

# California OES Weather Threat Briefing

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- **Day 1 Primary Hazards:** Offshore gusts to 30 mph across SoCal are expected today.

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# Key Points

11/15/18 - 11/21/18

## Thursday

- Combined with the very dry conditions, elevated fire weather conditions continue across southern California. Gusts to 30 mph are expected across southern California today (Thursday).
- Winds in the Coastal and Inland Regions will be significantly lighter, but elevated fire weather conditions will persist today with very dry relative humidity.
- Widespread poor air quality due to smoke likely to continue.

## Friday - Tuesday

- No precipitation is currently expected through the middle of next week. Weak onshore flow should slowly start to return Friday and continue through the weekend.

## Beyond

- Weather models are hinting at a pattern change for the middle of next week, with increasing chances of precipitation around or after Thanksgiving.



# California Weather Impacts

11/15/18 - 11/21/18

<u>Hazards / Day</u>	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
<b>Non-Thunderstorm Damaging Winds</b>	Southern						
<b>Snow</b>							
<b>Coastal Flooding</b>							
<b>River Flooding</b>							
<b>Thunderstorms (Wind / Hail / Tornadoes)</b>							
<b>Fire Weather (Low Humidity / Wind / Dry Thunderstorms)</b>	Southern						
<b>Heat Risk</b>							
<b>Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding / Debris Flow</b>							
<b>Extreme Cold</b>							



No Impacts



Minimal Impacts



Moderate Impacts



Severe Impacts

# Inland and Coastal Regions Summary

- Other than occasional breezy conditions, winds should be lighter through the rest of this week; however, conditions will remain very dry with above normal temperatures, so elevated fire weather conditions will persist through the week.
- Widespread poor air quality due to smoke will likely continue through the week.
- The first chance of precipitation in California still looks to be sometime around Thanksgiving and has trended toward arrival late next week, with low confidence on exact timing.



# Southern Region Summary

- **Wind speeds**
  - East to northeast winds 10-15 mph with gusts to 30 mph today
- **Relative Humidity**
  - Dry: 5-25 percent
- Gusts as high as 30 mph are still expected over SoCal through Thursday evening.
- Weak onshore flow will slowly return to the area starting Friday and continue through early next week.
- The first chance of precipitation in California still looks to be sometime around Thanksgiving and has trended toward arrival late next week, with low confidence on exact timing.



# 6-10 Day Outlook

## Temperatures

- Above normal temperatures are slightly favored for northern CA.

## Precipitation

- Above normal precipitation is favored for most of the state

# 8-14 Day Outlook

## Temperatures

- Above normal temperatures are slightly favored for the northern half of the state, and normal temperatures are favored for the southern half of CA.

## Precipitation

- Above normal precipitation favored across the state, except for far northern CA (favored to be normal).



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