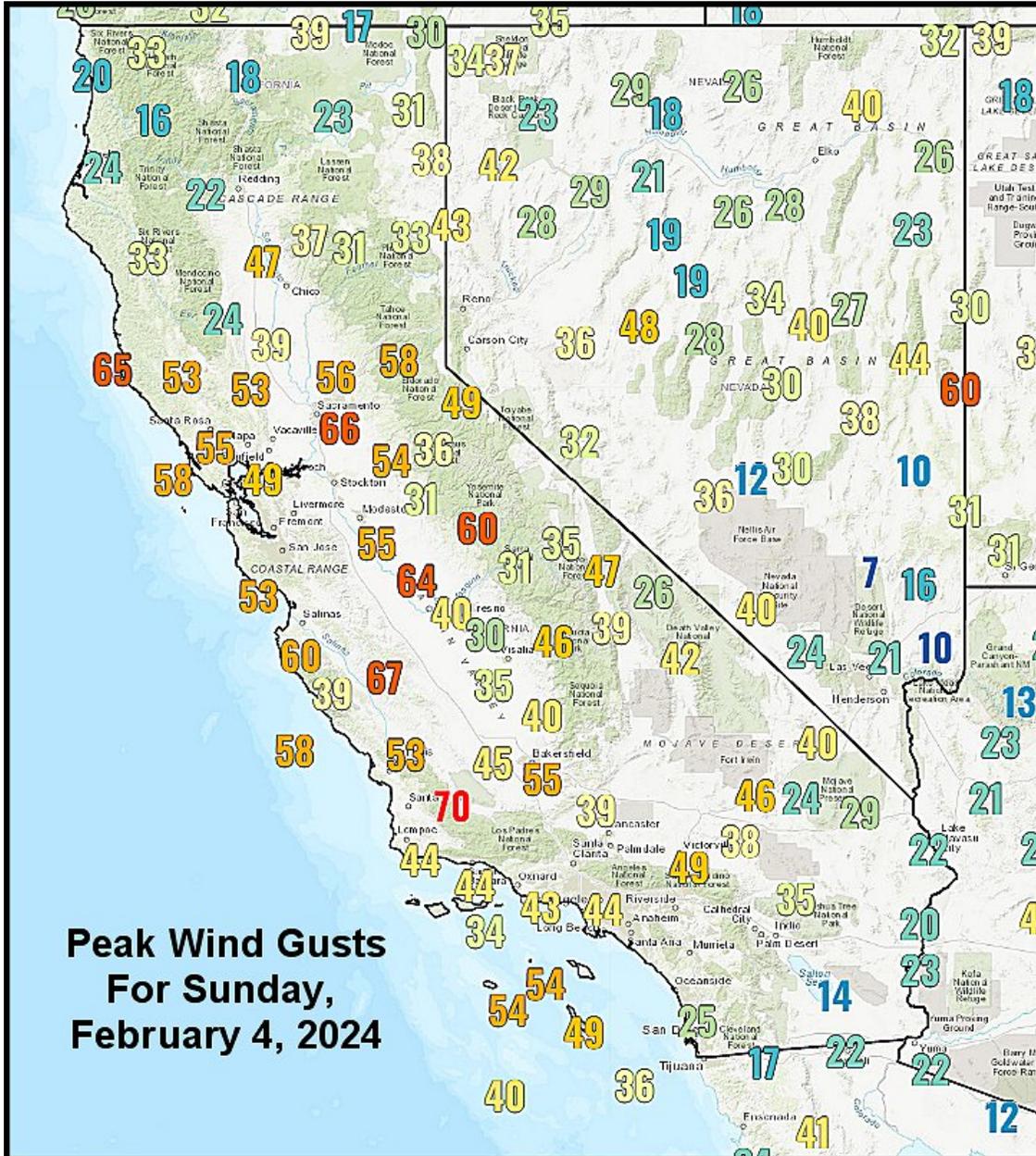


Storm Bashes California With High Wind, Flooding

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Kansas City, February 5 (World Weather Inc.) – [A very intense storm impacted California Sunday and overnight as expected and it will continue to have a big impact on the state into Tuesday. Property damage has occurred in many areas and with another day of storminess expected the impact is likely to rise further.](#)

