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...THIS WAS THE DRIEST RAIN SEASON EVER IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES AND AT MANY OTHER LOCATIONS IN SOUTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA...

THE 2006-2007 RAIN SEASON...WHICH BEGAN ON JULY 1 2006 AND ENDED ON JUNE 30 2007 IS OFFICIALLY THE DRIEST EVER IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES SINCE RECORDS BEGAN 130 YEARS AGO IN 1877. ONLY 3.21 INCHES OF RAIN FELL DURING THE SEASON...NEARLY ONE FOOT OR 11.93 INCHES BELOW THE NORMAL FOR THE SEASON...WHICH IS 15.14 INCHES. RAINFALL TOTALED ONLY 21% OF NORMAL IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES.

THE PREVIOUS RECORD FOR THE DRIEST RAIN SEASON IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES WAS 4.42 INCHES OF RAIN DURING THE 2001-2002 SEASON. THE TOTAL RAIN FOR THE 2006-2007 SEASON...3.21 INCHES...WAS 1.21 INCHES LOWER THAN THE PREVIOUS DRIEST SEASON...A DIFFERENCE OF A WHOPPING 27 PERCENT.

THE RAINFALL TOTAL FOR THE SEASON...3.21 INCHES...WAS LOWER THAN THE AVERAGE YEARLY RAINFALL FOR PHOENIX (8.29")...PALM SPRINGS (5.23") AND LAS VEGAS (4.49")...AND WAS LESS THAN ONE INCH MORE THAN WHAT IS NORMAL FOR DEATH VALLEY (2.33").

DURING THIS PAST SEASON...THE GREATEST RAIN ON ANY CALENDAR DAY WAS JUST 0.50 INCHES ON APRIL 20TH. THIS WAS THE ONLY DAY DURING THE SEASON ON WHICH ONE HALF INCH OF RAIN OR GREATER WAS RECORDED...THE FEWEST NUMBER OF SUCH DAYS IN ANY SEASON. THE PREVIOUS RECORD WAS 2 DAYS DURING THE 2001-2002 SEASON.

MEASURABLE RAIN FELL ON 21 OF THE PAST 365 DAYS IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES...WHICH WAS NOT A RECORD. IT WAS THE 4TH LOWEST TOTAL... BEHIND THE 16 DAYS WITH MEASURABLE RAIN DURING THE 1960-1961 SEASON...THE 17 DAYS DURING THE 1958-1959 SEASON...AND THE 19 DAYS DURING THE 1971-1972. THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS WITH MEASURABLE RAIN IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES IS 35.

RAINFALL WAS BELOW NORMAL IN EVERY MONTH OF THIS PAST SEASON... WITH NOT ONE MONTH RECEIVING RAINFALL TOTALING ONE INCH OR GREATER. IT IS THE FIRST SEASON SINCE RECORDS BEGAN IN 1877 NOT TO HAVE A SINGLE MONTH DURING WHICH ONE INCH OR MORE OF RAIN WAS RECORDED. THE "WETTEST" MONTH WAS FEBRUARY...WHEN 0.92 INCHES OF RAIN WAS RECORDED.

THE TOP TEN DRIEST SEASONS IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES ARE LISTED BELOW. RAIN SEASONS ARE FROM JULY 1 THROUGH JUNE 30TH OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

RANK	RAIN SEASON	SEASONAL RAINFALL	% OF NORMAL
1.....	(2006-2007)	3.21"	21%

2.....	(2001-2002)	4.42"	29%
3.....	(1960-1961)	4.85"	32%
4.....	(1958-1959)	5.58"	37%
5.....	(1898-1899)	5.59"	37%
6.....	(1923-1924)	6.67"	44%
7.....	(1893-1894)	6.73"	44%
8.....	(1897-1898)	7.06"	47%
9.....	(1971-1972)	7.17"	47%
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MONTHLY BREAKDOWN OF DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES RAINFALL...30-YEAR NORMALS
(1971-2000)...DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL...PERCENTAGES OF NORMAL
RAINFALL...AND NUMBER OF DAYS WITH MEASURABLE RAIN.

