Mar	Mon 11 Mar	Tue 12 Mar	Wed 13 Mar	Thu 14 Mar
SC01 - Eastern Sierra							
SC02 - Central Sierra							
SC03 - Southern Sierra							
SC04 - Sierra Foothills							
SC05 - Central Valley							
SC06 - Central Coast Interior							
SC07 - Central Coast							
SC08 - South Coast							
SC09 - Western Mountains							
SC10 - Eastern Mountains							
SC11 - Southern Mountains							
SC12 - Lower Deserts							
SC13 - Eastern Deserts							
SC14 - Central Mojave							
SC15 - Upper Deserts							
SC16 - Northern Deserts							

Weather Discussion

A weak ridge of high pressure will be over the area through Saturday leading to dry weather. A couple weak Pacific troughs will move through the state Sunday through Tuesday, bringing cool and occasionally unsettled conditions. There is the potential for a strong ridge of high pressure developing late next week or next weekend bringing back warm and dry conditions.

- Dry weather is expected through most of Sunday.
- Temperatures will warm around 5 degrees today, then stay mostly steady through Sunday. Expect highs to be around 5 degrees below normal with the coasts, valleys, and upper deserts hovering in the mid-60s to near 70. Only slight cooling is expected early next week.
- Light rain and snow showers are possible across Central California from late Sunday through Tuesday night. The snow level will be around 5500 to 6500 feet. Any accumulation will be light. Southern California will remain mainly dry but experience a fairly deep marine influence with patchy drizzle Monday and Tuesday.
- There will be periods of breezy northwest to west winds Sunday through Tuesday, with the strongest winds expected on Tuesday with winds of 20 to 30 mph with gusts to 50 mph across the most wind-prone mountain ridges, canyons, and into the deserts.
- There is increasing confidence in a moderate to strong north or northeast wind event for Southern California on Wednesday and Thursday. Still too early for details as model projections still disagree on the position and movement of a cutoff low pressure system.
- Minimum relative humidity will likely remain above 30 percent away from the deserts through the period.
- There is increasing confidence in a substantial warming and drying trend late next week or next weekend and may even extend into the following week (March 15+) where highs will likely rise several degrees above normal.

For NWS Red Flag Warnings/Fire Weather Watches, please visit [California Fire Weather](https://www.weather.gov/wrh/CAFW). (<https://www.weather.gov/wrh/CAFW>)

Fuels/Fire Discussion

- There will be little or no fire activity across the region through the forecast period.

Resource Discussion

SouthOps Preparedness Level 1

NorthOps Preparedness Level 1

National Preparedness Level 1

MACS Mode SOPS 2... NOPS 2

For more information about this product, please go to:

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