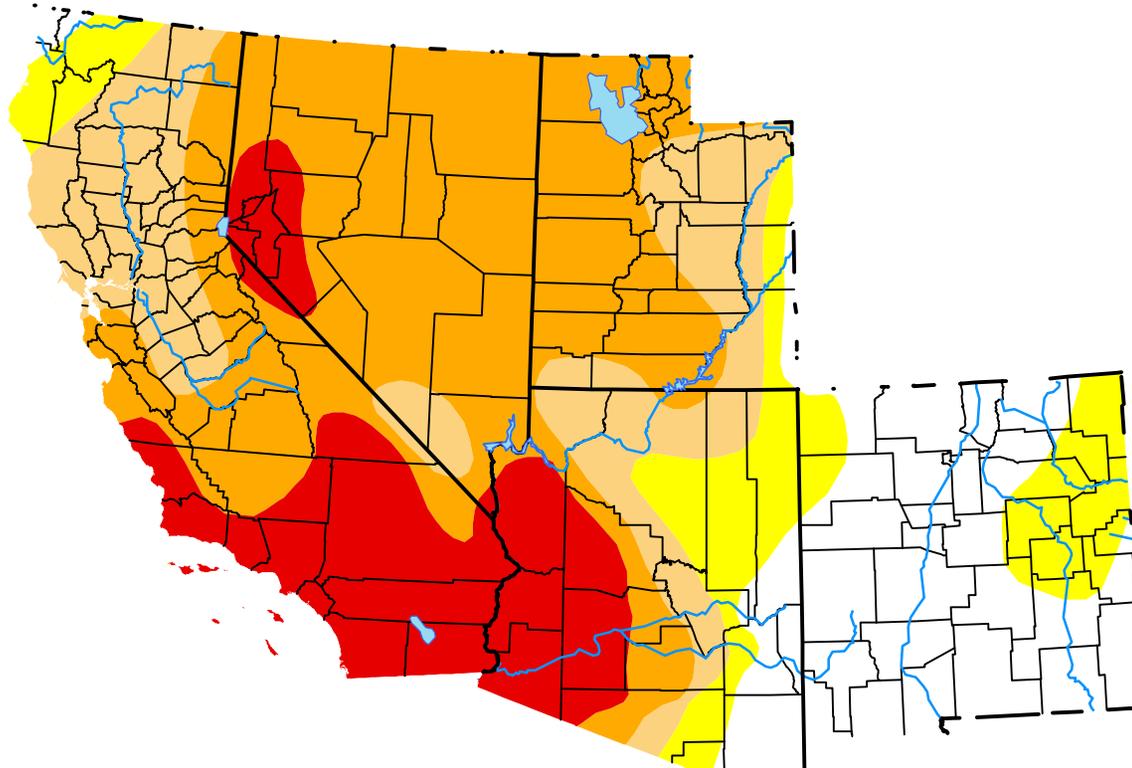


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**October 16, 2007**  
 (Released Thursday, Oct. 18, 2007)  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|  | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 19.57 | 80.43 | 68.84 | 51.13 | 16.01 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>10-11-2007</i>              | 21.32 | 78.68 | 68.84 | 51.13 | 16.01 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>07-19-2007</i>           | 14.66 | 85.34 | 77.00 | 50.20 | 16.60 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-04-2007</i> | 48.60 | 51.40 | 23.83 | 4.42  | 0.58  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2007</i>    | 21.09 | 78.91 | 69.70 | 51.22 | 16.01 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>10-19-2006</i>           | 70.12 | 29.88 | 14.89 | 4.42  | 0.58  | 0.00 |

***Intensity:***



*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

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