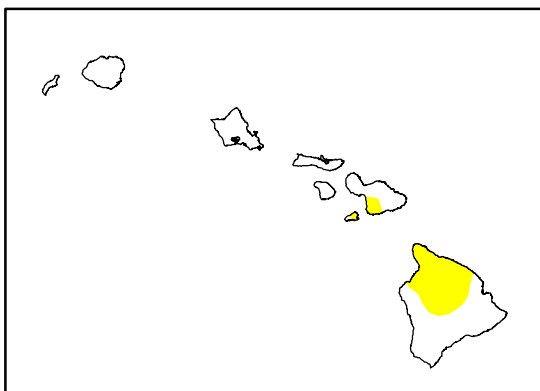
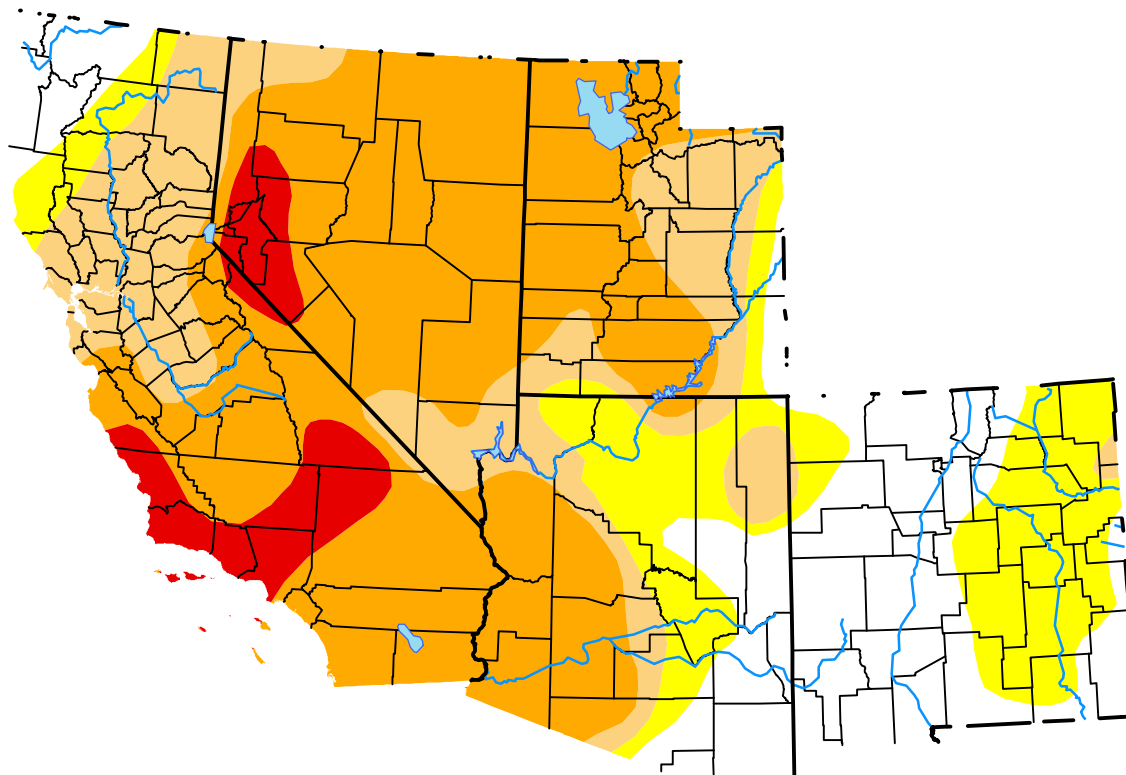


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**December 18, 2007**  
*(Released Thursday, Dec. 20, 2007)*  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 20.86 | 15.84 | 17.97 | 39.89 | 5.44  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-13-2007</i>              | 19.93 | 16.82 | 17.93 | 39.89 | 5.44  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-20-2007</i>           | 19.72 | 9.40  | 11.65 | 42.81 | 16.41 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-04-2007</i> | 48.60 | 27.57 | 19.41 | 3.84  | 0.58  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2007</i>    | 21.09 | 9.20  | 18.48 | 35.21 | 16.01 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-21-2006</i>           | 45.73 | 34.66 | 15.19 | 3.84  | 0.58  | 0.00 |

### Intensity:

|                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| None                | D2 Severe Drought      |
| D0 Abnormally Dry   | D3 Extreme Drought     |
| D1 Moderate Drought | D4 Exceptional Drought |

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

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