

STORM

ed in Belmont too. More than 100 flights in and out of San Francisco International Airport were canceled and about 360 were delayed for minutes to hours because of weather concerns, said Brian Horne, airport duty manager.

Venado, a remote former lumber town west of Healdsburg, was hit the hardest as the storm moved from the North Bay into San Francisco and the Central Coast. It received nearly 7 inches of rain in 24 hours, meteorologists said.

Some creeks in those counties were over flood stages, and other areas were poised to get a good soaking later.

By nightfall, San Francisco had recorded more than an inch of rain in 24 hours, with areas further north seeing 2 to 4 inches and 5 to nearly 7 inches recorded in some areas of the Sierra Nevadas.

Rain in Socal too

By evening the storm spread south and rain was falling on most of the Los Angeles area, which has seen barely a drop in recent weeks. The National Weather Service forecast anywhere from a half-inch to 3 inches of rain in Southern California through this morning.

Flash flood watches and warnings were issued for areas up and down the state, especially those where brushfires had denuded hillsides and mountain slopes.

That included areas along the Central Coast, where heavy rains were falling around Hearst Castle late in the evening.

A half-inch of rain per hour would be enough to send those hillsides tumbling and the storm was expected to dump that and more in some areas, forecasters said.

In Los Angeles, fire stations were handing out sandbags.

"We're concerned about mudslides and flooding," city fire spokeswoman Margaret Stewart said.

Get out quickly if "things go bad," she urged residents of foothill and burned areas. "Don't take the risk of being trapped in a mudslide."

Lots of rain already

The storm wasn't a surprise in the northern half of the state, which has been downright soggy this year. Forecasters say San Francisco's 12 days of rain in October were the most in a single month in more than a century.

San Francisco received 2.43 inches of precipitation in October, which was more than double the total from a year earlier.

Drivers were urged to take it easy on slick roads.

California Highway Patrol Officer Andrew Barclay said drivers should avoid driving through standing water and losing control.

"My biggest suggestion right now is slow down and have patience," Barclay said in Marin. "It's going to take longer than normal to get home tonight, don't rush."

In Healdsburg, antique dealer Greg Sheldon said driving conditions were difficult there.

"Some of our streets are flooded here. I had two feet of water in one of my lanes," said Sheldon, who works at Antique Harvest. "There's just tons of water coming off, the ground is so saturated right now. Every field is a big lake."

Chris Daniels, who also works in Healdsburg and lives nearby in Windsor, said she was worried about getting home last night.

"I have a creek behind my house. It's just about ready to go over our road," she said. "I'm just hoping I can get back into my house."

In the Sierra Nevada, winds gusted to nearly 100 mph at times over ridgetops yesterday, posing a risk of toppling trees weakened by drought. A winter storm warning was in effect through 4 a.m. today around Lake Tahoe, where 1 to 3 feet of snow was expected at the upper elevations.

SAFETY

publicans are meeting," she said. Now, members of the organization want security officers to be present when meetings are held, Soule said. People who attend currently pay \$15 for which they get breakfast, but she said they could be charged more to pay for a security guard.

At the Nov. 16 meeting, 96 people were in attendance.

There have been no other incidents like this one at the club's meetings, Soule said, but it has yet to be seen what might happen in January when Trump takes office.

When she reported what happened to the restaurant, the employees were astounded, Soule said. They haven't seen anything like this in 23 years, she said.

Union 'flunkies' seen at meetings

Ever since Trump was chosen as the Republican nominee in June, Soule said "union flunkies" have been infiltrating the meetings. But they haven't caused trouble during the meetings, which she said was her biggest concern.

Soule said as long as they behave, she thought they might learn something.

Other anti-Republican incidents

Incidents in the past couple of months have alarmed local Republicans.

On June 2, several Trump supporters were beaten outside a Trump rally at the McEnery Convention Center in San Jose. A lawsuit filed by the victims accuses San Jose and its Democrat mayor, Sam Liccardo, of telling police to stand down and not protect the Trump supporters from a group of about 400 protesters.

