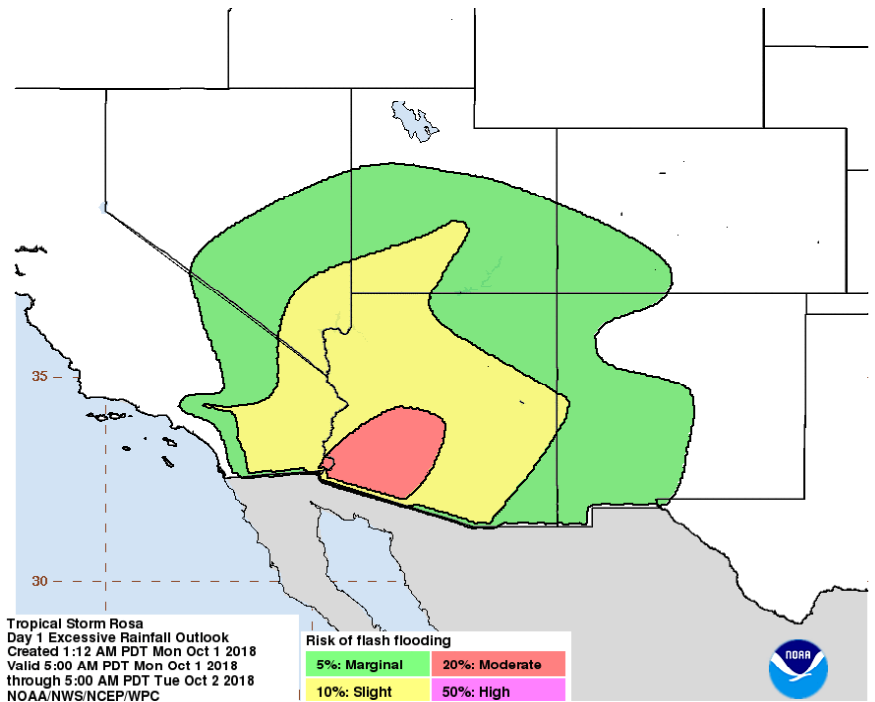


# the Outlook

Tropical Storm Rosa currently moving into Northern Baja will move into the southwestern U.S. today with strong winds and heavy precipitation. Forecast tracks bring the storm into Southwestern Arizona towards the Four Corners. Rosa is expected to make landfall about 200 miles south of San Diego, an unusually northern location. Only three tropical storms have made landfall farther north on record. Northern Baja/Mexico could see 4-6 inches of rain with the low elevation valleys of central and western Arizona likely to see between 1-4 inches. This moisture will be capable of triggering dangerous flash flooding across the entire region.



The entire southwest remains in moderate to extreme drought, and this rainfall will help ease the drought conditions as well as suppress the extreme fire danger of late. The track and timing of this strong system, however, will put many crops from Northern Mexico to the southwestern deserts in jeopardy. These regions are in the midst of planting and field preparation and heavy rains in these desert regions can cause havoc as fields flood and take many days to dry out.

A separate cut-off low-pressure system approaching from the northwest will move into the Central Coast late tonight. This system looks to tap into a concentrated plume of moisture production heavy showers across Central and Southern California. This is an early beginning for a winter type storm system to impact California. Mid-range forecast shows another Hurricane Sergio off the Baja coast possibly tracking a similar track as Rosa next week. As we approach the end of the season in Central California, a look towards the transition to the south Mother Nature will play a critical role in supplies. We will be watching the current storms and their impact on the numerous crops in the line of fire and keep you up to date as we gather more information.