



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



March 1996

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CALIFORNIA, South Central

Fresno County

7 SE Kerman to 8 SE Kerman	11	1535PST 1540PST			0	0			Funnel Cloud
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Funnel observed in rural area. Formed and dissipated in 5 minutes.

Fresno County

Riverdale	11	1545PST 1550PST			0	0			Hail (0.50)
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Hail reported by California Highway Patrol but size was unavailable. No damage was reported.

Fresno County

10 SE Fresno to 10.5 SE Fresno	11	1555PST 1608PST			0	0			Hail (0.50)
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Spotter report of 1/2 inch hail over a 1/2 mile swath in the vicinity of Clovis and Manning Avenues southeast of Fresno.

Fresno County

Riverdale	12	1345PST 1350PST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
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A closed, cold-core low passed over the Central San Joaquin Valley at the time of maximum heating on Tuesday, March 12. Numerous thunderstorms developed with some reaching severe limits. Some cells spawned tornado activity. Agricultural losses are difficult to assess due to the early stages of crop development, including the blooming/leafing almond crop. This particular event was the initial one as reported by a Riverdale City Fireman.

Fresno County

11 WNW Fresno	12	1345PST 1350PST			0	0			Funnel Cloud
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This funnel was observed by trained spotters to have reached within 200 feet above ground level with a well defined wall cloud. No damage reported.

Fresno County

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Fresno County

10.5 WNW Fresno	12	1400PST 1405PST			0	0			Hail (1.00)
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Fresno County

20 S Fresno	12	1405PST 1410PST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
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Kings County

2 NW Hanford to Hanford	12	1407PST 1410PST	0.1	2	0	0	30K		Tornado (F0)
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This small F0 tornado demolished a small farm structure and shredded bushes along its path.

Kings County

5 N Hanford	12	1420PST 1425PST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
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Kings County

3 N Hanford to Hanford	12	1425PST 1430PST	0.1	1	0	0	10K		Tornado (F0)
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This small F0 tornado ran S-to-N through a residential area of Hanford. Small trees were toppled, lawn furniture lifted and deposited into a pool, fences knocked down, and trash cans displaced.

Kings County

3 N Corcoran to 5 NNE Corcoran	12	1440PST 1445PST			0	0			Funnel Cloud
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Observers noted this funnel cloud reaching within 200 feet above ground. No damage reported



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CALIFORNIA, South Central

Kings County

Hanford	12	1540PST 1640PST			0	0			Urban/Sml Stream Fld
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Heavy rainfall in the vicinity of Hanford brought 0.34 Inches in only a 20' period. With flat ground poor drainage posed problems for urban areas in the Central San Joaquin Valley.

Tulare County

Visalia	12	1602PST 1620PST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
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Tulare County

Visalia	12	1615PST 1625PST			0	0			Funnel Cloud
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Funnel was observed over the city of Visalia down to about 200 feet above ground level. Associated with thunderstorm producing heavy rain and hail.

Fresno County

Fresno	12	1615PST 1745PST			0	0			Urban/Sml Stream Fld
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Urban flooding as the result of rain, associated with thunderstorms and locally heavy, throughout the afternoon hours. Rained as much as 1.54 inches in 2 hours between 1350-1550 PST at one location.

Tulare County

Visalia	12	1630PST 1645PST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
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Hail bouncing and covering streets of downtown Visalia. Heavy rain brought water over the curb tops along with the hail

Tulare County

2 E Visalia	12	1650PST 1700PST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
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Thunderstorm with 1/2 to 3/4 inch hail in east Visalia. Rained 0.92 inches within an hour. Street flooding.

Fresno County

Mendota	13	0800PST 0930PST			0	0	25K	50K	Urban/Sml Stream Fld
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Runoff from the previous days heavy rains and severe weather progressed toward the northwest Fresno County town of Mendota during the night. Over the saturated farm ground, water reached Mendota early in the morning of the 13th causing local flooding and silting of city streets. Rain amounts reported included 1 inch in an hour ending at 1730 PST on the west side the previous afternoon. Damage to agriculture was to irrigation and water conveyance systems upstream from Mendota. Minor damage to houses along southside of Mendota from high water.