

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena - January 2024

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CALIFORNIA, South Central

(CA-Z302) MERCED-MADERA-MENDOTA, (CA-Z305) WEST SIDE OF FRESNO AND KINGS COUNTIES, (CA-Z307) FRESNO - CLOVIS, (CA-Z310) DELANO - WASCO - SHAFTER, (CA-Z311) HANFORD - CORCORAN - LEMOORE, (CA-Z312) VISALIA - PORTERVILLE - REEDLEY				
	01/01/24 03:55 PST		0	Dense Fog
	01/01/24 10:35 PST		0	

Skies cleared out overnight across the San Joaquin Valley during the early morning of January 1. This allowed for areas of dense fog to form by sunrise as winds remained light. The fog lifted into a low cloud deck by late morning.

(CA-Z302) MERCED-MADERA-MENDOTA, (CA-Z307) FRESNO - CLOVIS, (CA-Z310) DELANO - WASCO - SHAFTER, (CA-Z312) VISALIA - PORTERVILLE - REEDLEY, (CA-Z314) BAKERSFIELD, (CA-Z334) TEHACHAPI				
	01/01/24 21:35 PST		20K	Dense Fog
	01/02/24 11:30 PST		0	

Areas of dense fog developed in the San Joaquin Valley and Tehachapi Mountains by late evening on January 1. The dense fog became more prevalent across the San Joaquin Valley overnight and remained persistent in the south end of the valley until late morning on January 2. The fog also contributed to a serious accident on SR 99 during the late morning south of Bakersfield which injured a motorist. The fog lifted into a low cloud deck by midday.

(CA-Z323) YOSEMITE NP OUTSIDE OF THE VALLEY, (CA-Z326) UPPER SAN JOAQUIN RIVER, (CA-Z327) KAISER TO RODGERS RIDGE, (CA-Z328) KINGS CANYON NP				
	01/03/24 01:00 PST		0	Heavy Snow
	01/03/24 19:00 PST		0	

(CA-Z330) SEQUOIA NP, (CA-Z331) SOUTH END OF THE UPPER SIERRA				
	01/03/24 01:00 PST		0	Winter Weather
	01/03/24 19:00 PST		0	

TULARE COUNTY --- 3.1 WSW (VIS)VISALIA ARPT [36.30, -119.45], 2.9 WSW (VIS)VISALIA ARPT [36.30, -119.45], 2.6 W (VIS)VISALIA ARPT [36.31, -119.45], 2.9 W (VIS)VISALIA ARPT [36.31, -119.45]				
	01/03/24 06:06 PST		0	Flood (due to Heavy Rain)
	01/03/24 08:06 PST		0	Source: Public

Public report of flooded roadways on Rd. 56 between Caldwell Ave. and SR 198.

(CA-Z338) MOJAVE DESERT SLOPE(S)				
	01/03/24 06:32 PST		0	High Wind (MAX 58 kt)
	01/03/24 22:30 PST		0	

KERN COUNTY --- 2.8 SSE WHEELER RIDGE [34.96, -118.94], 2.5 SSE WHEELER RIDGE [34.96, -118.94], 2.6 SSE WHEELER RIDGE [34.96, -118.94], 2.8 SSE WHEELER RIDGE [34.96, -118.94]				
	01/03/24 08:44 PST		0	Flood (due to Heavy Rain)
	01/03/24 10:44 PST		0	Source: Law Enforcement

California Highway Patrol reported debris on southbound Interstate 5 at the Grapevine Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Facility.

A large upper level low pressure system dropped southeast over the Great Basin on January 3 which pushed a cold front across central California. This system produced moderate to locally heavy rainfall for a short time over the lower elevations and 12 to 18 inches of new snowfall above 6000 feet from Fresno County northward as well as 5 to 10 inches of next snow above 6000 feet in Tulare County. Rainfall amounts were generally a half inch to an inch of rain in the Sierra foothills, a quarter to half inch of rainfall in the central San Joaquin Valley and a tenth to a quarter inch in the south San Joaquin Valley.

