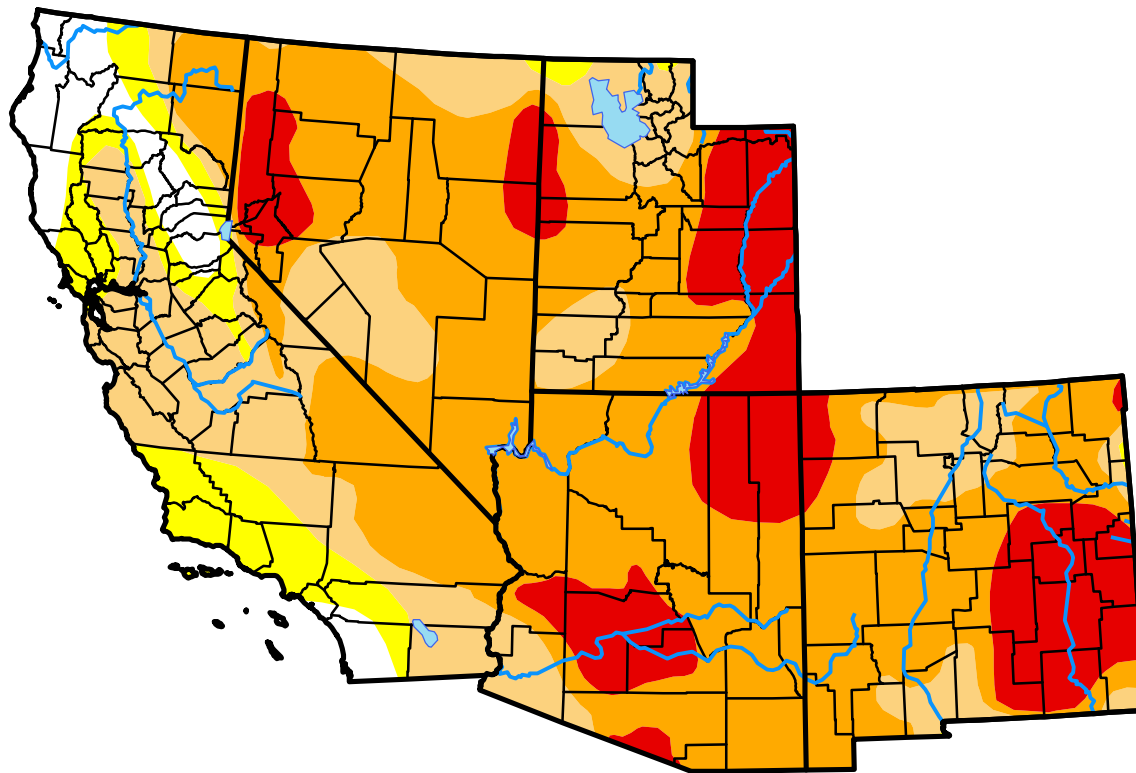


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	4.26	95.74	88.88	66.01	17.24	0.00
Last Week <i>07-10-2012</i>	4.26	95.74	87.13	66.04	17.24	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>04-17-2012</i>	4.42	95.58	78.17	43.84	7.59	1.83
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	29.23	70.77	48.43	21.96	5.36	1.56
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2011</i>	54.19	45.81	33.44	26.65	17.33	7.57
One Year Ago <i>07-19-2011</i>	56.90	43.10	32.56	26.43	19.07	10.86

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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