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Subject: Renaming of two Public Forecast Zones for WFO Hanford,
 CA, effective March 3, 2020

On or about Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at 1000 AM Pacific Standard Time, 1800 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the NWS Weather Forecast Office in Hanford, CA (HNX) will rename the public forecast zones affecting the San Joaquin Valley sections of Kern County, CA. After this change, the public forecasts and related products for this area will use the zone numbers and names shown below.

If March 3, 2020, is declared a Critical Weather Day, this implementation will be postponed to March 10, 2020.

This change is needed to better define the areas represented and limit confusion.

The renamed zones are as follows:

WFO HNX Public Forecast Zones

Zone Code	Renamed Zone Name
CAZ187	Western San Joaquin Valley in Kern County
CAZ188	Eastern San Joaquin Valley in Kern County

Table 1: Universal Geographic Codes (UGC): Current Public Weather Zone Forecast Name

CAZ187: Western Kern County
CAZ188: Eastern Kern County

Table 2: UGC: Renamed Public Zone Forecast Name

CAZ187: Western San Joaquin Valley in Kern County
CAZ188: Eastern San Joaquin Valley in Kern County

Table 3: NWS Products Affected by WFO Hanford, CA Public Zone Renaming

AWIPS ID	WMO Heading	Product Name
ZFPHNX:	FPUS52	KHNX: Zone Forecast
PFMHNX:	FOUS52	KHNX: Point Forecast Matrices
SFTHNX:	FPUS62	KHNX: Tabular State Forecast
PNSHNX:	NOUS42	KHNX: Public Information Statement
NPWHNX:	WWUS72	KHNX: Non-Precipitation Warnings
FFAHNX:	WGUS62	KHNX: Flood Watch
SPSHNX:	WWUS82	KHNX: Special Weather Statement
WSWHNX:	WWUS42	KHNX: Winter Weather Message
AFDHNX:	FXUS62	KHNX: Area Forecast Discussion

NWS partners and users should take the appropriate action to ensure systems recognize the new UGC (Z) and new zone alignments and names.

Updated public zone shapefiles are online at:
<https://www.weather.gov/gis/PublicZones>

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

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