(CA-Z302) MERCED-MADERA-MENDOTA, (CA-Z314) BAKERSFIELD				
	01/03/24 03:10 PST		0	Dense Fog
	01/03/24 08:15 PST		0	

Mixing took place ahead of an incoming storm during the early morning of January 3 allowing for skies to clear out and some patches of dense fog to briefly form and impact travel along portions of SR 99. The fog mixed out by late morning as the storm moved into the area.

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(CA-Z309) BUTTONWILLOW- LOST HILLS - I5, (CA-Z311) HANFORD - CORCORAN - LEMOORE, (CA-Z312) VISALIA - PORTERVILLE - REEDLEY				
	01/06/24 02:30 PST		0	Dense Fog
	01/06/24 09:30 PST		0	
<p>Some patches of dense fog formed in the south San Joaquin Valley during the morning of January 6. This resulted in impacts to travel along the SR 198 corridor between Visalia and Hanford and also along Interstate 5 west of Bakersfield where a 35 vehicle accident took place and resulted in two fatalities. The fog dissipated by late morning as strong mixing took place ahead of an incoming storm.</p>				
(CA-Z323) YOSEMITE NP OUTSIDE OF THE VALLEY, (CA-Z326) UPPER SAN JOAQUIN RIVER, (CA-Z327) KAISER TO RODGERS RIDGE, (CA-Z328) KINGS CANYON NP, (CA-Z329) GRANT GROVE AREA, (CA-Z330) SEQUOIA NP				
	01/06/24 16:00 PST		0	Winter Weather
	01/07/24 04:00 PST		0	
(CA-Z331) SOUTH END OF THE UPPER SIERRA				
	01/06/24 16:00 PST		0	Heavy Snow
	01/07/24 04:00 PST		0	
(CA-Z331) SOUTH END OF THE UPPER SIERRA, (CA-Z332) KERN RIVER VALLEY, (CA-Z334) TEHACHAPI, (CA-Z337) INDIAN WELLS VALLEY, (CA-Z338) MOJAVE DESERT SLOPE(S)				
	01/06/24 16:00 PST		0	High Wind (MAX 82 kt)
	01/07/24 04:20 PST		0	
<p>A cold upper low pressure system pushed into the Pacific Northwest on January 6 then dropped southeast into the Great Basin by the morning of January 7, A cold front that accompanied this system crossed central California during the evening of January 6 bringing a period of light to moderate precipitation and strong winds to the area. Several stations in the mountains and deserts of Kern County measured gusts exceeding 45 mph with a few stations exceeding 70 mph. Precipitation amounts were generally a quarter to a half inch from Fresno County northward and a tenth to a quarter inch further south. Elevations above 6000 feet generally picked up between 5 to 10 inches of new snowfall with a few locations in the south end of the Sierra Nevada picking up 12 inches or more. The snow level lowered to 2500 feet before the precipitation ended during the morning of January 7 with several locations in the Sierra foothills and Tehachapi Mountains picking up between 1 and 3 inches of new snowfall.</p>				
(CA-Z301) LOS BANOS-DOS PALOS, (CA-Z302) MERCED-MADERA-MENDOTA, (CA-Z303) PLANADA-LEGRAND-SNELLING, (CA-Z305) WEST SIDE OF FRESNO AND KINGS COUNTIES, (CA-Z306) CARUTHERS - SAN JOAQUIN - SELMA, (CA-Z307) FRESNO - CLOVIS, (CA-Z309) BUTTONWILLOW- LOST HILLS - I5, (CA-Z310) DELANO - WASCO - SHAFTER, (CA-Z311) HANFORD - CORCORAN - LEMOORE, (CA-Z312) VISALIA - PORTERVILLE - REEDLEY, (CA-Z313) BUENA VISTA, (CA-Z314) BAKERSFIELD, (CA-Z315) SOUTHEAST SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY, (CA-Z316) SOUTH END SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY				
	01/08/24 02:00 PST		0	Frost/Freeze
	01/09/24 08:00 PST		0	
<p>A cold and dry airmass settled over central California behind the departed storm on January 7. This resulted in sub-freezing overnight temperatures across much of the San Joaquin Valley on the morning of January 8 and again on the morning of January 9.</p>				
(CA-Z302) MERCED-MADERA-MENDOTA, (CA-Z312) VISALIA - PORTERVILLE - REEDLEY				
	01/10/24 06:20 PST		0	Dense Fog
	01/10/24 10:15 PST		0	
<p>Mixing ahead of an incoming trough resulted in mainly clear skies across the San Joaquin Valley during the morning of January 10. With light winds also prevailing over the lower elevations, areas of dense fog formed near sunrise in portions of the San Joaquin Valley, most noticeably along the SR 99 corridor north of Fresno where travel was impacted by visibilities below 500 feet in places. The fog prevailed through late morning before mixing out.</p>				
(CA-Z323) YOSEMITE NP OUTSIDE OF THE VALLEY, (CA-Z326) UPPER SAN JOAQUIN RIVER				
	01/10/24 13:00 PST		0	Heavy Snow
	01/11/24 04:00 PST		0	
(CA-Z331) SOUTH END OF THE UPPER SIERRA, (CA-Z332) KERN RIVER VALLEY, (CA-Z333) PIUTE - WALKER PASS (BASIN?), (CA-Z334) TEHACHAPI, (CA-Z338) MOJAVE DESERT SLOPE(S)				
	01/10/24 15:00 PST		0	High Wind (MAX 75 kt)
	01/11/24 07:50 PST		0	
(CA-Z312) VISALIA - PORTERVILLE - REEDLEY, (CA-Z314) BAKERSFIELD				

