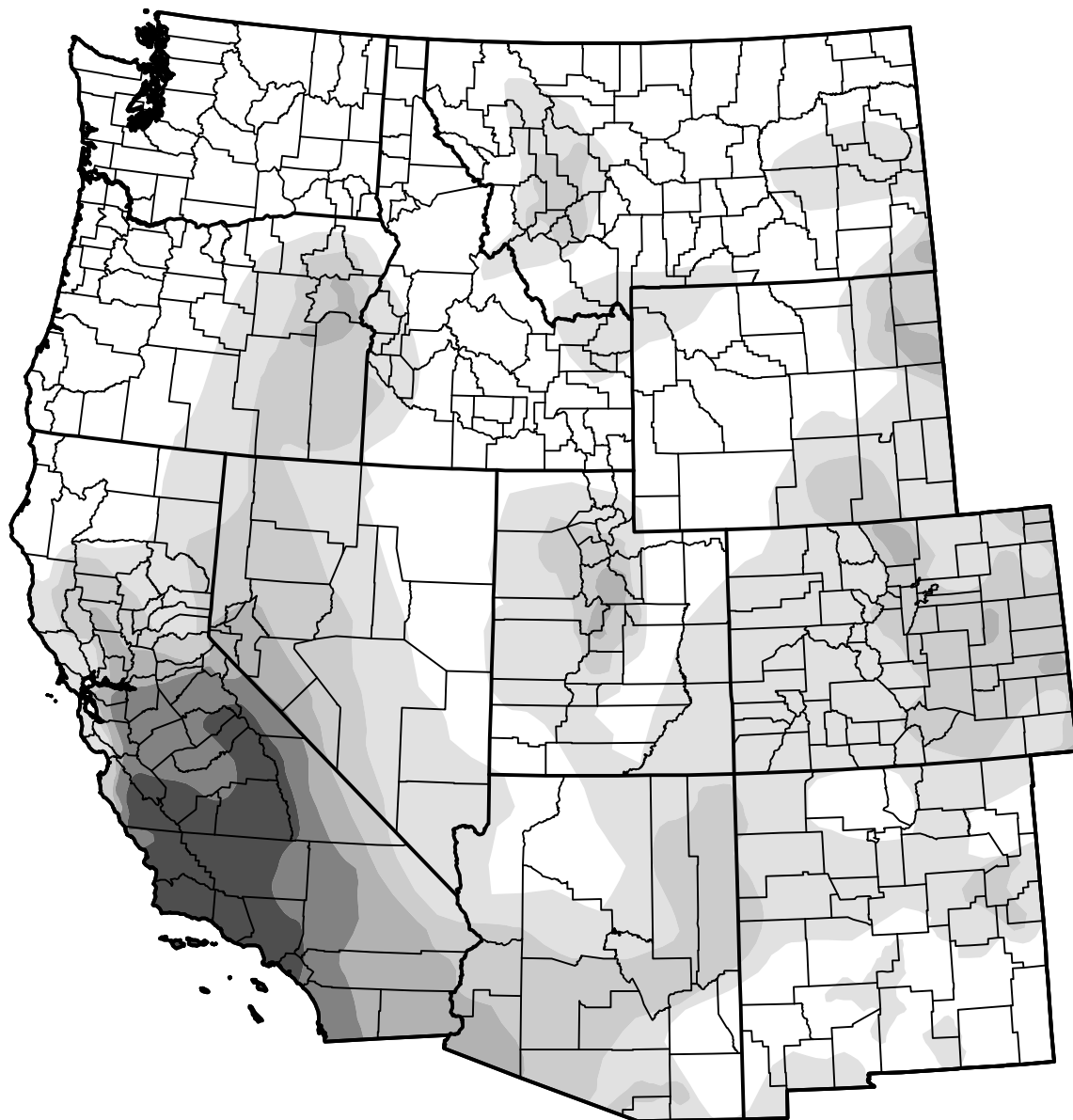


# U.S. Drought Monitor West

**December 13, 2016**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 43.15 | 30.87 | 15.96 | 4.30  | 2.93 | 2.81 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-06-2016</i>              | 43.20 | 30.82 | 15.96 | 4.29  | 2.93 | 2.81 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-13-2016</i>           | 24.91 | 43.42 | 17.91 | 8.00  | 2.97 | 2.81 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-29-2015</i> | 33.17 | 21.75 | 15.77 | 13.38 | 9.07 | 6.85 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2016</i>    | 27.78 | 41.27 | 17.50 | 7.68  | 2.97 | 2.81 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-15-2015</i>           | 30.80 | 21.95 | 13.99 | 16.55 | 9.86 | 6.85 |

**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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