Area gets a soaking

Santa Cruz County received upward of one-quarter inch of rain yesterday and early this morning.

The storm, which consisted of a series of showers and light rain, is the largest to reach the Monterey Bay area this rain year.

Morning commute traffic was snarled this morning on Highway 17 near the Summit, with both northbound lanes reported blocked at one point.

Traffic was reported moving smoothly throughout the rest of the county this morning.

PG&E spokesman Scott Blakey said 3,000 customers in Scotts Valley were without power from 2:15 to 8:47 a.m., and another 30 in the Boulder Creek area from 5:25 to 6:30 a.m. because of storm-related problems.

The National Weather Service this morning said there will be variable cloudiness tonight with patchy fog in the Monterey Bay area, creating potentially hazardous driving conditions.

There is a slight chance of showers Sunday and Monday in northern California and the Sierras and in Central California in the higher elevations.

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	Last Season		Last
2	4 hrs	Total	Year
Watsonville	0.30	0.30	0.00
Aptos	0.28	0.35	0.25
Aromas	0.20	0.20	0.00
Castroville★	0.08	N.A.	N.A.
Corralitos	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Eureka Canyon.	0.30	0.51	0.00
Felton	0.37	0.57	0.08
Freedom	0.27	0.36	0.00
Grn. Val. Rd.★	0.14	N.A.	N.A.
La Selva Bch	0.14	0.33	0.00
Pinto Lake	0.27	0.40	0.00
Prunedale★	0.12	N.A.	N.A.
Santa Cruz★	0.23	N.A.	N.A.
Soquel	0.25	0.28	0.12

* Readings taken at midnight