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	01/11/24 02:39 PST		2K	Strong Wind (MAX 39 kt)
	01/11/24 02:53 PST		0	

A cold upper trough moved across central California during the evening of January 10 and the early morning of January 11. This system brought another half inch to an inch of liquid precipitation to the Sierra Nevada and adjacent foothills north of Kings Canyon with many locations picking up 5 to 10 inches of new snow with a few SNOTELs estimating a foot of new snowfall. Areas further south in the Sierra Nevada and much of the Tehachapi Mountains picked up between a quarter and a half inch while much of the San Joaquin Valley received between a tenth and a quarter inch of rainfall. This system also produced a period of strong wind gusts with several stations in the Tehachapi area and the Mojave Deserts slopes measuring gusts exceeding 50 mph and a few low impact indicator sites reporting gusts exceeding 75 mph.

(CA-Z301) LOS BANOS-DOS PALOS, (CA-Z302) MERCED-MADERA-MENDOTA, (CA-Z303) PLANADA-LEGRAND-SNELLING, (CA-Z305) WEST SIDE OF FRESNO AND KINGS COUNTIES, (CA-Z306) CARUTHERS - SAN JOAQUIN - SELMA, (CA-Z307) FRESNO - CLOVIS, (CA-Z309) BUTTONWILLOW-LOST HILLS - I5, (CA-Z310) DELANO - WASCO - SHAFTER, (CA-Z311) HANFORD - CORCORAN - LEMOORE, (CA-Z312) VISALIA - PORTERVILLE - REEDLEY, (CA-Z313) BUENA VISTA, (CA-Z314) BAKERSFIELD, (CA-Z315) SOUTHEAST SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY, (CA-Z316) SOUTH END SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

01/12/24 02:00 PST	0	Frost/Freeze
01/13/24 08:00 PST	0	

A cold and dry airmass settled in over the San Joaquin Valley behind the winter storm which moved to the east of the area on January 11. With clear skies, light winds and inversion conditions, temperatures dropped below the freezing mark across most of the San Joaquin Valley during the morning on January 12. Increasing clouds spread southward into the valley during the morning of January 13 which kept minimum temperatures above the freezing mark across the central San Joaquin Valley. Portions of the south valley dropped below the freezing mark again during the morning of January 13 as skies remained mainly clear until late morning.

(CA-Z323) YOSEMITE NP OUTSIDE OF THE VALLEY

01/13/24 01:00 PST	0	Winter Weather
01/14/24 07:00 PST	0	

A low pressure system that moved through the Pacific Northwest on January 13 brought precipitation as far south as central California between the early morning of January 13 and the morning of January 14. While precipitation amounts were fairly light, the system did produce 4 to 8 inches of snow above 7000 feet in the Yosemite Park area. Several stations further south picked up an estimated 1 to 4 inches of snowfall above 7000 feet. Rainfall amounts were generally a tenth of an inch or less in the San Joaquin Valley and West Side Hills and a tenth to a quarter inch in the Sierra Nevada and adjacent foothills.