	ACTUAL MONTHLY PRECIP	NORMAL MONTHLY PRECIP	DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL	PERCENT OF NORMAL	DAYS W/ MEAS. RAIN
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JUL 2006	TRACE	0.01"	-0.01"	0%	0
AUG 2006	0.00"	0.13"	-0.13"	0%	0
SEP 2006	TRACE	0.32"	-0.32"	0%	0
OCT 2006	0.34"	0.37"	-0.03"	92%	2
NOV 2006	0.16"	1.05"	-0.89"	15%	1
DEC 2006	0.81"	1.91"	-1.10"	42%	5
JAN 2007	0.19"	3.33"	-3.14"	6%	3
FEB 2007	0.92"	3.68"	-2.76"	25%	5
MAR 2007	0.05"	3.14"	-3.09"	2%	2
APR 2007	0.74"	0.83"	-0.09"	89%	3
MAY 2007	0.00"	0.31"	-0.31"	0%	0
JUN 2007	0.00"	0.06"	-0.06"	0%	0

SEASON					
TOTALS	3.21"	15.14"	-11.93"	21%	21

SEVERAL OTHER STATIONS AROUND SOUTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA RECORDED THEIR DRIEST SEASON EVER. THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THOSE STATIONS...THEIR FINAL RAINFALL FOR THE 2006-2007 SEASON...NORMAL SEASONAL RAINFALL FOR THAT LOCATION...THE PERCENTAGE OF NORMAL FOR THE 2006-2007 SEASON...AND THE TOTAL RAINFALL IN THE PREVIOUSLY DRIEST SEASON.

	SEASONAL RAINFALL 2006-07	NORMAL SEASONAL RAINFALL	% OF NORM RAIN	PREVIOUS DRIEST SEASON (YEARS)
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LOS ANGELES ARPT	2.63"	13.15"	20%	4.16" (2001-2002)
LONG BEACH ARPT	2.10"	12.94"	16%	2.21" (2001-2002)
UCLA	3.06"	18.68"	16%	5.56" (1975-1976)
BURBANK	2.83"	17.49"	16%	5.12" (2001-2002)
PALMDALE	0.65"	7.36"	9%	1.90" (1960-1961)
LANCASTER	1.40"	7.40"	19%	1.78" (1960-1961)
CAMARILLO	3.43"	15.62"	22%	4.63" (1989-1990)
PASO ROBLES ARPT	3.93"	13.08"	30%	4.26" (1975-1976)

A REVIEW OF THE SEASONAL RAINFALL AT STATIONS ACROSS SOUTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA FROM JULY 1ST 2006 THROUGH JUNE 30 2007 INDICATES HOW PERVASIVE AND WIDESPREAD THE DRY WEATHER WAS LAST SEASON. MOST STATIONS IN VENTURA AND LOS ANGELES COUNTIES ENDED THE SEASON WITH LESS THAN 25% OF NORMAL RAINFALL...WHILE LOCATIONS IN SANTA BARBARA AND SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTIES ENDED THE SEASON WITH BETWEEN 30 AND 45 PERCENT.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF RAINFALL STATISTICS FOR MAJOR CLIMATE REPORTING STATIONS AROUND SOUTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA.

	SEASONAL RAINFALL 7/1/06-6/30/07	NORMAL SEASONAL RAINFALL	% OF NORMAL	2006-07 SEASON RANK
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DOWNTOWN L.A.	3.21"	15.14"	21%	1
LOS ANGELES ARPT	2.63"	13.15"	20%	1
LONG BEACH ARPT	2.10"	12.94"	16%	1
UCLA	3.06"	18.68"	16%	1
BURBANK	2.83"	17.49"	16%	1
PALMDALE	0.65"	7.36"	9%	1
LANCASTER	1.40"	7.40"	19%	1
SANDBERG	5.03"	12.60"	40%	3
CAMARILLO	3.43"	15.62"	22%	1
SANTA BARBARA ARPT	7.15"	16.93"	42%	3
SANTA MARIA	5.11"	14.01"	36%	2
PASO ROBLES ARPT	3.93"	13.08"	30%	1