SUMMARY OF THE AUGUST 1985 WEATHER ON THE MONTEREY PENINSULA, CALIFORNIA

General: The weather for August 1985 was pleasant and uneventful, with near normal temperatures and fog, accompanied by very dry conditions and seasonal winds.

Temperature: August’s temperatures were mild with an average high of 61.2°F (0.4°F above the 34-year normal). The daytime highs accounted for the positive anomaly, with an average of 70.1°F (1.1°F above normal), while the average low, 52.3°F, is just 0.1°F below normal. The absolute maximum for the month, 81°F, was recorded on both 2 and 3 August, while the month’s low, 49°F, came on 8 August.

June, July and August have been unusually similar this year with average highs 70°F to 71°F and overall averages 61°F to 62°F. In all three months the temperatures have averaged above normal, especially the daytime maxima.

Precipitation: August turned in a near bone-dry record, with only a trace of rainfall. Only 7 of the past 24 Augusts have been that dry. The rain-season (1 July 85 to 30 June 86) amount now stands at 0.10” while normal is 0.20”.

Wind: The average airport wind (for period 6 AM to 11 PM) in August is 5.3 miles per hour (mph), comparing well with August winds the past few years. The average maximum wind gust at the National Weather Service Station is 21.0 mph, which is within a mile per hour of maximum gusts in July this year and August last year. 3 August produced some of the strongest winds of the year, with a gust of 41 mph recorded about 2:20 PM.

Fog: Fog occurrence was well-behaved as well in August with 21 days of one or more hours of fog, exactly equal to the 22-year normal.

Earthquake: A light earthquake was registered locally at 5:02 AM 4 August (epicenter near Coalinga, CA). No damage reported locally.