(CA-Z302) MERCED-MADERA-MENDOTA, (CA-Z307) FRESNO - CLOVIS, (CA-Z311) HANFORD - CORCORAN - LEMOORE, (CA-Z312) VISALIA - PORTERVILLE - REEDLEY

01/15/24 00:50 PST	0	Dense Fog
01/15/24 10:25 PST	0	

High pressure moved into central California during the morning of January 15. With clearing skies, light winds and inversion conditions, areas of dense fog formed in the San Joaquin Valley and impacted travel along SR 99 between Visalia and Madera and also along the SR 198 corridor between Visalia and Hanford. The fog lifted into a stratus deck by late morning.

(CA-Z311) HANFORD - CORCORAN - LEMOORE, (CA-Z312) VISALIA - PORTERVILLE - REEDLEY, (CA-Z314) BAKERSFIELD, (CA-Z334) TEHACHAPI

01/15/24 18:15 PST	0	Dense Fog
01/16/24 01:40 PST	0	

Areas of dense fog formed in the south San Joaquin Valley and the valley facing slopes of the Tehachapi Mountains during the evening of January 15 lowering visibility in some locations to be low a quarter mile. Enough mixing took place during the early morning of January 16 for the fog to lift into a low cloud deck which minimized travel impacts by the morning commute.

(CA-Z331) SOUTH END OF THE UPPER SIERRA, (CA-Z332) KERN RIVER VALLEY

01/17/24 06:00 PST	0	High Wind (MAX 65 kt)
01/17/24 06:20 PST	0	

A low pressure system that moved across northern California during the evening of January 16 and the early morning of January 17 brought some light precipitation to the area with much of the Sierra Nevada picking up between a quarter and a half inch of liquid precipitation with the snow level near 7000 feet. Several SNOTELs picked up an estimated 3 to 6 inches of new snowfall. Most of the central San Joaquin Valley picked up between a tenth and a quarter inch of rain while the south valley and the Kern County Mountains and Deserts generally had a tenth of an inch or less. This system also produced a brief period of strong wind gusts in the Kern County Mountains and Deserts with several stations reporting gusts exceeding 40 mph and a few locations measuring gusts exceeding 55 mph.

