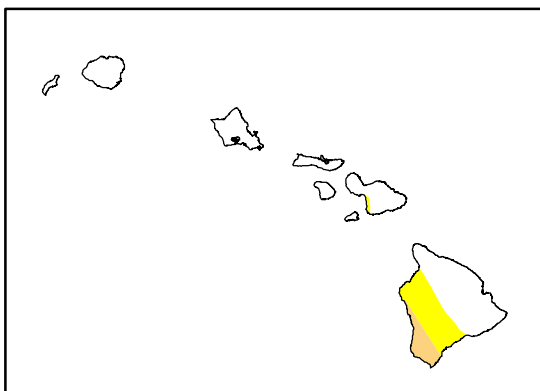
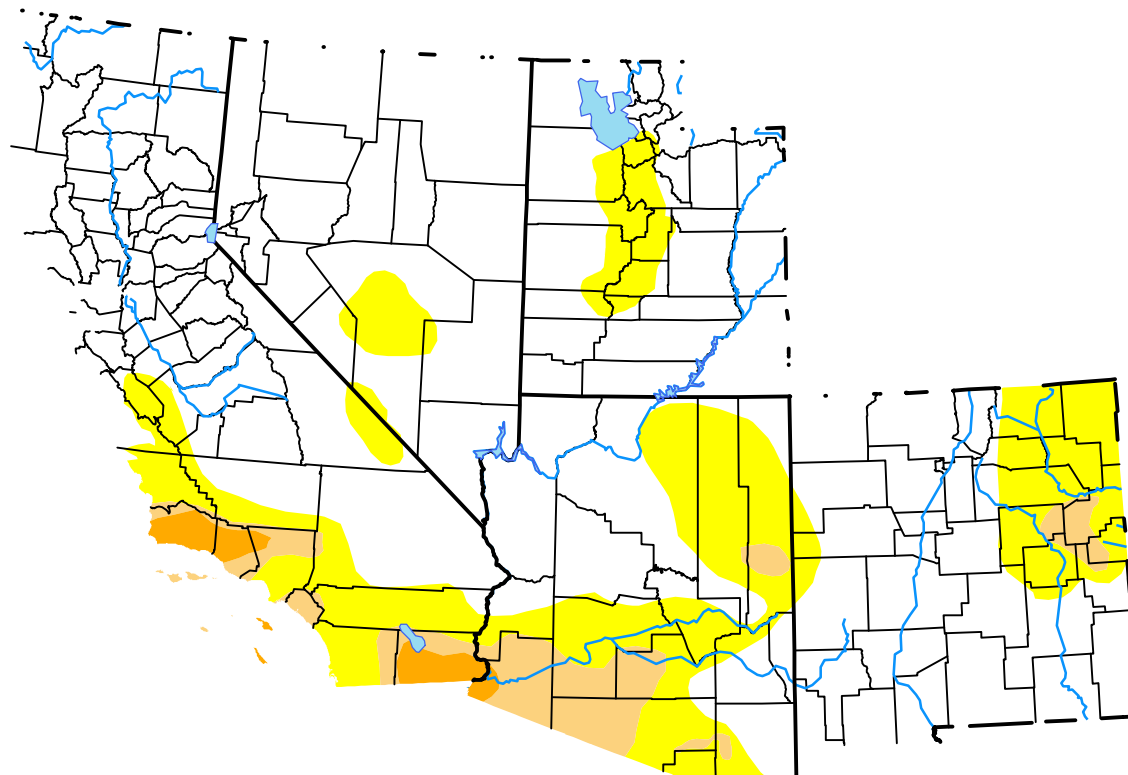


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	75.12	24.88	5.73	1.20	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>02-23-2017</i>	73.24	26.76	7.95	1.23	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>12-01-2016</i>	27.32	72.68	37.42	18.56	11.42	5.59
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-05-2017</i>	40.36	59.64	31.73	16.38	10.17	4.86
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2016</i>	22.72	77.28	40.39	21.72	11.41	5.59
One Year Ago <i>03-03-2016</i>	23.16	76.84	44.95	30.73	20.47	11.06

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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