

# U.S. Drought Monitor California

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None | D0   | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 0.43 | 4.44 | 12.47 | 21.80 | 22.38 | 38.48 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-25-2016</i>              | 0.43 | 5.19 | 12.56 | 20.96 | 22.38 | 38.48 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-03-2015</i>           | 0.14 | 2.53 | 5.07  | 21.71 | 25.71 | 44.84 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2015</i> | 0.00 | 2.67 | 9.78  | 18.49 | 24.22 | 44.84 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-01-2015</i>    | 0.14 | 2.53 | 4.97  | 21.29 | 25.08 | 46.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-05-2015</i>           | 0.16 | 1.75 | 4.66  | 25.98 | 27.54 | 39.92 |

## 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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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