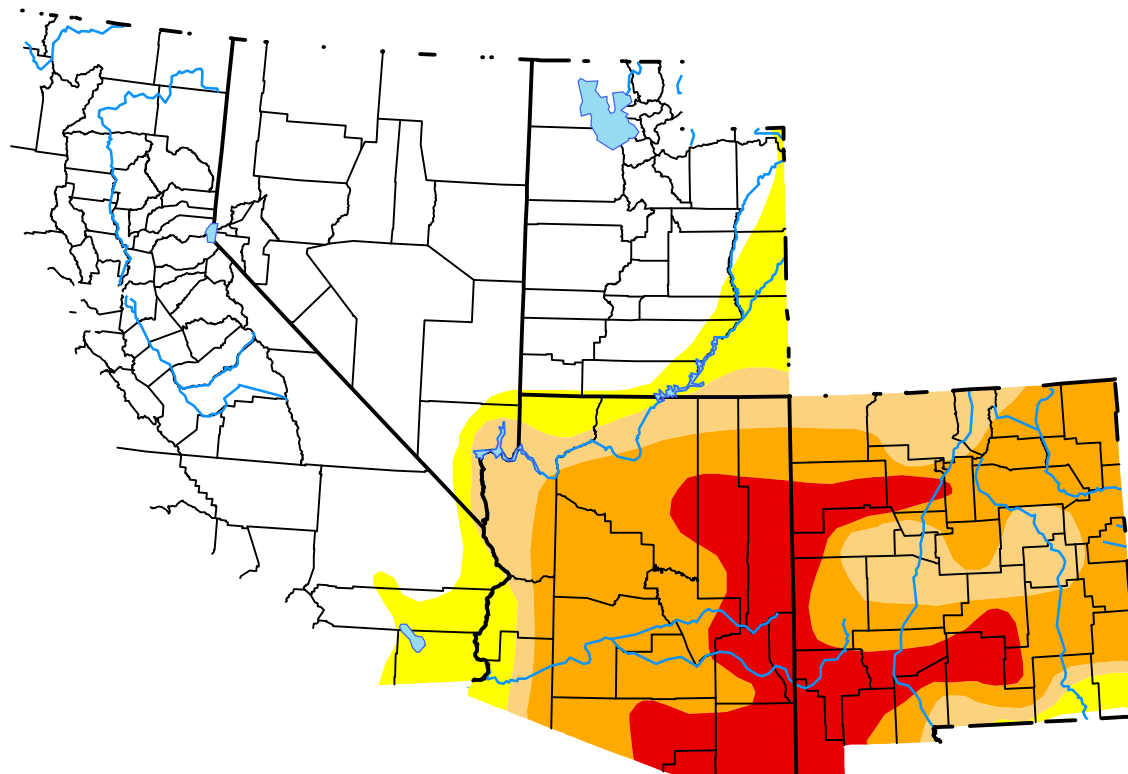


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	54.86	6.77	9.47	18.95	9.96	0.00
Last Week 03-30-2006	53.91	7.89	9.28	18.95	9.96	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-05-2006	57.15	29.90	12.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-05-2006	57.15	29.90	12.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-29-2005	76.22	16.98	6.80	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 04-07-2005	48.39	23.36	21.10	6.74	0.41	0.00

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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