# CSWC Operational Period Summary
# 1800 December 28 2014 to 0600 December 29 2014

Flooded rice fields reflect a winter sunset in Marysville on 12/24/14.

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Note: Report changes/updates are in blue

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# SITUATION SUMMARY

## Significant Events – National

**Ferguson policeman disciplined for calling Brown memorial 'pile of trash'**
(Al Jazeera America) Per the City of Ferguson, a Ferguson, Missouri police spokesman has been placed on unpaid leave while disciplinary proceedings begin for calling a Michael Brown memorial "a pile of trash." The City of Ferguson said its public information officer was responding to an inquiry from a Washington Post reporter about damage to the memorial. The makeshift memorial is a collection of candles, flowers, notes and other mementos left at the site where a police officer killed the unarmed 18-year-old in an altercation on Aug. 9.

**Police turn their backs on mayor at slain officer's funeral**
(Al Jazeera America) Thousands of police officers turned their backs on New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio as he spoke Saturday at the funeral of Officer Rafael Ramos, who was killed along with his partner Officer Wenjian Liu in an ambush shooting earlier this month. The public show of defiance was the latest act in a long-simmering feud between the mayor's office and the police department who have accused the liberal mayor of using anti-police rhetoric.

# SITUATION SUMMARY

## Significant Events – International

**Officials: No sign of AirAsia Flight QZ8501; likely at 'bottom of the sea'**
(CNN) A second day in the search for a missing AirAsia plane proved fruitless Monday, with Indonesia's top rescue official saying the commercial jet probably crashed into the sea. Bambang Sulistyo, head of Indonesia's national search and rescue agency, said "Our early conjecture is that the plane is in the bottom of the sea." This view was based on the plane's flight track and last known coordinates. The aerial search will resume Tuesday (Indonesia time).

**Death toll rises after ferry catches fire in Adriatic**
(CNN) Four more people have died from the ferry fire, Greek Merchant Marine Minister Miltiades Varvitsiotis said Monday. This brings the overall death toll to five since the fire broke out Sunday. Authorities said one man died after he jumped or fell into the cold water and four others were also killed, but authorities did not say how they died. Per the Italian Navy, 419 people had been rescued from the ferry with work continuing to rescue the remaining passengers and crew.

**Amid hacking tensions, South Korea proposes resuming talks with North**
(Reuters) South Korea proposed on Monday to resume stalled talks with North Korea amid heightened diplomatic tension after Seoul's key ally, the United States, blamed the North for a cyberattack on Sony Pictures Entertainment. Seoul's unification minister said the South had sent a letter to Pyongyang seeking negotiations, which it hopes to hold in January and would cover issues including reunions for families separated by the 1950-1953 Korean war and possible co-operation projects. The North had accepted the letter but had yet to respond.

**India cold and fog cause Delhi travel chaos**
(BBC News) A cold snap and dense fog in Delhi, and parts of northern India have led to massive travel chaos with trains and flights delayed. Reports said foggy conditions at the Delhi airport had resulted in 137 flights being delayed and 14 others cancelled. Railway officials said 78 trains were running late owing to poor visibility and at least 20 others had been rescheduled. Per the meteorological department, the cold and dense fog is predicted to last at least until the end of the year.

# SITUATION SUMMARY

**Weather of Concern**

- A cold upper low will move over California during the middle of this week bringing a chilly and windy end to 2014.
- For Northern California, a few showers will be possible across the interior, with light snow accumulations possible along the Sierra. However, the bigger impact will be the north winds that develop Tuesday into Wednesday. Trees remain drought-stressed may be more susceptible to being toppled than normal. The strong north winds are also an atypical direction for Solano County, and could lead to exacerbated downed tree issues.
- For Southern California, rain is going to be the problem in elevations below 2500 feet with snow above that level. Travel headaches are sure to be the rule on New Year's Eve. Snow expected in Southeast California Deserts and Mountains Tuesday through Wednesday afternoon. Up to 2 inches in most desert locations, including Joshua Tree National Park and the I-5 Grapevine, and 4 to 6 inches over higher elevations. Snow levels will drop to 2000 feet by early Wednesday morning. Very low temps are forecast for San Diego for New Years Eve with coastal area temps ranging from 32 to 41 degrees.

