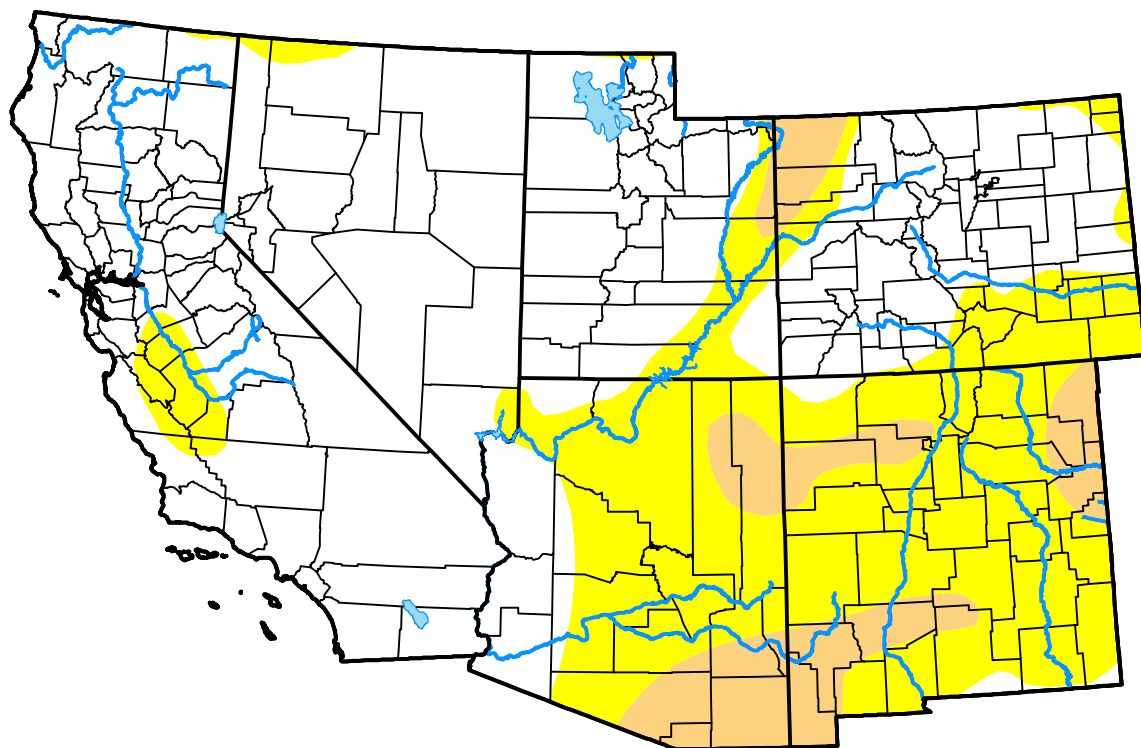


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	61.51	30.07	8.43	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-13-2005</i>	60.67	31.14	8.18	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-20-2005</i>	72.40	20.52	6.93	0.16	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2005</i>	24.71	18.44	27.42	19.34	10.00	0.09
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2005</i>	72.54	20.44	6.87	0.16	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-21-2004</i>	16.31	20.38	28.10	22.71	12.41	0.09

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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