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From: Michelle Hawkins, Chief

Severe, Fire, Public, and Winter Weather Services Branch

Subject: Changes to Public Forecast Zones for Central California: Effective September 8, 2021

On or about Tuesday, September 8, 2021 at 900 AM Pacific Daylight Time (PDT), 1600 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the NWS Weather Forecast Office in Hanford, CA, (WFO HNX) will reconfigure and rename the public forecast zones in central California. Upon implementing this change, all weather forecasts and related products for central California will use the zone number and names shown in Table 2 below.

If September 8, 2021 is declared a Critical Weather Day, this implementation will be postponed to September 15, 2021.

WFO Hanford, in conjunction with its partnering agencies, has revised the zone boundaries to better reflect the climatology, weather differences, and administrative needs of the area.

Table	1:

Universal Geographic Code (UGC)	Current Public Zone Forecast Name		
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CAZ338 Mojave Desert Slope(s)		<u> </u>
CAZ337 Indian Wells Valley		
CAZ339 Mojave Desert	CALSSY	MOJave Desert

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

Product Name	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
Zone Forecast Product	FPUS56 KHNX	ZFPHNX
Point Forecast Matrices	FOUS56 KHNX	PFMHNX
Tabular State Forecast	FPUS66 KHNX	SFTHNX
Public Information Statement	NOUS46 KHNX	PNSHNX
Non-Precipitation Watch/Warning/	WWUS76 KHNX	NPWHNX
Advisory		
Flood Watch/Warning/Advisory	WGUS66 KHNX	FFAHNX
Special Weather Statement	WWUS86 KHNX	SPSHNX
Winter Weather Message	WWUS46 KHNX	WSWHNX
Area Forecast Discussion	FXUS66 KHNX	AFDHNX
Area Forecast Matrices	FOUS56 KHNX	AFMHNX

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 along with geographic descriptions of each new zone are online at:

https://www.weather.gov/hnx/ZoneChange

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