- Winter Storm Watch in effect from Tuesday afternoon through Wednesday afternoon for the Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Ventura County Mountains.
- Winter Storm Watch in effect from Tuesday afternoon through Thursday morning for Joshua Tree National Park in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, and the Mojave Desert and Morongo Basin in San Bernardino County.
- Winter Storm Watch in effect from Tuesday afternoon through Wednesday afternoon for the Kern County Desert and Mountains.
- Freeze Warning in effect until 0900 this morning for portions of Ventura, Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties.

**Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories:** http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/wwa_bc_cal.php

**Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought**

- SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought

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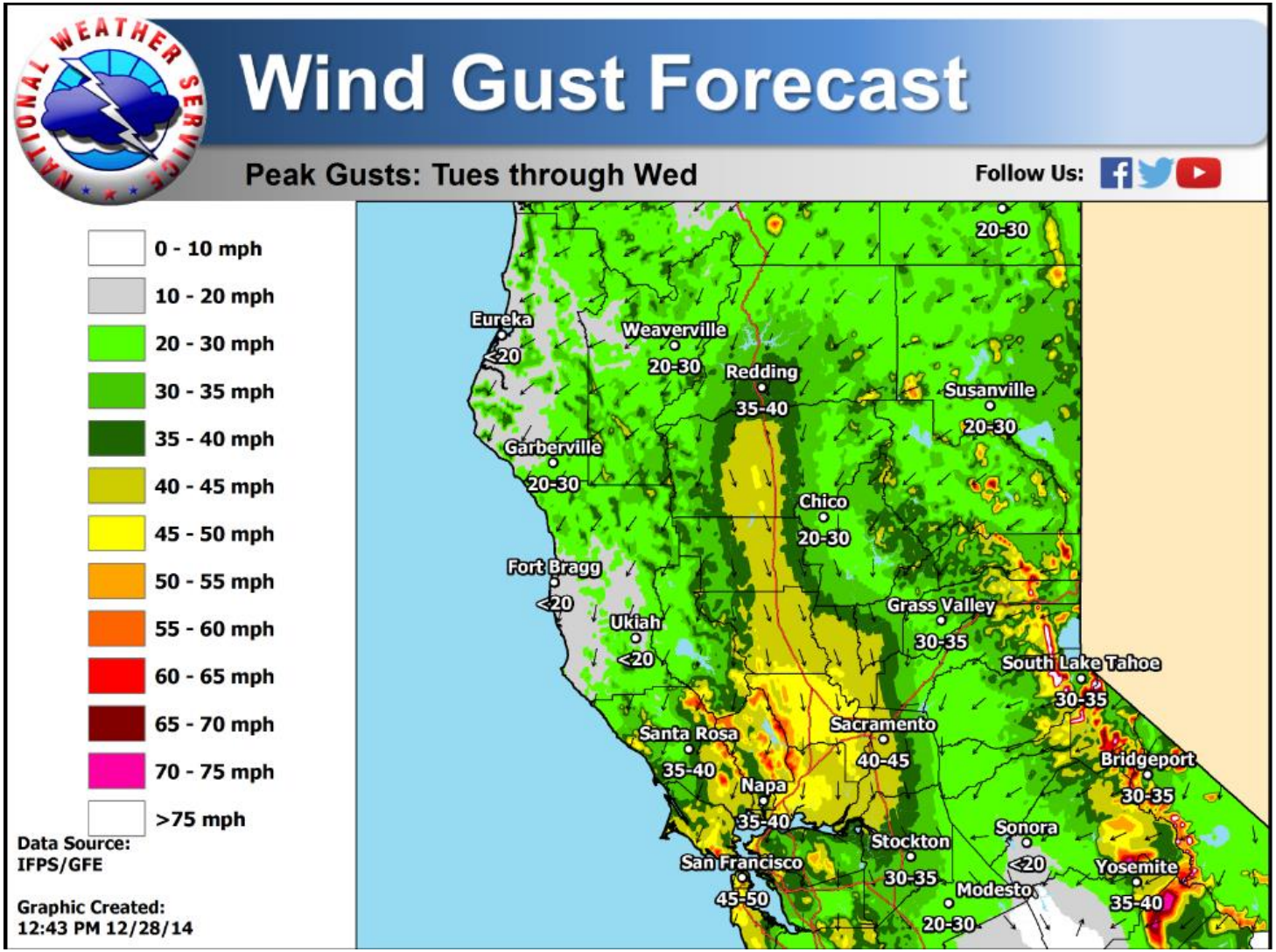


