

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena - August 2014

Location	Date/Time	Deaths & Injuries	Property & Crop Dmg	Event Type and Details
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CALIFORNIA, South Central

(CA-Z089) W CENTRAL S.J. VALLEY, (CA-Z090) E CENTRAL S.J. VALLEY, (CA-Z091) SW S.J. VALLEY, (CA-Z092) SE S.J. VALLEY, (CA-Z093) S SIERRA FOOTHILLS, (CA-Z094) TULARE CTY FOOTHILLS, (CA-Z095) KERN CTY MTNS, (CA-Z096) S SIERRA MTNS, (CA-Z097) TULARE CTY MTNS, (CA-Z098) INDIAN WELLS VLY, (CA-Z099) SE KERN CTY DESERT

08/01/14 00:00 PST	0	Drought
08/31/14 23:59 PST	0	

The California drought continued in full force during the month of August, 2014. Exceptional drought was detected by the U.S. Drought Monitor for almost the entire Central California region. This extent of exceptional drought is extremely unusual for California. The 2013-2014 water year (July 1 - June 30) concluded with Fresno setting its second driest on record (4.81 inches) and Bakersfield setting its third driest (2.41 inches).

There continues to be significant media coverage on the on-going drought conditions. These reports include discussion of significant re-allocation of water resources from the east to west side of the San Joaquin Valley, farmers forgoing planting of some crops, a decrease in the snow-related tourism activity in the Southern Sierra Nevada, reduction in air quality due to persistent stagnant air, loss or reduction of ground water, and an unprecedented increase in fire danger across the Southern Sierra Nevada and Tehachapi Mountains. For the first time on record, red flag warnings were issued in January for not only the Southern Sierra Nevada and the Tehachapi Mountains but also the south end of the San Joaquin Valley.

(CA-Z093) S SIERRA FOOTHILLS, (CA-Z096) S SIERRA MTNS

08/01/14 00:00 PST	0	Wildfire
08/04/14 20:00 PST	0	

The El Portal wildfire began July 26, 2014 and was contained on August 4, 2014, 1 mile east of El Portal in Mariposa County. The fire burned 4689 acres, of which 1092 acres were in Yosemite National Park and 3597 acres in Stanislaus National Forest. The cause is under investigation. There were 2 structures lost and no fatalities. Cost of containment was \$10.6 million.

(CA-Z093) S SIERRA FOOTHILLS, (CA-Z096) S SIERRA MTNS

08/01/14 00:00 PST	0	Wildfire
08/19/14 18:00 PST	0	

The French wildfire began July 28, 2014 and was contained on August 19, 2014, 18 miles east of Oakhurst in Madera County. The fire burned 13,837 acres. It was human caused. There were no structures lost and no fatalities. Cost of containment was \$21.4 million.

(CA-Z096) S SIERRA MTNS

08/01/14 00:00 PST	0	Wildfire
08/19/14 18:00 PST	0	

The Dark Hole wildfire started on July 16, 2014 by lightning. It was being managed for resource benefit, but began being actively contained after the El Portal fire started nearby on July 26, 2014. It was fully contained on August 19, 2014. The fire was located 4 miles north of Yosemite Valley in Mariposa County. It burned 1080 acres. There were no structures lost and no fatalities. The cost of containment is unknown.

(CA-Z095) KERN CTY MTNS

08/18/14 14:38 PST	0	Wildfire
08/27/14 18:00 PST	0	

The Way fire began on August 18, 2014 and was contained on August 27, 2014. The fire was located 3 miles Northwest of Wofford Heights in Kern County. The fire burned 4,045 acres. The cause is under investigation. There were 12 structures lost and no fatalities. Cost of containment was \$6.9 million.

(CA-Z093) S SIERRA FOOTHILLS

08/18/14 15:50 PST	0	Wildfire
08/25/14 18:00 PST	0	

The Junction wildfire started on August 18, 2014 and was contained on August 25, 2014. The fire was located 1 mile northwest of Oakhurst in Madera County. It burned 612 acres. There were 47 structures destroyed and 6 damaged. Many of the structures were outbuildings, motor homes and storage containers. There were no fatalities. The cost of containment was \$4.9 million.