SUMMARY OF THE MAY 1980 WEATHER ON THE MONTEREY PENINSULA, CALIFORNIA

General: May 1980 was a cool month with above normal rainfall but below average wind and fog.

Temperature: May's average, max and min temperatures were on the cool side, the first below normal month since November and only the second below normal month in the past 15 months. Average: 55.2°F vs 55.9°F normal; daily max: 63.2°F vs 64.4°F normal; daily min: 47.2°F vs 47.5°F normal. The high for the month, 71°F, was registered on 17 May and the low, 43°F, occurred on 10 May.

Precipitation: May's rainfall of 0.57" topped the 0.43" normal (29 years) and boosted the rain year total (Jul 1 to Jun 30) to 23.76". Normal for the year is 18.46". This is the third straight year of above normal rainfall – that hasn't occurred since the three years beginning Jul 1, 1962. These are the only such three-year periods in the last 29 years.

Wind: May’s winds (7.2 miles per hour average) were well below the three-year average of 9.1 mph. On the average, winds decrease steadily from a May peak to a minimum in October. Daily gusts ranged from 18 to 43 mph – quite regular for a spring month.

Fog: 11 days with fog was a bit below the average of 13 for May. Days with fog rises to a peak of 22 days (16 year average) in August.

Earthquake: The area felt a minor version of three of the major earthquakes in the Sierras; 9:33 AM and 12:45 PM Sunday, 25 May and 7:51 AM Tuesday, 27 May.