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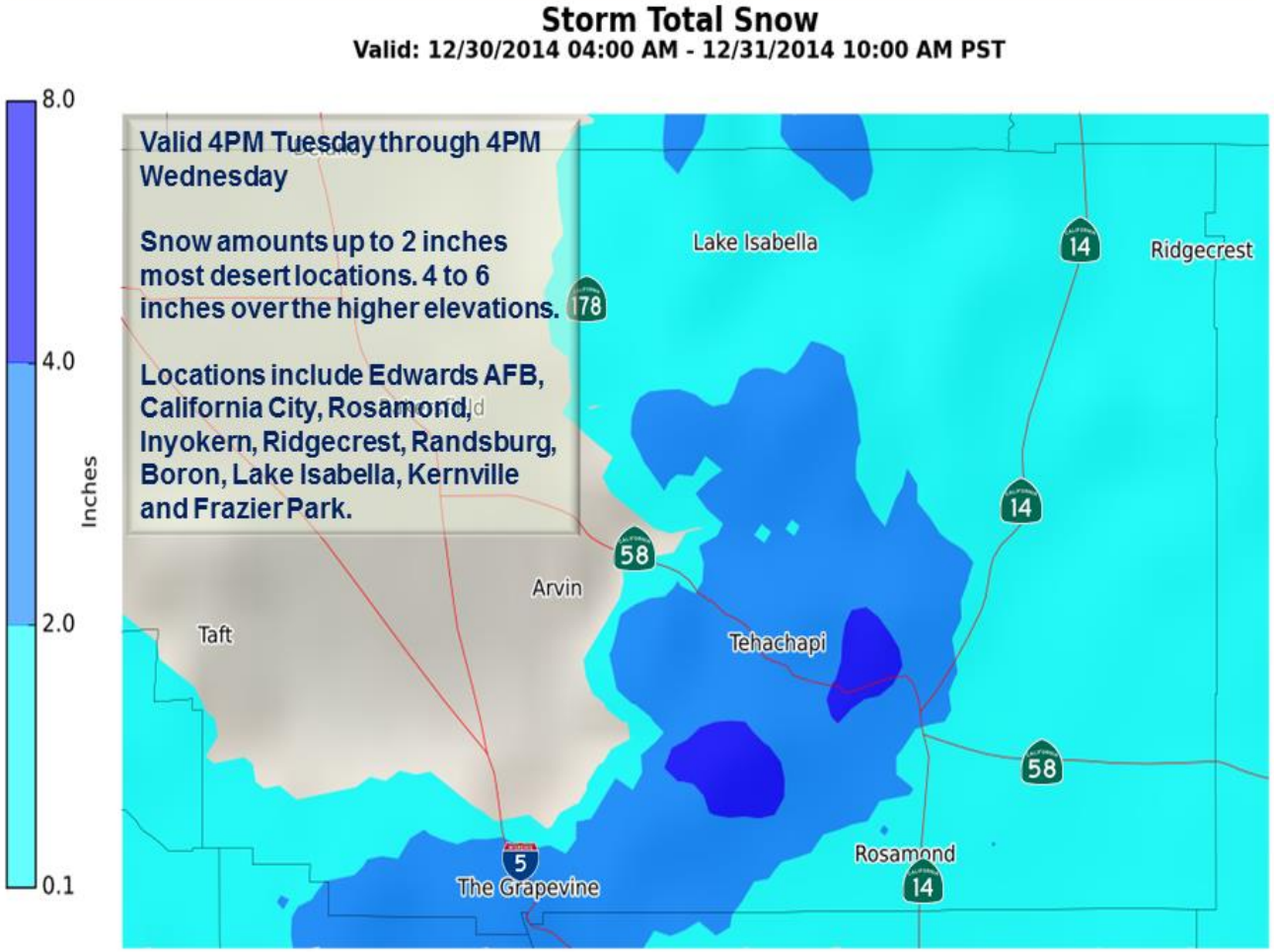
# SITUATION SUMMARY

