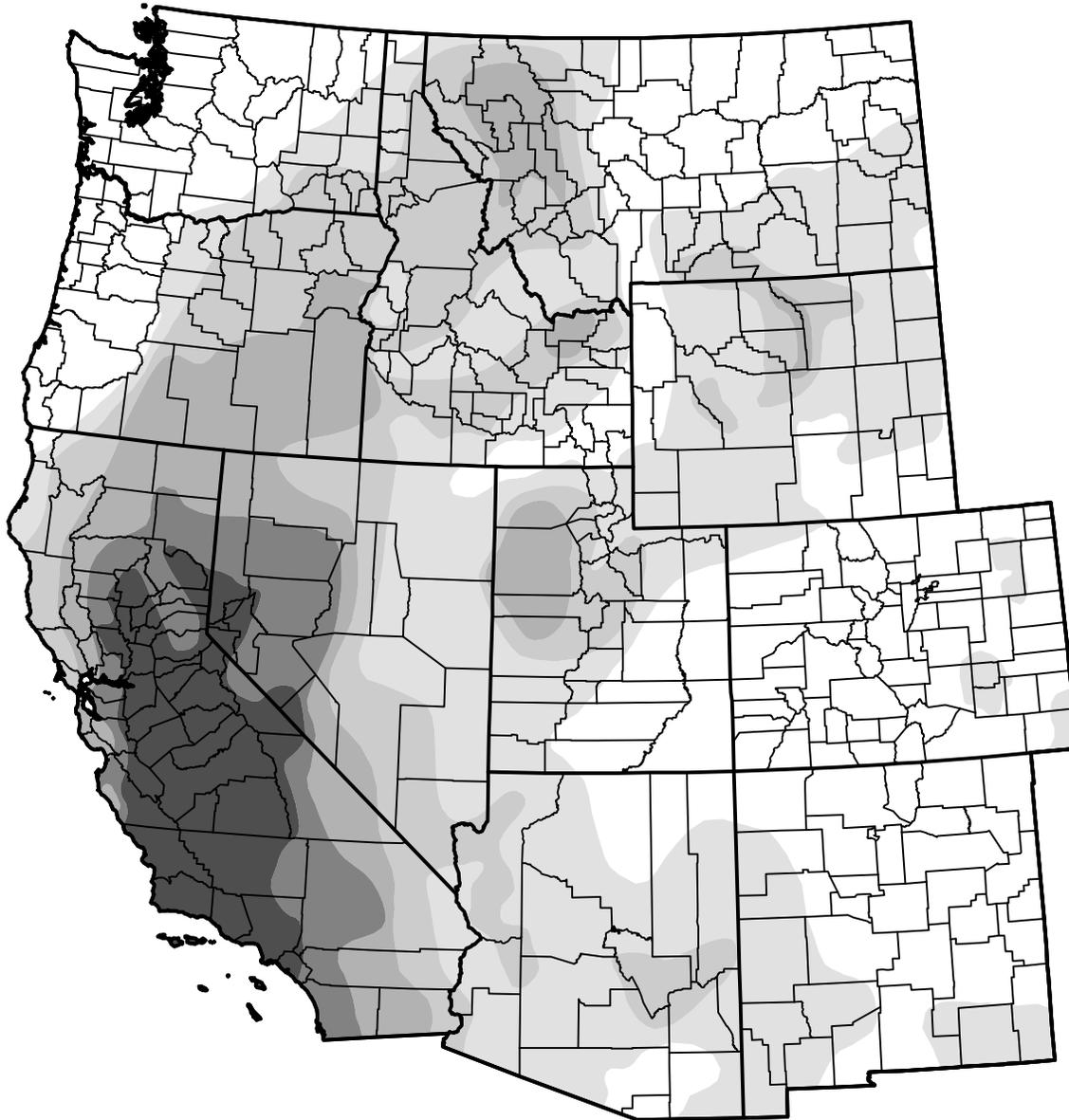


# U.S. Drought Monitor West

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	34.49	29.72	16.09	9.42	4.72	5.55
<b>Last Week</b> <i>02-23-2016</i>	37.06	26.69	16.55	9.43	4.72	5.55
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>12-01-2015</i>	28.98	22.14	11.65	16.07	14.31	6.85
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-29-2015</i>	33.17	21.75	15.77	13.38	9.07	6.85
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-29-2015</i>	22.77	19.42	15.40	15.92	18.88	7.62
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>03-03-2015</i>	29.95	10.25	30.32	12.86	9.58	7.04

***Intensity:***



*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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