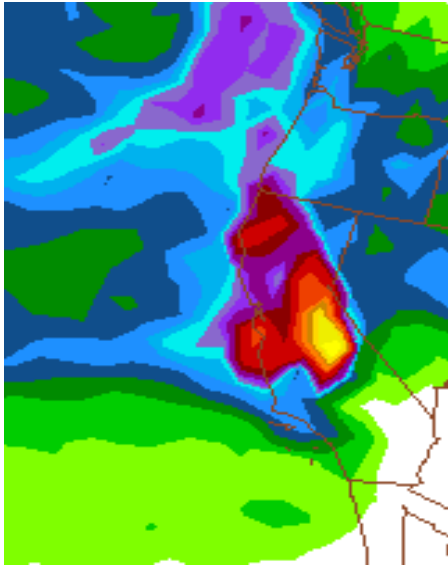


A broad area of low pressure dropping southward from the Gulf of Alaska and a strong WSW'erly jet stream across the Eastern Pacific will spawn a series of potent storm systems which will bring periods of heavy rain, strong winds, and copious amounts of high mountain snow to Northern & Central California beginning Friday and lasting through the middle of next week. Although not quite a "Pineapple Express" (the jet stream will be a little too far north), it will be close to it and these systems will tap into subtropical moisture just north of Hawaii. These storms will be fairly mild with snow levels most likely averaging close to 6500ft near Lake Tahoe. Lower elevation rainfall totals should average between 2-7 inches Friday through Wednesday, with 5-12 inches of rain in the mountains below 6000ft. Snowfall totals above 7000ft should range between 6-12ft. Most models indicate a break in the pattern by Christmas while some keep it wet through the end of the year. Remember, La Niña is supposed to be wet through the early part of winter over NorCal, then we should "dry out" & see below normal precipitation with cooler than normal temperatures for the late winter & spring.

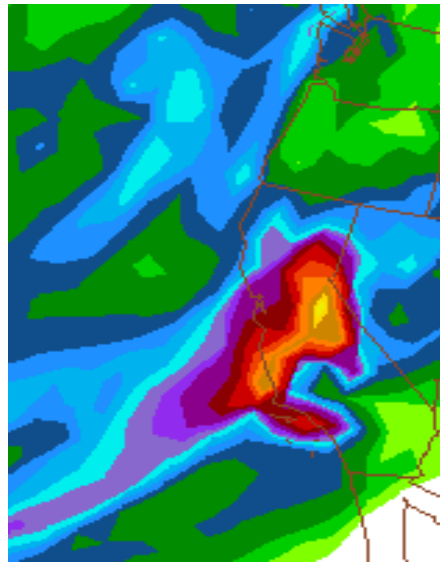
Forecast Precipitation Amounts

Friday through Sunday

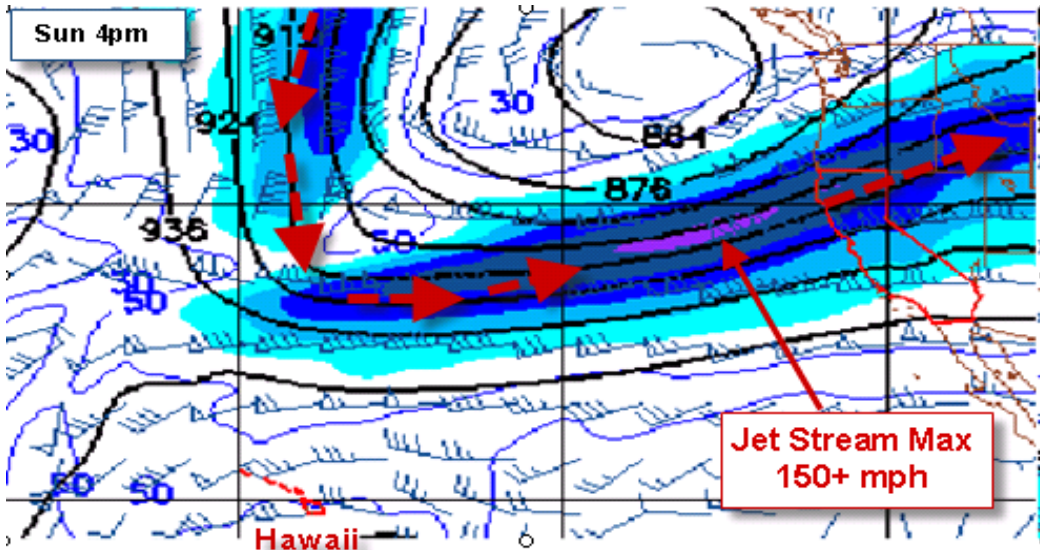
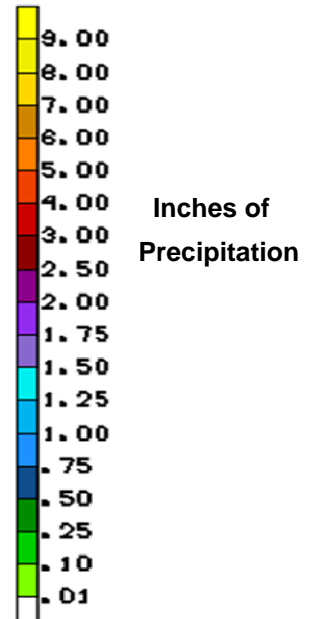


60hr Precip ending Sun 4pm

Monday through Wednesday



60hr Precip ending Wed 10pm



**Strong jet stream over Eastern Pacific aimed at NorCal...
almost a "Pineapple Express"**

For actual Pineapple Express the jet stream needs to dip down all the way to Hawaii