On the day after the election, a student at Woodside High School who supported Trump was attacked by two of her classmates, according to the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office. Two bystanders recorded the attack on video, and those videos went viral.

With what is happening around the country since Trump's election, Soule said she doesn't have free speech even though she supports a candidate who she believes can turn around the economy.

She has Trump T-shirts and a "Make America Great Again" hat, but she said would never wear them out because she's afraid she would get beat up.

But Soule said she wants to wear her hat and shirts.

ELECTORAL

fornia with 8.7 million votes to 4.5 million for Trump, a difference of 4,269,978 — more than her margin of victory in the national popular vote.

The 55 electors are required by state law to vote for California's winner, so there's no mystery about how Monday's vote will go in Sacramento.

Electors in the 49 other states will meet at the same time on Monday to cast their votes for president.

In about half of the states, electors aren't required to vote for the winner in their state. Republicans in those states are being inundated with emails from Democrats asking that they vote for Clinton instead of Trump.

In San Carlos, Olbert said that he has received two or three emails and one letter about his role in the

Electoral College. One email asked him to do anything he can to keep Trump from becoming president. He said the other correspondences he's received asked him to vote for another Republican other than Donald Trump.

A vote for Clinton

Olbert said that he wasn't too sure that he could legally do that. Also, he says he feels a strong sense of duty to vote for the person that his district overwhelmingly supported — Clinton. Clinton prevailed in San Mateo County with 75% of the vote.

The letters that Olbert received seem to echo the actions of Vinz Koller, an elector from Carmel. The AP reports that Koller has filed a lawsuit asking a judge to overturn the law. He says in court filings that he believes Mitt Romney, John Kasich "or another qualified compromise candidate" would be the "correct choice" but he's unwilling to risk a criminal conviction.

Olbert, a retired financial executive and councilman, says that he understands that no system for electing a president is perfect, but he understands people's complaints about the Electoral College.

"People in Wyoming have 15 or 20 times the amount of voting power as people in California. There are fewer people in Wyoming than in San Mateo County," he said. "That's not fair, but fair is a fuzzy concept."

Eliminating the Electoral College

He said that while it's possible that a constitutional amendment could switch the nation from the Electoral College to a direct election of the president, he's not holding his breath.

A constitutional amendment would require for two-thirds of both the House of Representatives and the Senate to approve the amendment, which is unlikely since Republicans control both chambers. But even if that were to happen, the amendment would have to be ratified by two-thirds of the states.

Olbert said he can't imagine small states giving up their power to play a role in selecting a president.

This is Olbert's first trip to the state capitol to cast a ballot as an Electoral College member.

"I'm very excited to have been appointed and given this responsibility," Olbert said.

To be selected as a member of the state's electoral college, each of the state's 53 representatives will nominate an elector, the other two members of the state's electoral college are selected by Senators Diane Feinstein and Barbara Boxer. Rep. Jackie Speier, D-San Mateo, appointed Olbert.

Olbert said that he's not completely sure how the voting will happen on Monday. He says his understanding is that there will be a closed-door meeting at 1 p.m. Then at 2 p.m. the public will be able to see them cast their votes.

FEDS

addition to providing a resolution for these two cases, OCR scrutinized the changes the district had made in its policies since beginning the investigations.

The two cases involved two Gunn High School students and an investigation into incidents reported in the student-produced Verde magazine at Palo Alto High School. An article in that magazine, titled "You can't tell me I wasn't raped," claimed Paly has a "rape culture."

The story included anonymous accounts of two alcohol-fueled sexual assaults of Paly students, and the reaction the assaults got on campus.

And the Gunn case stems from a parent complaint in 2014, alleging that the district did not appropriate-

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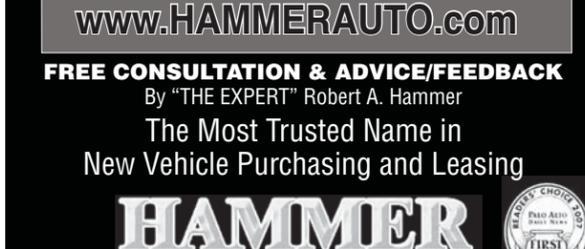
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