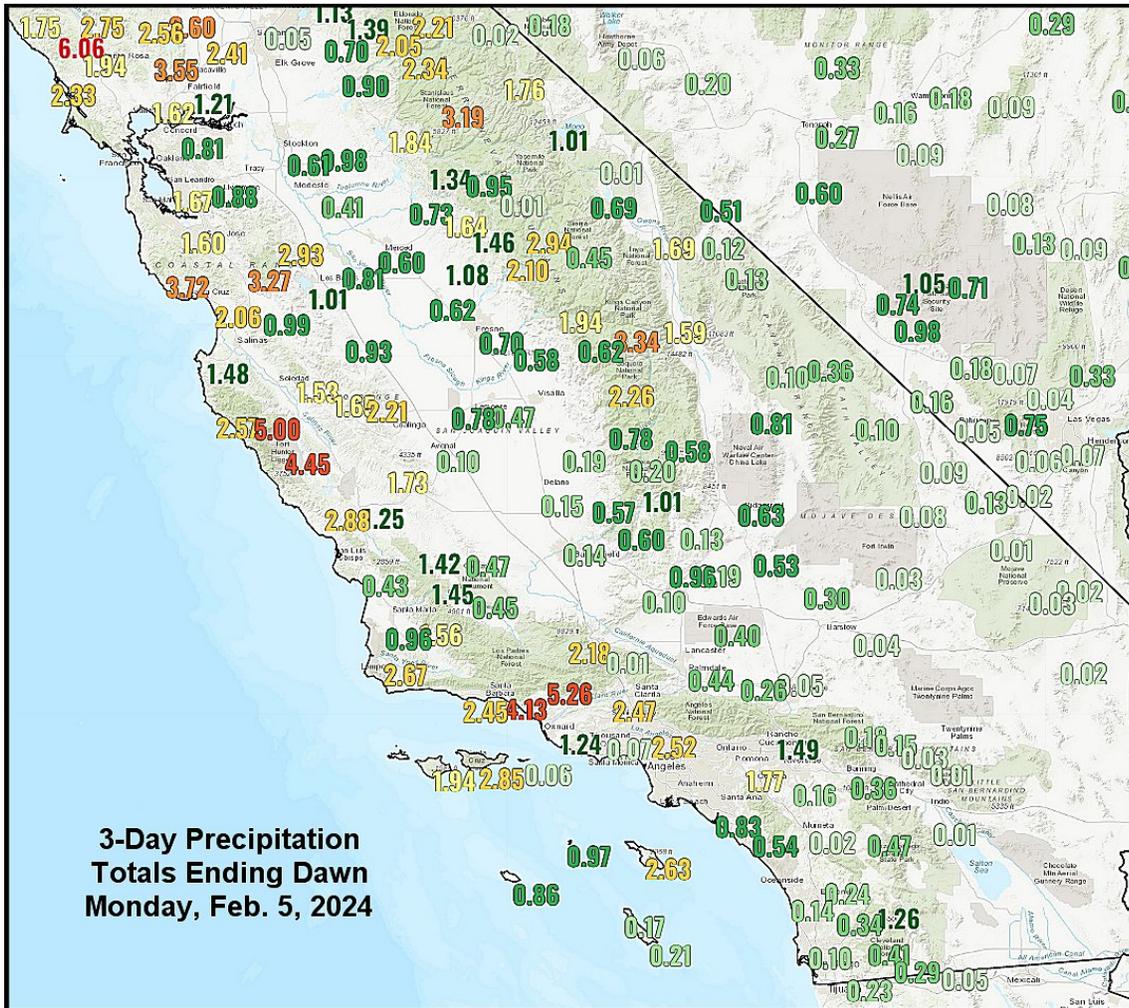


A deepening low pressure center off the California coast Sunday induced some very strong wind speeds. Gusts varied from 30 to 60 mph in most of the central valleys. However, peak gusts varying from 60-70 mph were also noted with a few localized greater

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feet by the end of the day Tuesday and official amounts had not been reported as of the time of this writing.

The precipitation has already caused some significant flooding and more is likely. Damage to personal property and infrastructure is expected to be significant. Power outages had reached 900,000 during the pre-dawn hours today.



Landslides were noted in Malibu and Beverly Hills. The Los Angeles area was expecting more flooding and damage. As of last evening there were already reports of damaged roadways, submerged vehicles and flooded creeks and streams.

Not only has the storm disrupted road travel, but hundreds of air flights had been cancelled or delayed from San Francisco to San Diego.

Most of the damage from the storm so far has been in urban areas. Rainfall in key agricultural areas of the central valleys in California had not been seriously impacted through the pre-dawn hours Monday. Rainfall in the San Joaquin Valley had only varied from 0.10 to a little more than 1.00 inch, although some of the western valleys were starting to report greater amounts. Rainfall in the Sacramento Valley was greater varying from 1.00 to 3.00 inches. The greatest risk for the central valleys will likely come a little later when

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snow melts from the mountains causing river and stream flooding. There have been strong wind gusts in the central valleys and reports of heavy rain with more expected.

Today's storm will be the most intense of the current series of disturbances impacting California and the western United States. By Tuesday morning most of the intense wind and rain will be over. Many areas will already see relief later today as the storm moves into the Great Basin and southern Rocky Mountain region. Heavy rain and significant mountain snow will accompany the storm through those areas tonight through Wednesday. Some impressive new snow will fall in the mountains to the delight of some skiers.

Unsettled weather will continue into the end of this week, although none of the rain and wind will be anywhere near as great as that of Sunday or early today. Damage reports are expected to continue flowing in through the day today, though.

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