

National Weather Service Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



May 2000 Time Local Path Length Path Width Number of Estimated Persons Damage **CALIFORNIA**, South Central **Tulare County** 25 ESE Johnsondale 0400PST 0 0 07 Wind Gusty wind occurred over the higher elevations of the Tulare County Southern Sierra Nevada Mountains during the hours just after dawn on the 7th. Wind, a little lower in intensity, also occurred in the Kern Deserts and Mountains during the same time period. **Kern County** Mojave 09 1200PST 1920PST 0 Wind Localized, gusty wind occurred in the Kern Deserts during the morning hours on the 9th. Fresno County 1600PST 0400PST 2 E Orange Cove 300K **Heavy Rain** Merced County 10 SE Merced 15 1600PST 0 100K **Heavy Rain Tulare County** 0 15 16 2000PST 0 Lodgepole Snow 0900PST An upper low overnight supported rain along with some embedded convective activity. Locally heavy rain showers occurred on some agricultural areas in the San Joaquin Valley; especially in a band southeast of Merced and another area in the southeast portion of the Valley in Fresno County and northeast portion in Tulare County. One report from a grower indicated that 1.25 inches of rain fell near Orange Cove at the Fresno/Tulare County Line. Among the regular reporting locations, Merced received 0.63 inches from the storm although radar indicated a band of 1.0 to 1.4 inches to the southeast near the Merced/Madera County Line. Associated with the rain in the San Joaquin Valley, snow occurred at elevations at or above above 5000 feet in the nearby Southern Sierra Nevada with Lodgepole reporting 10 inches of new snow **Kern County** 1400PST 2100PST **Edwards** 16 Wind **Kern County** 3 E Tehachapi Wind 16 Gusty wind occurred during the afternoon of the 16th in the Kern Deserts and Mountains. Tehachapi had a gust over 44 knots in the ridges east of town with Inyokern and Edwards AFB also reporting speeds of 40-45 knots on the desert floor CAZ089>092 W Central Sj Valley - E Central Sj Valley - Sw Sj Valley - Se Sj Valley 1200PST 1800PST 21 23 **Excessive Heat** Near-record high temperatures occurred during a 3 day period in late May. Early warm season maximum temperature records were threatened for the Central and Southern San Joaquin Valley even though no records fell. During the period of the 21st through the 23rd Valley temperatures reached 100 to 105 degrees consistently with records for the dates around 103 degrees at the Fresno and Bakersfield climate stations. Record high temperatures were recorded in inland areas to the north and coastal sections to the west on Sunday the 21st as well as Monday the 22nd. **Kern County** Mojave 26 0546PST 1800PST 0 0 Wind Early morning wind was reported at locally at Mojave in the Kern Desert.