

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena - July 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

07/01/14 00:00 PST	0	Drought
07/31/14 23:59 PST	0	

The California drought continued in full force during the month of July, 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-Z095) KERN CTY MTNS

07/01/14 18:15 PST	0	Wildfire
07/15/14 18:00 PST	0	

The Ranch wildfire started on July 1, 2014 and was contained on July 19, 2014. The fire was located 5 miles west of Alta Sierra in Kern County. It burned 70 acres. There were no structures and no fatalities. The cost of containment was \$5.9 million.

(CA-Z095) KERN CTY MTNS

07/11/14 13:45 PST	0	Wildfire
07/19/14 18:00 PST	0	

The Nicholls wildfire started on July 11, 2014 and was contained on July 19, 2014. The fire was located 26 miles west of Ridgecrest in Kern County. It burned 1680 acres. There were no structures were lost and no fatalities. The cost of containment was \$7.0 million.

(CA-Z096) S SIERRA MTNS

07/16/14 19:45 PST	0	Wildfire
07/31/14 23:59 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-Z093) S SIERRA FOOTHILLS, (CA-Z096) S SIERRA MTNS

07/26/14 17:00 PST	0	Wildfire
07/31/14 23:59 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

07/28/14 05:45 PST	0	Wildfire
07/31/14 23:59 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.