La Nina bucks its hype?, October preliminary totals, Water Workshops announced, Fire Links, Halloween forecast, and Daylight Saving Time ends

Is this fledgling La Nina doing what its counterpart, El Nino, did last winter? Is it defying what we like to label it as being capable of? A weak to moderate La Nina usually begins with a nice wet start for Northern California. It did that for a couple of weeks (see numbers below). But now the weather will hold dry for at least a week or so. Not enough to bust the long-range forecast, but it will be interesting to watch. Last winter's weak El Nino could have brought Southern California some nice rainfall, but it didn't. All of that is to be taken lightly, of course, as each forcing mechanism has truly brought a variety of conditions, and there is no set of absolute responses for either in California. La Nina has, in fact, brought both wetter and drier than normal seasons to the North state.

The Northern Sierra 8-station index stands at 3.5" for the water year which began October 1. This is about 120% of average for both the month, and for the season.

The Feather River basin did not officially pick up any precip during the scattered storms on Monday/ Tuesday.

October rainfall totals:

Oroville	1.32"
Hayward	1.80"
Tahoe	0.87"
Mt. Shasta	3.14"
Oxnard	0.06"
LA/USC	0.95"
Merced	0.87"
Eureka	5.84"
Marysville	1.55"
Paso Robles	0.47"
Napa Co.	2.06"
Sac Exec	1.06"

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is hosting a series of water conditions workshops to provide an overview of statewide water conditions and to discuss the water outlook for 2008. Water year 2007 was the driest year of record for some communities in Southern California. While it is not possible to predict the coming year's precipitation, water agencies are preparing for the possibility of another dry year, a possibility that may become more likely for Southern California if La Niña conditions continue to strengthen. In addition, actions being taken to protect the Delta smelt will

affect the ability to export water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta in 2008. Water Conditions Workshops are free, and no registration is required.

November 6 - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sacramento Convention Center
Room 305
1400 J Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

November 8 - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Metropolitan Water District
Committee Room 102
700 North Alameda Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

November 20 - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
City of Hayward, Centennial Hall
Room 6
22292 Foothill Boulevard
Hayward, CA 94541

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CalFire (CA Dept of Forestry and Fire protection) http://www.fire.ca.gov/index.php
NWS California Fire Weather Page http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/cafw/
NWS LA Fire Wx Page http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/lox/firewx.php
NWS San Diego Fire Wx Page http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sgx/firewx/firewx.php?wfo=sgx

Halloween outlook; nice dry evening, with fog developing in favored areas overnight. No rain for the entire RFC (California-Nevada River Forecast Center) tonight! Trick or treat!?

Daylight Saving Time ends this weekend. We return to Standard time at 2:00am November 4th. (Set the clocks back one hour Saturday night before bed, or when you get up Sunday morning). Next year, Daylight Saving Time begins on March 9th.

Busy time for meteorologists and climatologists at this start of the season, making presentations all over the place. We water workers wait on wet weather!

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