## Winter Storm Watch for Kern County Desert and Mountains



# SITUATION SUMMARY

## NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE
### PHOENIX, AZ FORECAST OFFICE
## WEATHER BRIEFING

**Issued**: Sunday, December 28, 2014 2 pm MST/1 pm PST
**Valid**: Through Monday, December 29, 2014

**Synopsis**: A strong, and potentially high impact weather system, is forecast to move into the desert southwest late Tuesday night through early Thursday. Rainfall is expected across the deserts on New Year's Eve while a mix of rain and snow is likely in Joshua Tree National Park and in the higher elevations to the north and east of Phoenix. New Year's Eve activities and travel could be impacted by this event.

**Timing:** Precipitation beginning early Wednesday in Joshua Tree National Park, spreading into lower Arizona deserts Wednesday afternoon, and into portions of Gila County Wednesday evening. Precipitation departing the area Thursday morning/afternoon.

**Hazards/Impacts:**

- ***Winter Storm Watch in effect for Joshua Tree National Park***
- Accumulating snowfall above 2000 ft in Southeast California on Wednesday
- Accumulating snowfall above 3000 ft in central Arizona early Thursday
- Light snow accumulations possible in Cave Creek, Carefree early Thursday
- Potential for brief heavy rain Wednesday evening across the lower AZ deserts

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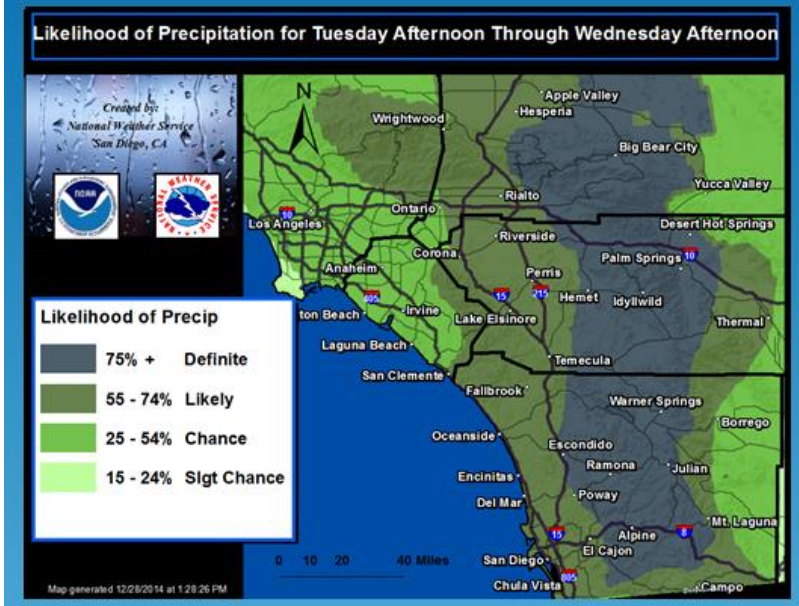
## Low Elevation Snow Wednesday!




**Snow in the High Desert!**

**Heavy Snow in the Mountains!**

**Travel Corridors Impacted by Snow:**

- I-15 (Cajon Pass)
- I-8 (Sunrise Summit)
- I-10 (Banning Pass)

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# WEATHER

## WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:

**Eureka Weather:**
A reinforcing cold front will bring another chance of light showers north of Cape Mendocino today, followed by mostly dry and cold conditions for the remainder of the week. Easterly winds will be quite gusty Tuesday through Wednesday, especially across the higher elevations of Mendocino County.

**Medford Weather:**
Today very cold temperatures are expected to arrive behind an arctic cold front. This arctic air mass will overspread the forecast area on Tuesday and remain in place through early Thursday. Snow is possible but little to no accumulation is expected. Temperatures will be well below normal through mid-to-late week with some gusty winds.

