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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

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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
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](https://www.weather.gov/gis/PublicZones)

A graphical depiction of this change is online at: [https://www.weather.gov/hnx/ZoneChange](https://www.weather.gov/hnx/ZoneChange)

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