

# San Francisco gets no rain in January for first time in 165 years

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In another sign California's persistent drought, downtown San Francisco recorded no measurable rain in January for the first time in 165 years.

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The National Weather Service also said Santa Cruz recorded no rain in January for the first time since 1893. Normal rainfall for that city in January is more than 6 inches.

For the Bay Area as a whole, last month was the driest January on record, the weather service said.

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December brought decent rain to Southern and Northern California,

raising hopes for a wet winter. But January turned out to be dry and unusually warm.

Parts of Southern California, however, did see some showers in January.

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