**Reno Weather:**
A strong cold front will push through the area tonight. Snowfall is possible with potential travel impacts for the Tuesday morning commute along the Highway 395 corridor. Strong winds are expected to produce rough conditions on area lakes along with possible areas of blowing snow. Temperatures will be bitter cold with wind chills in the single digits and negative values heading into the new year. A milder pattern will return for the weekend.

**San Francisco Weather:**
Dry weather is forecast to persist through today, along with seasonable temperatures, as high pressure remains over the area. A cold and mostly dry storm system will then move into the region on Tuesday bringing strong winds and cold temperatures. Winds will dissipate by late Wednesday. Freezing temperatures are possible by late Tuesday night, but are more likely to occur Wednesday night and early Thursday morning.

# WEATHER

## WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

### CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

**Sacramento Weather:**
A cold upper trough will bring a few showers mainly over the mountains later today into Tuesday. Gusty north winds are likely Tuesday into Wednesday. Frosty overnight lows continue for the forecast area.

**Hanford Weather:**
Mostly clear skies will continue today with weak high pressure over the region. Temperatures will be colder by midweek with a slight chance of showers Tuesday into Wednesday and snow over the Kern County Mountains and Desert.

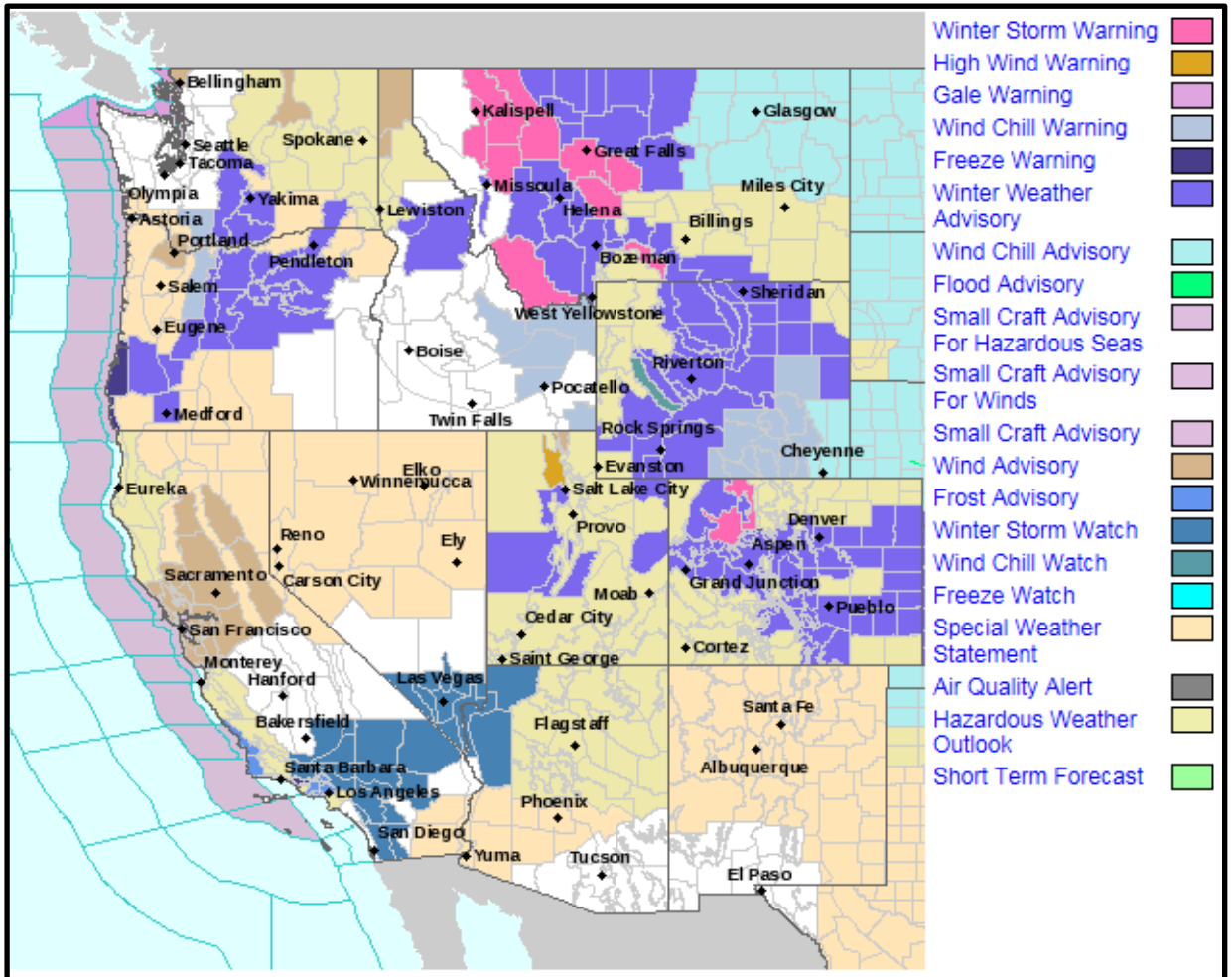
### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

