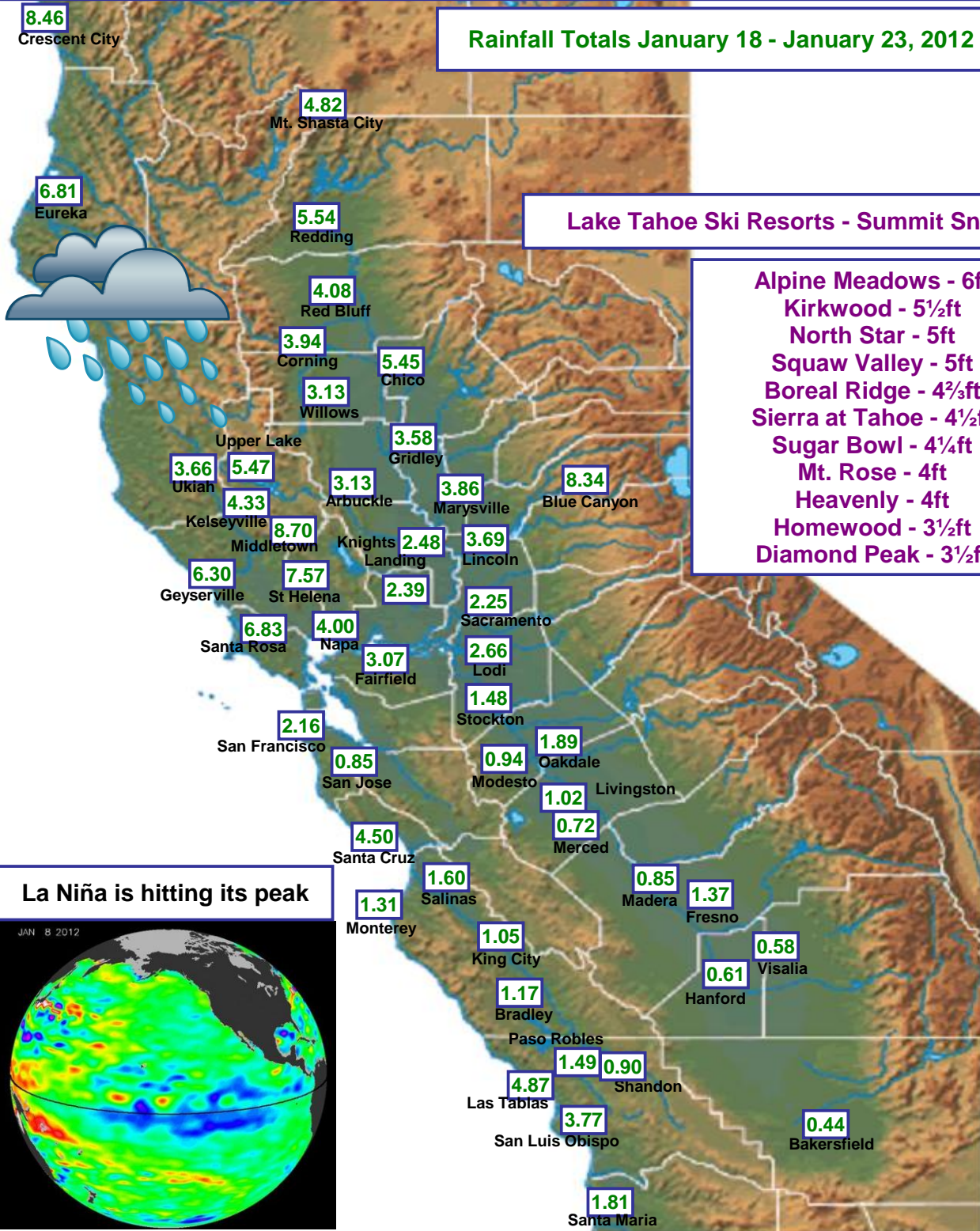


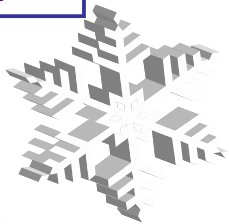
The first storm series of 2012 and the first significant precipitation that much of the state has seen since late November, brought healthy rainfall and snowfall totals to the North & Central State. The much needed rain did bring up seasonal rainfall totals several percentage points, yet most locations are still less than 50% of normal for the season. We're going to need several more storms to get us up closer to normal, and unfortunately the current medium range models do not suggest much precipitation in the next couple of weeks (although probably some). Longer range models also seem to be shying away from a wetter second half of February whereas last week they were showing some hope for more rain. Temperatures look to run close to normal for February and a little cooler than normal for March & April. Rainfall for March & April is forecast to follow what's typical in a La Niña pattern ranging from above normal over extreme NW California, near normal for the Sacramento Valley, Lake Tahoe & the Bay Area, to below normal over the southern half of the state. That's not going to cut it and at some point the "D" word is going to have to come out.

## Rainfall Totals January 18 - January 23, 2012



## Lake Tahoe Ski Resorts - Summit Snowfall Totals

- Alpine Meadows - 6ft
- Kirkwood - 5½ft
- North Star - 5ft
- Squaw Valley - 5ft
- Boreal Ridge - 4¾ft
- Sierra at Tahoe - 4½ft
- Sugar Bowl - 4¼ft
- Mt. Rose - 4ft
- Heavenly - 4ft
- Homewood - 3½ft
- Diamond Peak - 3½ft



## La Niña is hitting its peak

