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SUBJECT: RECONFIGURATION OF PUBLIC FORECAST ZONES AND ZONE NUMBERS FOR THE GREATER MONTEREY BAY AREA OF CALIFORNIA: EFFECTIVE APRIL 1 2008

EFFECTIVE APRIL 1 2008 AT 500 A.M. PACIFIC DAYLIGHT TIME /PDT/...1200 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...THE NWS WILL RECONFIGURE TWO PUBLIC FORECAST ZONES FOR THE GREATER MONTEREY BAY REGION OF CALIFORNIA. THIS RECONFIGURATION WILL IMPROVE LOCAL FORECASTS BY AFFORDING FORECASTERS FLEXIBILITY TO SEPARATE AND HIGHLIGHT SMALLER ZONES TO MORE ACCURATELY REFLECT ONGOING AND PREDICTED WEATHER.

TABLE 1 SHOWS THE CURRENT CONFIGURATION FOR CALIFORNIA ZONES CAZ514 AND CAZ515. TABLE 2 DESCRIBES THE RECONFIGURED ZONES...INCLUDING NEW ZONE NAMES AND NUMBERS FOR EACH RECONFIGURED ZONE. BOTH TABLES SHOW REPRESENTATIVE CITIES IN EACH ZONE.

TABLE 1: CURRENT PUBLIC FORECAST ZONES THAT WILL BE RECONFIGURED AS OUTLINED IN TABLE 2 BEGINNING APRIL 1 2008

UGC ZONE NUMBER UGC ZONE NAME

CAZ514 MONTEREY BAY...NORTHERN SALINAS VALLEY...

HOLLISTER VALLEY AND CARMEL VALLEY

REPRESENTATIVE CITIES: SANTA

CRUZ...MONTEREY...SALINAS...WATSONVILLE...HOLLISTER...CARMEL...CARMEL VALLEY

CAZ515 BIG SUR COAST

REPRESENTATIVE CITY: BIG SUR

TABLE 2: NEW ZONES...EFFECTIVE APRIL 1 2008

UGC ZONE NUMBER UGC ZONE NAME

CAZ529 NORTHERN MONTEREY BAY

DESCRIPTION: COASTAL SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BELOW 1000 FEET. SOUTH OF DAVENPORT.

REPRESENTATIVE CITIES: SANTA CRUZ...WATSONVILLE

CAZ530 SOUTHERN MONTEREY BAY AND BIG SUR COAST

DESCRIPTION: COASTAL MONTEREY COUNTY BELOW 1000 FEET. EASTERN BOUNDARY INLAND FROM MONTEREY BAY IS HIGHWAY 101 AND HIGHWAY 68

REPRESENTATIVE CITIES: MONTEREY...CARMEL...BIG SUR

CAZ528 NORTHERN SALINAS VALLEY...HOLLISTER VALLEY AND CARMEL VALLEY

DESCRIPTION: SALINAS VALLEY FROM SOLEDAD NORTH AND ADJOINING FOOTHILLS BELOW 1000 FEET...NORTHERN CARMEL VALLEY AND ADJOINING FOOTHILLS BELOW 1000 FEET...HOLLISTER VALLEY AND ADJOINING FOOTHILLS BELOW 1000 FEET. WESTERN BOUNDARY IS HIGHWAY 101 AND HIGHWAY 68 EXCEPT HIGHWAY 1 NEAR THE MOUTH OF THE CARMEL VALLEY.

REPRESENTATIVE CITIES: SALINAS...HOLLISTER...CARMEL VALLEY

IN ADDITION TO ZONE FORECASTS...OTHER PRODUCTS WITH THE Z FORM OF THE UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODE /UGC/ WHICH WILL USE THE RECONFIGURED ZONES ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3 WITH THEIR ADVANCED WEATHER INTERACTIVE PROCESSING SYSTEM /AWIPS/ AND WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ IDENTIFIERS.

TABLE 3: PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY ZONE RECONFIGURATIONS.

| PRODUCT | AWIPS ID | WMO ID | |
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| ZONE FORECAST PRODUCT | ZFPMTR | FPUS56 | KMTR |
| WINTER WEATHER WATCH/WARNING/ADVISORY | WSWMTR | WWUS46 | KMTR |
| NON-PRECIPITATION WATCH/WARNING/ADVISORY | NPWMTR | WWUS45 | KMTR |
| COASTAL FLOOD WATCH | CFWMTR | WHUS46 | KMTR |
| SHORT TERM FORECAST | NOWMTR | FPUS76 | KMTR |
| STATE FORECAST TABLE | SFTMTR | FPUS66 | KMTR |
| SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT | SPSMTR | WWUS35 | KMTR |
| PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT | PNSMTR | ABUS34 | KMTR |
| POINT FORECAST MATRICES | PFMMTR | FPUS56 | KMTR |
| HAZARDOUS WEATHER OUTLOOK | HWOMTR | FLUS46 | KMTR |
| EARTHQUAKE REPORT | EQRMTR | SEUS66 | KMTR |

AN UPDATED ZONE MAP SHAPEFILE OF THE REALIGNED BOUNDARIES IS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD FROM THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE /USE LOWER CASE/:

HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/GEODATA/CATALOG/WSOM/HTML/PUBZONE.HTM

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