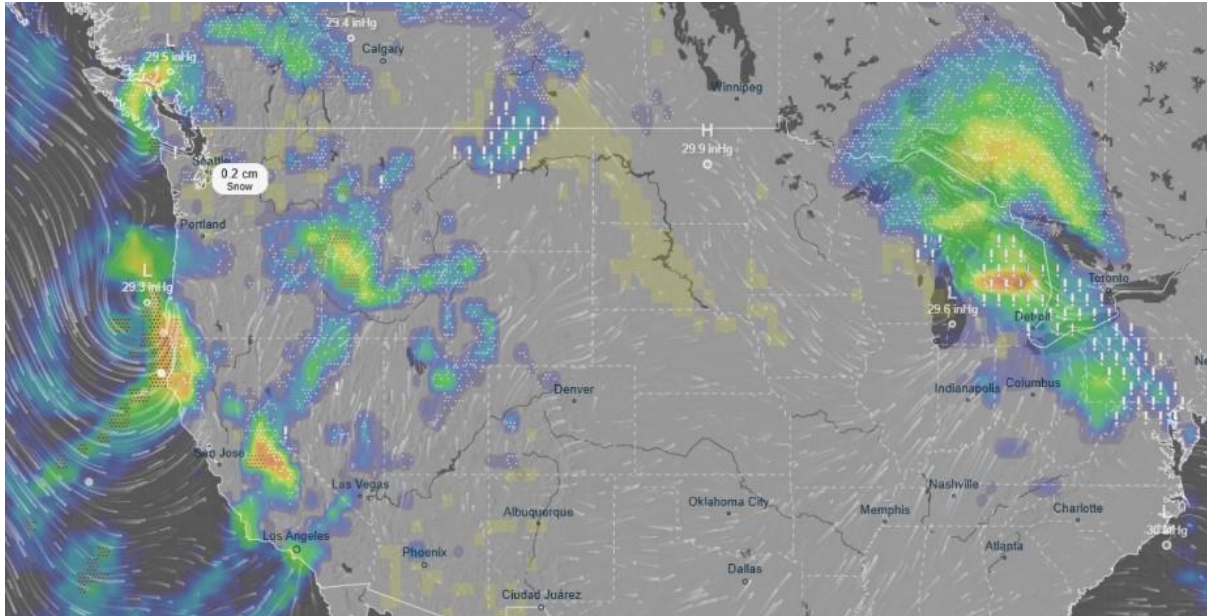


## Severe Flash Flood Risk Across California



Valid: 24–27 December 2025

### Affected Areas

Southern California (Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Bernardino, Orange, San Diego counties); Central California (Bay Area, Central Coast, Sacramento Valley); Northern California (Shasta, Humboldt, Sierra Nevada foothills).

### Hazard Types

Life-threatening flash floods, urban flooding, mudslides/debris flows, strong winds (50–70+ mph), heavy snow and blizzard conditions in the Sierra Nevada.

### Summary

Strong atmospheric rivers peak Christmas Eve–26 December with the highest-level excessive rainfall warning for Southern California. Heavy rain bands bring rates over 1 inch per hour and totals of 4–8 inches in coastal/valleys, 8–12+ inches in mountains/foothills, causing widespread flash flooding and debris flows on saturated ground. Deadly impacts from Northern California shift south; winds and Sierra blizzard add dangers. Risks drop sharply after 27 December with dry weather into early January.