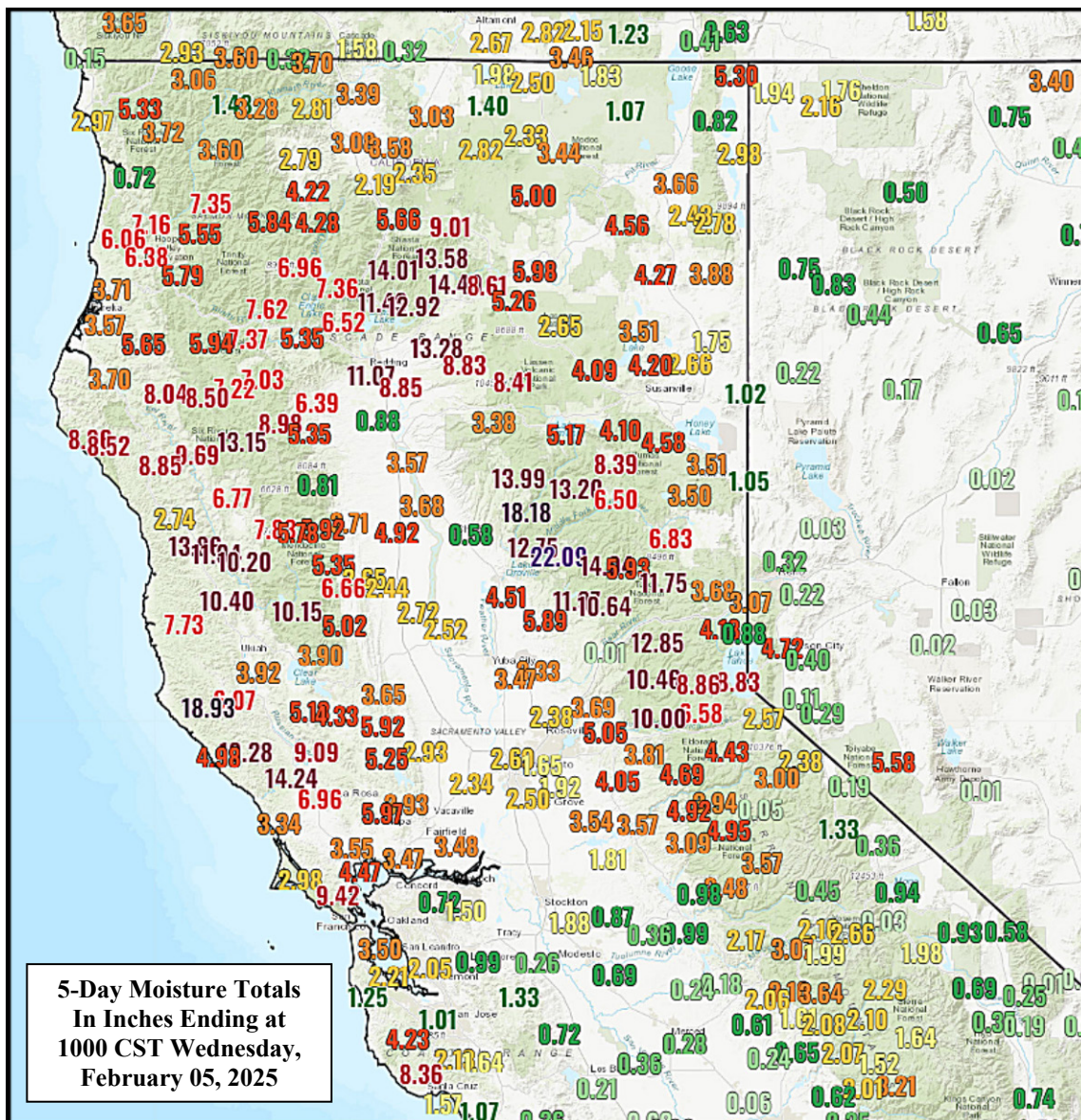


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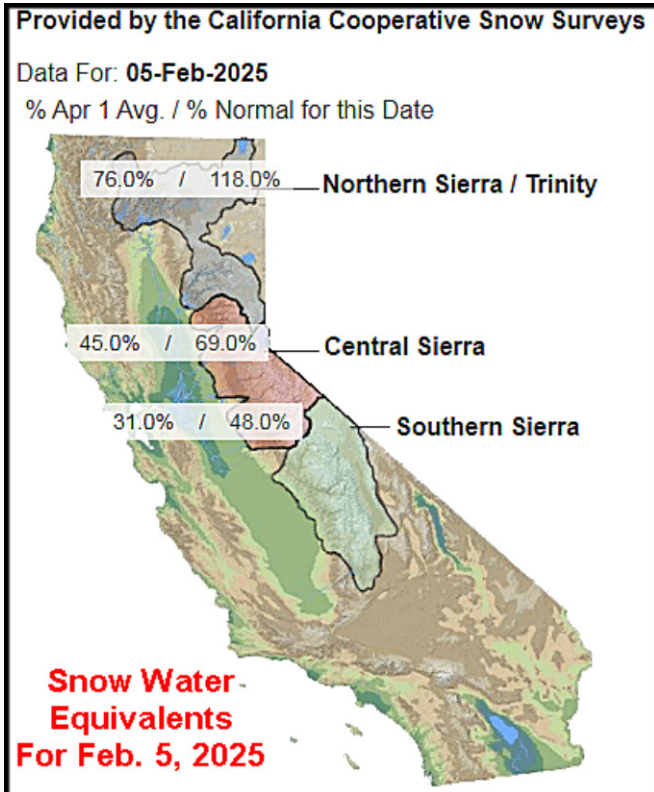
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Kansas City, February 5 (World Weather Inc.) – *Impressive precipitation amounts, like those of the third week in November, have been impacting northern California since last Friday. Heavy rain and flooding along with significant mountain snowfall has occurred.* The weekend was wettest, though rain Tuesday into this morning added greatly to some of the totals. Another brief break in the precipitation is expected this afternoon and early Thursday before more rain and snow evolve Thursday afternoon into Friday. *A longer break in the precipitation will then occur during the weekend and early next week before another bout of moisture arrives during mid-week next week and that one may spread rain and snow farther to the south.* ***The wet bias will maintain concern over flooding and will build up the snowpack in the Sierra Nevada improving the runoff and water reservoir outlook for 2025.***



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Moisture totals since last Friday morning have varied from 3.00 to 10.00 inches in general along the coast and 4.00 to 12 inches in northeastern California. Local, unconfirmed, amounts to 18.93 inches occurred at Manchester, California and the Brush Creek Ranger Station near Berry Creek, California reported 22.09 inches through dawn today. Much of the Sierra Nevada have received heavy mountain snowfall with some rain in the lower elevated areas. Moisture totals in the southern mountains of the Sierra Nevada have varied from 1.00 to 3.50 inches while the northern parts parts of the range received 4.00 to more than 10.00 inches. Snow has been measured in feet in the highest elevated areas and has significantly raised the snowpack in some areas.



The snowfall has been welcome, but relative to normal the snow water equivalents are still below average in many areas in the central and southern Mountains. In the meantime, flooding has been occurring farther to the north and west and drying is needed in those areas.

Additional precipitation this week is not expected to be exceptionally great, though as wet as the ground is now any rain is going to worsen the runoff situation and lead to more flooding. The fact that the remainder of today and early Thursday will be drier biased should help some of the runoff get downstream before the next waves of rain and snow hit.

Precipitation totals by Friday night should vary from 1.00 to 3.00 inches in the Sierra Nevada and along

the upper California coast into southern Oregon. The Sacramento Valley will get another 0.40 to 1.50 inches of rain and areas farther south only light amounts of moisture.

Precipitation advertised for mid- to late-week next week is expected to also range from 1.00 to 3.00 inches in the mountains and along the coast, although this time the rain will reach all the way southward to the San Diego area and some of that southern precipitation will be most welcome after a long and mostly dry winter.

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