

National Predictive Services Forecast

California South Ops

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Predictive Service Area (PSA)	Fri 14 Dec	Sat 15 Dec	Sun 16 Dec	Mon 17 Dec	Tue 18 Dec	Wed 19 Dec	Thu 20 Dec
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 trough will push through the state, leading to windy conditions for many areas today. A few areas of light rain may fall over the central coast this afternoon, but most of the rain will remain north of the Geographic Area. Expect less wind, but more clouds, over the weekend along with above normal temperatures. A stronger weather system is expected to arrive Sunday evening into Monday spreading wetting rain over Central California. Much warmer weather will return for the second half of next week.

- Southeast winds 20-30 mph with higher gusts over the Kern County Mountains and the I-5 Corridor this morning. This afternoon, west to southwest winds of 30-40 mph will be possible along the highest elevations of the Sierras eastward into Mono County and the upper regions of the western Owens Valley. All winds ending late tonight
- Partly to mostly cloudy skies over the weekend with abundant high cloudiness.
- Temperatures today will reach the 40s in the mountains to the 70s in the valleys. Highs cooling a few degrees Monday and Tuesday. But by next Wednesday, highs will be close to 80 degrees at lower elevations of Southern CA.

- Rainfall Sunday night into Monday will range from 0.50" – 1.25" in Central CA along the Central Coast and Sierras to under 0.25" over Southern California.
- Light offshore winds possible during the middle of next week, but overall, winds will be light after today. Minimum RH will be quite low after next Tuesday.

Fuels/Fire Discussion

- Large fire potential will remain low through the period.
- Look for fine dead fuels to become susceptible to ignition across Southern California late next week due to sunny, warm and dry conditions. But winds will be too light to allow for rapid fire spread. This, along with short daylight hours and some greenup, should allow for local resources to pick up new starts with a high rate of success.

Resource Discussion

CWCG Preparedness Level 2, MACS Mode 2

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