

NWS FORM E-5                      U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE                      HYDROLOGIC SERVICE AREA:  
NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE                      **SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY - HANFORD , CA**

MONTHLY REPORT OF RIVER AND  
FLOOD CONDITIONS

REPORT FOR:

MONTH: **FEBRUARY**    YEAR: **2010**

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When no flooding occurs, include miscellaneous river conditions, such as significant rises, record low stages, ice conditions, snow cover, droughts and hydrologic products issued (WSOM E-41).

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| **X** | An **X** inside this box indicates that no flooding occurred for the month  
+----+ within this hydrologic service area.

The El Nino proved to be alive and well this month as several storm systems trekked across the central California interior during the early and latter part of February. The combined effects of these storms produced above normal precipitation for the third month in a row and maintained a healthy snowpack over the high Sierra. A welcome break from wet weather occurred from the 10<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup> as a block developed in the overall pattern and a strong upper level ridge of high pressure anchored itself along the west coast. During this period, milder than normal afternoon temperatures prevailed throughout the HSA under mostly clear skies.

At the end of the month, the snowpack over the southern Sierra Nevada averaged 110 percent of normal while most of the major reservoirs in the HSA were at 50 percent of their normal water capacity.

HYDROLOGIC PRODUCTS ISSUED THIS MONTH

Small Stream Flood Advisory.....Kern County mountains	2335Z	06-FEB
Urban and Small Stream Flood Advisory...Kern County desert	2327Z	09-FEB
Urban and Small Stream Flood Advisory...San Joaquin Valley north of Kern County	0232Z	24-FEB
Urban and Small Stream Flood Advisory...San Joaquin Valley and adjacent foothills	1824Z	27-FEB

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