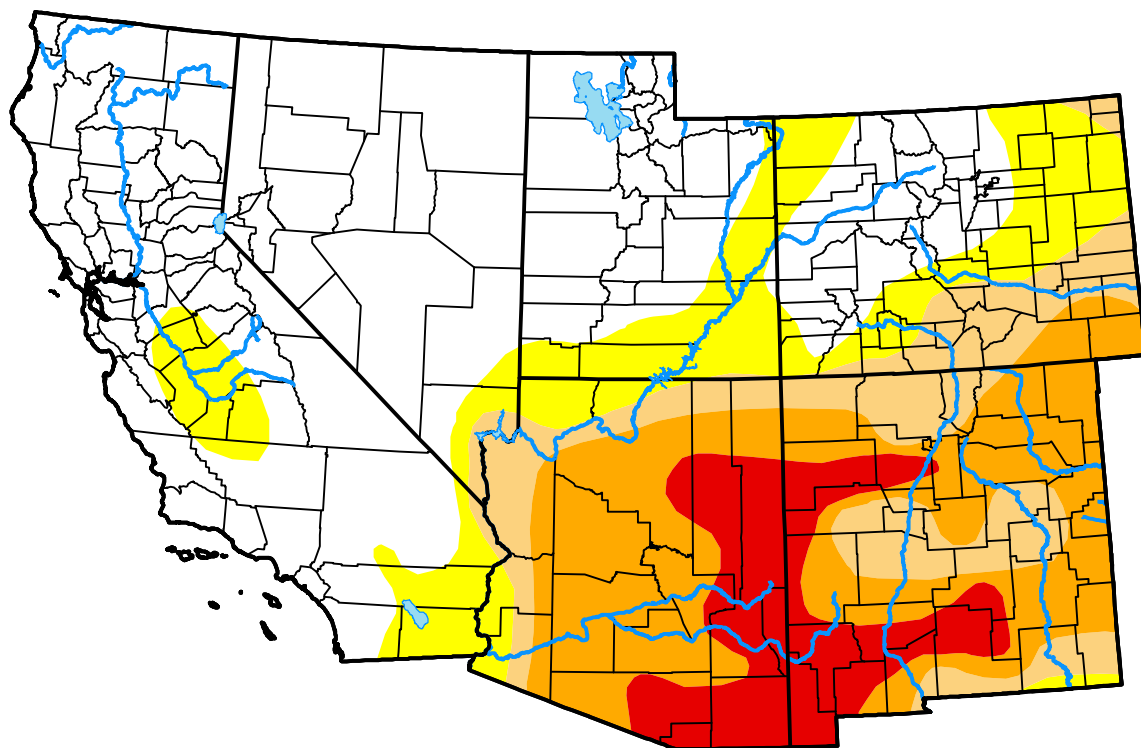


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	48.61	51.39	36.94	25.82	8.55	0.00
Last Week <i>03-14-2006</i>	48.61	51.39	37.13	26.23	8.55	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>12-20-2005</i>	61.51	38.49	8.43	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2006</i>	57.97	42.03	11.55	0.00	0.00	0.00
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>03-22-2005</i>	38.95	61.05	31.52	9.01	0.68	0.03

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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