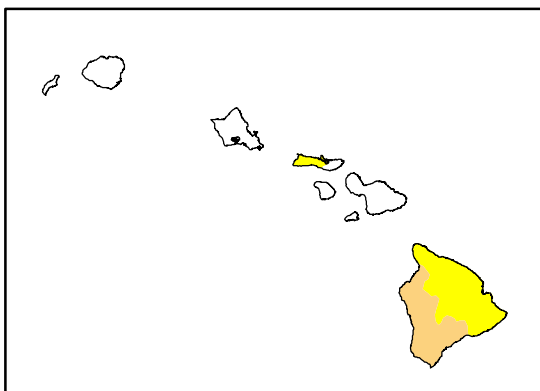
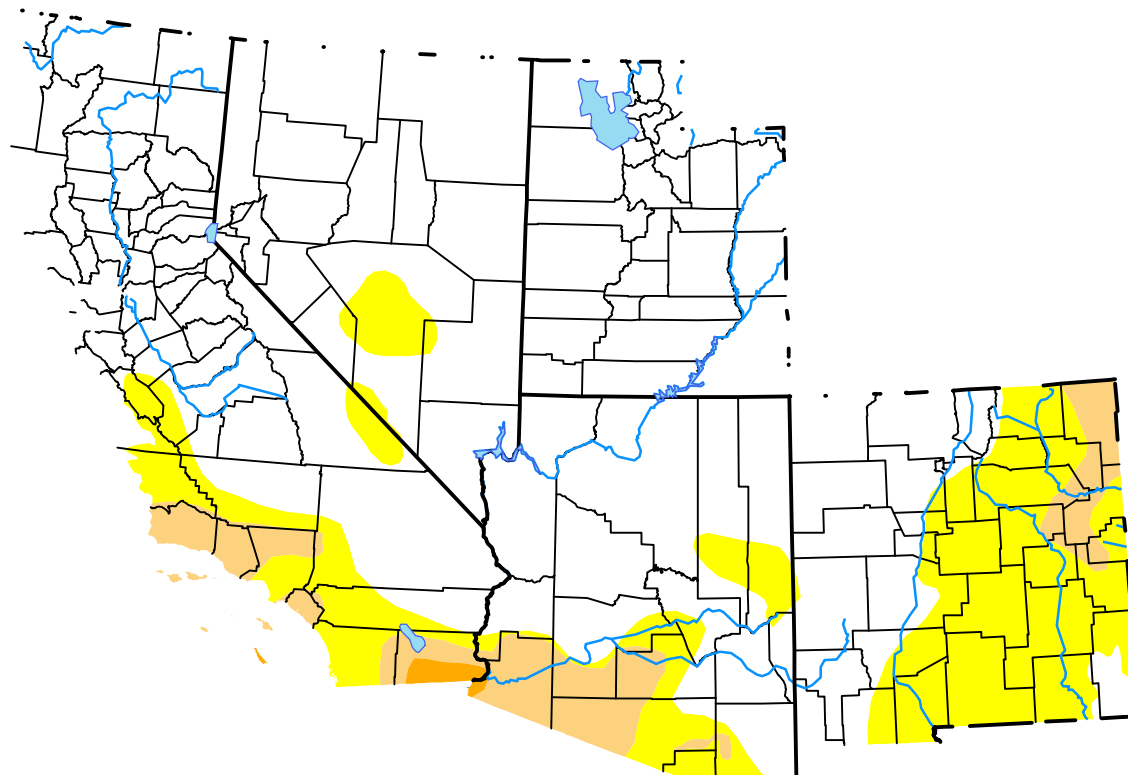


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	75.19	24.81	6.44	0.32	0.00	0.00
Last Week 03-16-2017	81.90	18.10	5.62	0.32	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 12-22-2016	27.54	72.46	36.61	18.15	11.07	5.24
Start of Calendar Year 01-05-2017	40.36	59.64	31.73	16.38	10.17	4.86
Start of Water Year 09-29-2016	22.72	77.28	40.39	21.72	11.41	5.59
One Year Ago 03-24-2016	7.81	92.19	54.57	28.34	19.00	9.43

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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