

## **Rivers swell as wet storm moves through Northern California**

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**Travelers walk during a rainstorm to the terminals at Oakland International Airport, Friday, April 6, 2018, in Oakland, Calif. (AP Photo/Ben Margot)**

**San Francisco:** Up to 6 inches (15 centimeters) of rain fell over two days as a drenching “Pineapple Express” storm swelled rivers and flooded roads in Northern California, forecasters said Saturday. The heaviest rain was in the northern Sierra and in coastal counties from San Francisco north to Mendocino during a 48-hour period beginning Thursday afternoon, the National Weather Service said. Downtown San Francisco saw nearly 2 inches (5 centimeters) on Friday, making for the fourth-wettest April day since record-keeping began.

The storm tapered off by late Saturday morning but minor flooding continued along the swollen Truckee River near Lake Tahoe. Yosemite National Park’s Yosemite Valley remained closed Saturday night, but officials said they would assess whether to reopen midday Sunday, depending on conditions.

No major problems were reported, but runoff from melting snow could add to the chance of rapidly rising streams and rivers, forecasters warned.

The wet weather resulted from a strong “atmospheric river” of subtropical moisture that moved east from Hawaii.

Police rescued a man who became trapped in a rain-swollen drainage channel near Sacramento, where many roads were flooded. The state capital saw more than 1.17 inches (nearly 3 centimeters) of rain on Friday.

Sonoma County officials said there were no major mudslides in areas stripped bare by last fall’s wildfires.

San Francisco International Airport reported about 150 canceled flights because of the weather and others were delayed.

To the north, state officials warned this week that they may have to use the partially rebuilt spillway at Oroville Dam for the first time since repairs began on the badly damaged structure last summer.

The water level in Lake Oroville topped 797 feet (243 meters) on Saturday.

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