**Los Angeles Weather:**
High pressure over the region will keep a dry weather pattern in place through Tuesday. For mid-to-late week, a brisk and cold weather pattern will move into the area as a trough of low pressure originating from Canada drops into the region. This will bring a chance of showers to the area as well as low elevation snow for the mountains and Antelope Valley.

**Extreme Southwestern California Including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:**
A storm system moving all the way from Canada to Southern California will bring rain and snow beginning Tuesday afternoon and continuing through Wednesday with snow levels down to 2000 feet above sea level. It will also be very cold with highs only in the upper 40s and lower 50s Wednesday and Thursday at lower elevations, and below freezing weather above 2000 feet in the mountains. Isolated thunderstorms are also possible near the coast late Tuesday night. Fair weather will return by Thursday night with a gradual warming trend back to near normal temperatures by the weekend.

**Southeast California Weather:**
Below normal temperatures and occasional high clouds will continue through Tuesday before a potential major winter storm system moves into the region by midweek. There is an increasing likelihood this system will bring desert rain and mountain snow for Wednesday and early Thursday. Dry but cool weather is expected to return by next weekend.

# STATE WEATHER MAP

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# FIRE ACTIVITY

**Preparedness Levels**

**National Preparedness Level 1**

**Northern California**
Preparedness Level **1,** Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode **1**

**Southern California**
Preparedness Level **2,** Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode **2**

**California Fire Potential & Weather Maps**

**Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential**
http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8

**Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential**
http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10

**California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings**
http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php

**NWS California River Forecast Center:**
http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/

# RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

## Boles Incident Vegetation Fire- City of Weed, Siskiyou County

### Recovery Activities

Public Assistance

- On 10/06/14, the Governor issued Executive Order (EO) B-27-14, which provides CDAA, and debris removal assistance, including the suspension of rules and regulations impacting debris removal. The EO also provides the ability for nonprofit organizations to seek reimbursement for extraordinary activities through the State Private Nonprofit Organizations Assistance Program. As of 12/05/14, all debris removal operations are complete.
- On 10/28/14, the City of Weed reestablished water pressure to its downtown area; however, the water storage capacity for fire suppression is still lacking. The City expects water storage to be restored by 12/31/14, or sooner if the weather permits.

Individual Assistance

- On 10/01/14, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) approved a disaster declaration making SBA assistance available in the primary County of Siskiyou and the contiguous counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Modoc, Shasta, and Trinity, making low-interest federal disaster loans available to homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private nonprofit organizations whose property was damaged or destroyed by the Boles Fire. The application deadline for property damage was 12/01/14. The deadline to return economic injury applications is 07/01/15.
- The Cal OES VAL continues to coordinate and participate in Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) meetings with NGO, Faith Based, and local agencies. Shasta Community Foundation was identified as a fiscal agent for the group. Individuals needing assistance should be directed to the Family & Community Resource Center of Weed located at 260 Main Street, Weed. Funding organizations will assist with unmet needs through the case management process. The VAL continues to work with the Weed LTRG in identifying resources and gaps in services.
- The College of the Siskiyou's website contains a Fire Resource List of various local agencies offering goods and services. The document can be found at http://www.siskiyous.edu/humanresources/documents/fireresourcelist.pdf. Additional information on recovery efforts can be found at https://weed.recovers.org/.

