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**Predictive Services Weather and Fire Potential Outlook**  
**Southern California Geographical Area Coordination Center (OSCC)**

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***Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020***

**Weather Discussion:**

The storm which brought 0.50 – 0.75” of precipitation to Monterey County and areas of Southern CA from San Bernardino southward has departed, leaving sunny skies in its wake. A pattern of northwesterly flow with weak, embedded storm systems will continue into the first part of next week. This will result in cool, breezy weather with light precipitation along the central coast and Sierras. Most of the measurable precipitation will remain north of the district until next Wednesday or Thursday when models suggest a deeper trough may bring more substantial precipitation

- Today will likely be the warmest day during the next 7 days. Highs this afternoon will range from the 40s in the mountains to near 70 in the valleys of Southern CA. Look for temperatures to drop to 3-5 degrees below normal Saturday through the end of next week.
- Light rain will be possible Saturday across Monterey County and the Sierras north of Yosemite N.P. Precipitation will be under 0.50”.
- West winds of 20-30 mph with gusts to near 50 mph will occur across the Sierras and the Antelope valley into the High Desert Saturday and again during the middle of next week.
- North winds of 15-25 mph with gusts to 40 mph will occur across Santa Barbara County and the I-5 Corridor this weekend.
- Light rain will be possible over Central CA Tuesday and Wednesday. The entire area may see wetting rains occur next Thursday.
- No offshore wind events through the end of next week.

**Fire Potential Discussion:**

Large fire potential will generally remain low through the period. Live fuel moisture is above normal across lower elevations while snowpack is near, to slightly below normal above 7,000 feet. However, the lack of recent rainfall may allow for small diameter dead fuels to support ignition during peak heating hours through the weekend across wind-prone areas such as the Kern County Mountains and north sides of the Angeles and San Bernardino N.F. Look for local resources to address these ignitions as most of these starts should be confined to dead fuels from 2,500 – 4,500 feet.