

# Experts: Miracle March can't save California

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Amid a winter marked by more sun than storms, California is desperate for rain and snow.

An end-of-winter burst of wet potent California storms, aka a Miracle March, is the only hope to bolster the Sierra Nevada snowpack and boost the rainfall totals, but meteorologists say the odds of this happening are almost none.

Even if a few wet weather systems sweep across the state in March, they're unlikely to bump the state up to normal precipitation totals for the season.

"Once we get into late February, we'll begin to have a better look at how the global patterns are setting up for March and then we'll be able to talk a little more clearly about probability," says Brian Garcia, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Monterey.

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