

Rainstorm not enough to cause dent in drought, but more on the way

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A cyclist makes his way up Tulare Street last week in morning fog.

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The heavy rainstorm that drenched the Valley on Thursday and Friday didn't compensate for the region's three-year drought, but more wet weather is on the way, meteorologist William Peterson of the National Weather Service in Hanford said Saturday.

Most of the Valley is expected to get another quarter-inch on Monday and Tuesday, while slight showers are possible for the following weekend, Peterson said.

Foggy mornings and late evenings are expected for most of the week, with temperatures hovering from the low to mid-50s.

Fresno received 1.43 inches of rain during the two-day storm, Peterson said. So far in December Fresno has received 1.80 inches of rain, he said.

Since July 1, the start of the rainfall season, Fresno has received a total of 2.89 inches which is .39 of an inch above

average for this time of year.

Meanwhile, the winter storm brought a welcome layer of snow to the Sierra. Badger Pass Ski Area in Yosemite National Park will open Sunday. The announcement was made Saturday afternoon after storms brought more than 20 inches of snow to the resort.

A shuttle will run on opening day between Yosemite Valley lodging and Badger Pass. Badger's snow tubing hill will open at a later date when more snow has accumulated.

Badger is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

More information is available by calling (209) 372-1000 ext. 5, [Badger Pass Yosemite Ski Area on Facebook](#) and [@SkiBadgerPass](#) on Twitter.

The winter storm also brought enough snow to China Peak Mountain Resort in Lakeshore to guarantee its season will open on Dec. 20, officials announced Saturday.

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