

Sacramento on track to have driest January since 1800s

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Sacramento is on pace to have the driest January since the first official weather observation was made on July 1, 1877.

Only 0.01 inches of rain has fallen this month, specifically on Monday. That's a smidgen, a drop, a scintilla, a trifle in the proverbial rain bucket.

While there's a chance that Sacramento could get some rain Tuesday or Wednesday, don't look for much. A high pressure system has stubbornly shunted all rain toward Oregon, leaving Northern California high and dry. A total of 9.29 inches of rain has fallen this season, which is 96 percent of normal for Jan. 21.

If the remainder of the month stays dry, 2015 could claim the driest January since records have been kept in Sacramento. Here, courtesy of the National Weather Service, are the driest Januaries:

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- 0.07 in 2007
- 0.15 in 1889
- 0.20 in 2014
- 0.23 in 1984
- 0.29 in 1920
- 0.37 in 1976 and 1991
- 0.45 in 1904
- 0.53 in 1891
- 0.60 in 1947
- 0.70 in 1989

The detailed, seven-day forecast from the [NWS for the Sacramento region](#):

Thursday: Areas of fog before 10 a.m. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 61. Calm wind becoming north-northwest around 6 mph in the morning.

Thursday night: Mostly clear, with a low around 44. North-northwest wind 3 to 5 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 63. Calm wind becoming north-northwest around 6 mph in the morning.

Friday night: Mostly clear, with a low around 44. North wind around 6 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 64. North-northwest wind around 5 mph.

Saturday night: Widespread haze after 4 a.m. Patchy fog after 10 p.m. Otherwise, mostly clear, with a low around 45.

Sunday: Widespread haze before 10 a.m. Sunny, with a high near 65.

Sunday night: Patchy fog after 10 p.m. Otherwise, mostly clear, with a low around 46.

Monday: Patchy fog before 10 a.m. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 64.

Monday night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 49.

Tuesday: A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 62.

Tuesday night: A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48.

Wednesday: A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 64.

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