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Subject: Updated: Changes to Public Forecast Zones for WFO Eureka, CA,
effective April 16, 2026

Updated to change the implementation date from March 3, 2026 to April 16,
2026 and final versions of the shapefiles will be available on March 24,
2026.

Effective Thu, April 16, 2026, at 1:00 PM Pacific Standard Time (ST),
2100 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the NWS Weather Forecast Office in
Eureka, CA (EKA) will change Public Weather Forecast Zones encompassing
Del Norte, Humboldt, Trinity, Mendocino, and Lake counties in
northwestern California. After this change, all forecasts and related
products will use the zone numbers and names shown in Table 2 below.

If April 16, 2026 is declared a Critical Weather Day, this implementation
will be postponed to April 20, 2026 at 2100 UTC.

These changes will result in more geographically precise forecast, watch
and warning products for the general public and will enhance web-based
graphical product consistency and appearance.

Fifteen (15) current zones will be converted into 18 separate zones.
These new zones are being divided to optimize issuance of hazard products
for conditions that vary significantly in some interior mountainous
regions. The new zones are listed in Table 2.

Table 1. Universal Geographic Codes (UGC): Current Public
Forecast Zone Names

CAZ101: Coastal Del Norte
CAZ102: Del Norte Interior
CAZ103: Northern Humboldt Coast
CAZ104: Southwestern Humboldt
CAZ105: Northern Humboldt Interior
CAZ106: Southern Humboldt Interior
CAZ107: Northern Trinity
CAZ108: Southern Trinity
CAZ109: Mendocino Coast

CAZ110: Northwestern Mendocino Interior
 CAZ111: Northeastern Mendocino Interior
 CAZ112: Southwestern Mendocino Interior
 CAZ113: Southeastern Mendocino Interior
 CAZ114: Northern Lake
 CAZ115: Southern Lake

Table 2. UGC: New Public Forecast Zone Names

 CAZ101: Coastal Del Norte
 CAZ102: Interior Del Norte
 CAZ103: Northern Coastal Humboldt
 CAZ104: Southwestern Humboldt
 CAZ105: Northeastern Interior Humboldt
 CAZ106: Southeastern Interior Humboldt
 CAZ108: Southern Trinity
 CAZ109: Coastal Mendocino
 CAZ110: Northwestern Interior Mendocino
 CAZ111: Northeastern Interior Mendocino
 CAZ112: Southwestern Interior Mendocino
 CAZ113: Southeastern Interior Mendocino
 CAZ114: Northern Lake
 CAZ116: Northwestern and Central Trinity
 CAZ117: Northeastern Trinity
 CAZ118: Western Lake
 CAZ119: Southwestern Lake
 CAZ120: Eastern Lake

Table 3. NWS products affected by the WFO Eureka, CA, Public forecast zone changes are listed below.

Product Name	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
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Air Quality Alert	AEUS76 KEKA	AQAEKA
Zone Forecast	FPUS56 KEKA	ZFPEKA
Point Forecast Matrices	FOUS56 KEKA	PFMEKA
Tabular State Forecast	FPUS66 KEKA	SFTEKA
Area Forecast Discussion	FXUS66 KEKA	AFDEKA
Short Term Forecast	FPUS76 KEKA	NOWEKA
Special Weather Statement	WWUS86 KEKA	SPSEKA
Public Information Statement	NOUS46 KEKA	PNSEKA
Non-Precipitation Watch/Warning/ Advisory	WWUS76 KEKA	NPWEKA
Coastal Hazard Message	WHUS46 KEKA	CFWEKA
Surf Zone Forecast	FZUS56 KEKA	SRFEKA
Tsunami Message	WEPA41 PAAQ	TSUWCA
Public Tsunami Message	WEAK51 PAAQ	TSUAK1
Mensaje de Tsunami	WEAK61 PAAQ	TSUSPN
Flood Watch	WGUS66 KEKA	FFAEKA
Hydrologic Outlook	FGUS76 KEKA	ESFEKA
Winter Weather Message	WWUS46 KEKA	WSWEKA
Watch County Notification	WWUS66 KEKA	WCNEKA

NWS partners and users will need to make necessary changes to

their communications systems to accommodate these weather forecast zone changes.

Preliminary shapefiles for public forecast zones are available online at:
<https://www.weather.gov/gis/PublicZones>

Final versions of these shapefiles will be available on March 24, 2026.

A graphical depiction of this change is online at:
<https://www.weather.gov/eka/PublicZoneChange2026>

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