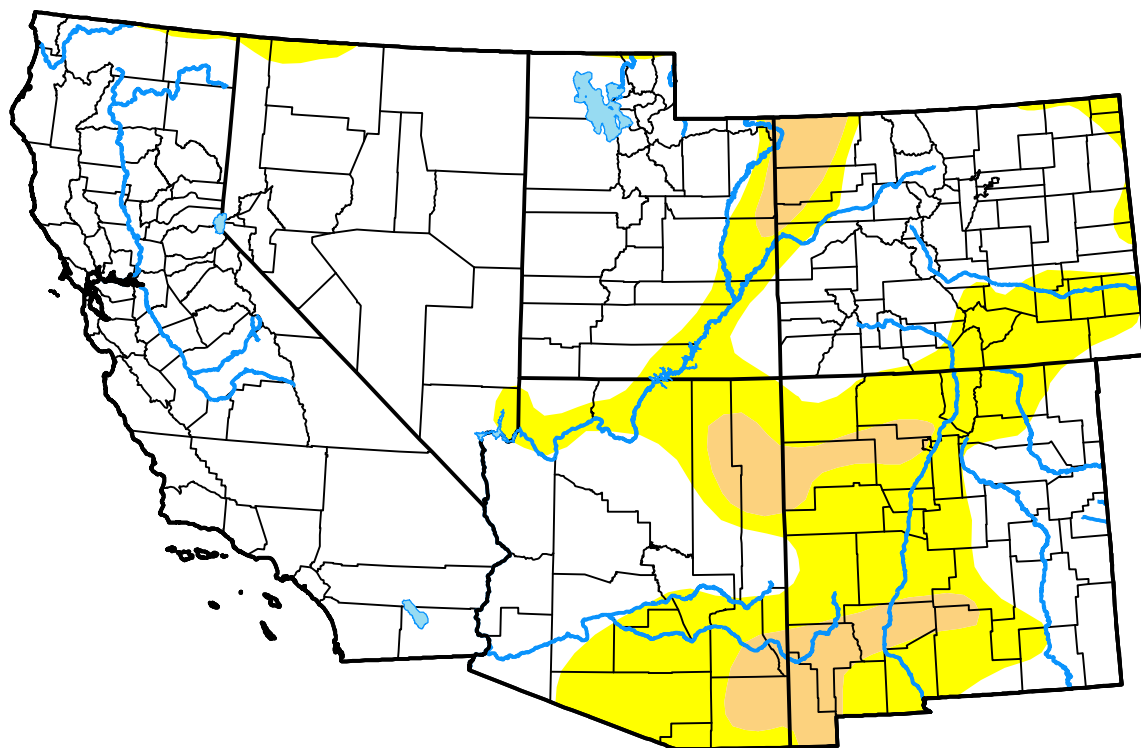


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	73.14	26.86	5.78	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>10-11-2005</i>	73.13	26.87	6.03	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-19-2005</i>	71.71	28.29	7.84	0.18	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2005</i>	24.71	75.29	56.86	29.43	10.09	0.09
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2005</i>	72.54	27.46	7.02	0.16	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>10-19-2004</i>	10.72	89.28	74.99	53.19	25.07	0.18

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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