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(CA-Z311) HANFORD - CORCORAN - LEMOORE, (CA-Z312) VISALIA - PORTERVILLE - REEDLEY, (CA-Z334) TEHACHAPI				
	01/17/24 06:50 PST		0	Dense Fog
	01/17/24 15:35 PST		0	
<p>A weak low pressure system moved through central California during the early morning of January 17 producing widespread light precipitation in the area. Skies cleared out behind this system and allowed for areas of dense fog to form near daybreak in the center portion of the San Joaquin Valley and in the Tehachapi area. The fog lifted by late morning except in the far south end of the valley and around Tehachapi where the fog hung around into the afternoon before lifting.</p>				
(CA-Z302) MERCED-MADERA-MENDOTA, (CA-Z306) CARUTHERS - SAN JOAQUIN - SELMA, (CA-Z307) FRESNO - CLOVIS, (CA-Z310) DELANO - WASCO - SHAFTER, (CA-Z311) HANFORD - CORCORAN - LEMOORE, (CA-Z312) VISALIA - PORTERVILLE - REEDLEY, (CA-Z314) BAKERSFIELD				
	01/18/24 00:10 PST		0.10M	Dense Fog
	01/18/24 11:00 PST		0	
<p>High pressure moved into central California on January 17 which resulted in clearing skies and light winds over the area by the evening. With low level moisture present in the San Joaquin Valley due to recent rainfall, dense fog formed overnight and continued through the late morning hours of January 18 until it lifted into a low cloud deck. The fog was responsible for a 6 vehicle accident near Chowchilla which resulted in one fatality and several injuries.</p>				
(CA-Z302) MERCED-MADERA-MENDOTA, (CA-Z305) WEST SIDE OF FRESNO AND KINGS COUNTIES, (CA-Z309) BUTTONWILLOW- LOST HILLS - I5, (CA-Z311) HANFORD - CORCORAN - LEMOORE				
	01/19/24 03:00 PST		0	Dense Fog
	01/19/24 09:53 PST		0	
<p>Skies cleared out over the San Joaquin valley during the evening of January 18 and areas of dense of formed overnight during the early morning of January 19. The fog dissipated by late morning as mixing took place ahead of an incoming storm system.</p>				
(CA-Z323) YOSEMITE NP OUTSIDE OF THE VALLEY, (CA-Z326) UPPER SAN JOAQUIN RIVER				
	01/20/24 01:00 PST		0	Winter Weather
	01/21/24 04:00 PST		0	
MERCED COUNTY --- 5.0 SW LOS BANOS MUNI ARPT [37.01, -120.93], 5.1 SW LOS BANOS MUNI ARPT [37.01, -120.93], 5.0 SW LOS BANOS MUNI ARPT [37.01, -120.93]				
	01/20/24 16:57 PST		0	Flood (due to Heavy Rain)
	01/20/24 18:57 PST		0	Source: Law Enforcement
<p>California Highway Patrol reported flooding in northbound Interstate 5 on the right hand side near the Volta Rd. underpass.</p>				
<p>An upper level trough pushed into northern California during the evening of January 19. Moisture associated with this system produced a period of light to moderate precipitation in central California between the early morning of January 20 and the afternoon of January 21. Much of Merced County picked up between a quarter and a half inch of rainfall while the Sierra Nevada from Fresno County northward picked up between a quarter and a half inch of liquid precipitation. Further south most locations picked up between a tenth and a half inch of precipitation. The snow level was between 7000 and 7500 feet for much of this event and several high elevation SNOTEL stations in the Sierra Nevada picked up an estimated 3 to 6 inches of new snowfall.</p>				
(CA-Z323) YOSEMITE NP OUTSIDE OF THE VALLEY, (CA-Z326) UPPER SAN JOAQUIN RIVER, (CA-Z327) KAISER TO RODGERS RIDGE, (CA-Z328) KINGS CANYON NP, (CA-Z329) GRANT GROVE AREA, (CA-Z330) SEQUOIA NP, (CA-Z331) SOUTH END OF THE UPPER SIERRA				
	01/21/24 22:00 PST		0	Winter Weather
	01/22/24 16:00 PST		0	
MARIPOSA COUNTY --- 0.7 NNE BRICEBURG [37.61, -119.96], 0.8 NE BRICEBURG [37.61, -119.96], 0.5 NE BRICEBURG [37.61, -119.96], 0.5 NNE BRICEBURG [37.61, -119.97]				
	01/22/24 05:47 PST		0	Flood (due to Heavy Rain)
	01/22/24 08:47 PST		0	Source: Law Enforcement
<p>California Highway Patrol reported multiple rocks on the roadway on SR 140 near Briceburg.</p>				
MERCED COUNTY --- 3.2 N SNELLING [37.57, -120.43], 3.2 N SNELLING [37.57, -120.42], 3.5 N SNELLING [37.57, -120.42], 3.5 N SNELLING [37.57, -120.43]				
	01/22/24 06:25 PST		0	Flood (due to Heavy Rain)
	01/22/24 09:25 PST		0	Source: Law Enforcement
<p>California Highway Patrol reported flooding on SR 59 with two vehicles spun out near Fields Rd.</p>				

