

National Predictive Services Forecast

California South Ops

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Predictive Service Area (PSA)	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	May	May	May	May	May	May	May
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

The marine layer managed to deepen another 1,000 feet last night, and as a result, widespread drizzle is occurring along the coast and some interior valleys. Expect slower clearing today overall with only a few breaks in the overcast layer during the afternoon west of the mountains. Temperatures today will only reach the 60s along the coast to the upper 70s to lower 80s in the San Joaquin Valley. Brisk west winds of 20-30 mph with gusts to 40 mph will develop this afternoon in and near the Antelope Valley and Banning Pass. Isolated showers will continue to occur near the Sierra Crest. An approaching low pressure area will cause southerly winds of 20-30 mph to develop toward evening in the Owens Valley and Inyo National Forest. This low will slowly pass through the central part of the state Friday, leading to scattered showers over the northern half of the state. Wetting rains will be possible north of Fresno County with amounts approaching a half inch from Yosemite N.P. northward. Light rain and drizzle will be possible near the higher terrain across the rest of the area Friday morning. Cool, cloudy weather will continue into Saturday morning, but some clearing is expected by Saturday afternoon as the low moves east of the area. Gusty north winds of 15-25 mph will be possible in the I-5 Corridor Saturday night. A weak ridge will bring warming to the area early

next week, and by Monday and Tuesday, expect high temperatures to reach near normal readings. Another weak low may bring cooler, onshore flow back into the weather picture next Wednesday.

Fuels/Fire Discussion

Cool and damp weather should preclude any fire activity through Saturday, except across the desert-facing slopes where gusty winds will be possible. The rest of the area will see fine fuel moisture climb significantly in both live and dead fuels due to cloud cover, drizzle and light rain. Next week, these same fuels should dry quickly in response to the sunnier, warmer weather. Live fuels, including native brush, continues to hold significant moisture and flowering is evident from Los Angeles County northward. Conditions are much drier further south, including Orange and Western Riverside County, where ERC's will climb to above normal readings early next week. Expect little, if any, wildfire activity through Saturday with the possibility of light IA returning early next week.

Resource Discussion

CWCG Preparedness Level 2, MACS Mode 1

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