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# RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

**Magnitude 6.0 Earthquake, American Canyon, Napa County**

- Cal OES and FEMA announced that the Major Disaster declaration for the South Napa earthquake will also include the Individuals and Households Program under the Stafford Act. This amendment makes assistance available to help homeowners and renters recover from the earthquake.
- As a result of President Obama's major disaster declaration, the U.S. Small Business Administration declared Napa and Solano counties, making residents and business owners eligible to apply for low-interested physical loss disaster loans. This declaration also made available low-interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) for businesses to apply in the primary counties of Napa and Solano, as well as the contiguous counties of Contra Costa, Lake, Sacramento, Sonoma, and Yolo.

**Recovery Activities**

Public Assistance
- RPA: 63 RPAs were received and 10 have withdrawn for a total of 53 RPAs submitted to FEMA.
- Kickoff Meeting: 53 Kickoff Meetings have been completed; leaving 2 remaining to be scheduled once through FEMA's review queue. It is currently anticipated all kickoff meetings will be complete by 1/7/2015.
- PW: 215 PWs are anticipated to be written as a result of the Napa Earthquake. Currently, 75 PWs are drafted, 34 PWs have been entered into the federal database system, 22 of which have been obligated.

Individual Assistance
- The FEMA and State VAL continue to work with nonprofit organizations in Napa County regarding Long Term Recovery efforts. The Napa Earthquake Recovery Group, aka, eNERGy will be holding a general meeting on December 18, 2014.
- Cal OES IA Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL) continues NGO coordination in Solano County. The Vallejo Earthquake Recovery Group (VERG), a long term recovery group, has formed and has established by-laws and elected an Executive Board. United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) will provide case management training to local organizations in Napa and Solano counties.
- Assistance Centers – The County and City of Napa: Local Assistance Center (LAC) opened on 09/08/14 at 301 1st Street, Napa (corner of 1st Street and Silverado Trail). On 10/29/14, FEMA and SBA provided representatives in the Napa LAC. The operational hours for the LAC are Monday - Friday 9 AM to 6 PM; Saturdays 9 AM to 4 PM; Sundays closed. **NOTE:** The LAC will be closed on 12/24, 12/25, and 12/26 and will open on 12/27 and 12/29/14.
- The Disaster Recovery Center located at 1155 Capitol Street in the City of Vallejo officially closed at 6 p.m. on 11/25/14, and on Monday, 12/01/14, SBA opened a Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) at the John F. Kennedy Library, 505 Santa Clara Street, 3rd Floor, Vallejo. The operational hours for the DLOC are Monday – Thursday 10 AM to 6PM; Fridays 10 AM to 5 PM.
- The LAC and DLOC is open until further notice. The DLOC in Vallejo will close on Tuesday, December 23, 2014.

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# RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

**2014 Statewide December Winter Storms**

Cal OES Regions and Recovery continue to work closely with all impacted operational areas to assess the impacts, losses, and costs of the December Winter Storm.

**Cal OES Coastal Region**

**Recovery**

- A Local Assistance Center (LAC) will be established for residents and business owners to apply for assistance at the South San Francisco Parking Structure located at 329 Miller Avenue, SSF. SBA will operate their Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) out of the LAC and will continue as needed, even after the LAC closes.

**TENTATIVE LOCAL ASSISTANCE CENTER SCHEDULE:**

- January 5-6, 2015
- Hours to be determined

**Missions:**

- **2014-CREOC-8008,** San Mateo County requests 4 State Housing and Community Development evaluators to assist the County with assessing the impacts of the flood on 80 mobile homes. Mission was completed 12/19/14, but will remain open until after the holidays for inspectors to monitor again and reach those they couldn't on the initial visit to ensure they have no major damage and to give them the Flood Damage Repair Guidelines material.

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# CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

**Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought**

- The SOC, Inland, Coastal, and Southern REOCs and the Santa Barbara County EOC are activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued an Executive Order on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought. Specifically, through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.

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