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KERN COUNTY --- 4.8 NE DELANO AIRPORT [35.79, -119.16], 4.4 ENE DELANO AIRPORT [35.78, -119.16], 4.2 ENE DELANO AIRPORT [35.78, -119.16], 4.7 NE DELANO AIRPORT [35.79, -119.16]				
	01/22/24 09:53 PST		0	Flood (due to Heavy Rain)
	01/22/24 12:53 PST		0	Source: Law Enforcement
California Highway Patrol reported Reed Rd. was closed due to flooding between County Line Rd. and Cecil Ave.				
Following the departure of a storm which brought light to moderate precipitation to the area between the morning of January 20 and the early afternoon of January 21, a second system moved through central California between the late evening of January 21 and the afternoon of January 22. This system produced three quarters to an inch and a half of rainfall over Merced County and a half inch to an inch of liquid precipitation the the Sierra Nevada with the snow level around 8000 feet. Much of the remainder of the San Joaquin Valley and the Tehachapi Mountains picked up between a half inch and an inch of rainfall which produced some localized flooding.				
(CA-Z304) COALINGA - AVENAL, (CA-Z305) WEST SIDE OF FRESNO AND KINGS COUNTIES				
	01/25/24 00:30 PST		0	Dense Fog
	01/25/24 07:00 PST		0	
Areas of dense fog formed along the Interstate 5 corridor in Fresno and Kings Counties during the early morning of January 25, reducing visibility to a few hundred feet in some spots. The fog dissipated shortly after sunrise.				
(CA-Z311) HANFORD - CORCORAN - LEMOORE, (CA-Z312) VISALIA - PORTERVILLE - REEDLEY				
	01/26/24 06:30 PST		0	Dense Fog
	01/26/24 09:00 PST		0	
High pressure strengthened off the California coast overnight and pushed inland during the early morning of January 26. With mainly clear skies and light winds prevailing in the San Joaquin Valley, areas of dense fog formed in the central portion of the valley towards daybreak most noticeably along the SR 198 corridor between Visalia and Hanford and along SR 99 in Tulare. the fog dissipated by late morning.				
(CA-Z302) MERCED-MADERA-MENDOTA, (CA-Z306) CARUTHERS - SAN JOAQUIN - SELMA, (CA-Z307) FRESNO - CLOVIS, (CA-Z310) DELANO - WASCO - SHAFTER, (CA-Z311) HANFORD - CORCORAN - LEMOORE, (CA-Z312) VISALIA - PORTERVILLE - REEDLEY, (CA-Z314) BAKERSFIELD				
	01/28/24 03:05 PST		0	Dense Fog
	01/28/24 10:35 PST		0	
Strengthening high pressure over central California brought clearing skies and light winds to the area during the morning of January 28. This allowed for areas of dense fog to form along the SR 99 corridor and traffic was impacted between Merced and Bakersfield by sunrise, with visibility be0ing reduced below 500 feet in some locations. The fog completely dissipated by late morning.				
(CA-Z306) CARUTHERS - SAN JOAQUIN - SELMA, (CA-Z307) FRESNO - CLOVIS, (CA-Z310) DELANO - WASCO - SHAFTER, (CA-Z311) HANFORD - CORCORAN - LEMOORE, (CA-Z312) VISALIA - PORTERVILLE - REEDLEY				
	01/29/24 01:25 PST		0	Dense Fog
	01/29/24 10:45 PST		0	
High pressure remained over central California on January 29 bringing near record high temperatures to much of our area. Clear skies and light winds during the early morning resulted in areas of dense fog forming in the San Joaquin Valley. The fog reduced visibility to a few hundred feet in some locations and was responsible for a two vehicle accident in southeast Fresno which resulted in two fatalities. The fog dissipated by late morning.				
(CA-Z305) WEST SIDE OF FRESNO AND KINGS COUNTIES				
	01/30/24 04:42 PST		0	Dense Fog
	01/30/24 05:25 PST		0	
The high pressure center which brought record high temperatures to much of the area on January 29 shifted eastward on January 30. Unseasonably warm temperatures prevailed again over the area, but with a weaker inversion over the valley in the San Joaquin Valley in the morning the fog was not as prevalent as it was during the previous day and only patches of dense fog were observed. The fog dissipated shortly after sunrise.				
(CA-Z300) WEST SIDE MOUNTAINS NORTH OF HIGHWAY 198, (CA-Z318) MARIPOSA - MADERA LOWER SIERRA, (CA-Z323) YOSEMITE NP OUTSIDE OF THE VALLEY, (CA-Z334) TEHACHAPI, (CA-Z336) FRAZIER MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES				
	01/31/24 08:00 PST		0	High Wind (MAX 65 kt)
	01/31/24 23:50 PST		0	

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(CA-Z302) MERCED-MADERA-MENDOTA, (CA-Z314) BAKERSFIELD				
	01/31/24 19:15 PST		3K	Strong Wind (MAX 35 kt)
	01/31/24 20:34 PST		0	

A strong low pressure system approached central California on January 31. Gusty southerly winds ahead of this system resulted in some trees being downed and several reports of gusts exceeding 40 mph. Many wind prone locations in the higher elevations measured gusts exceeding 60 mph.