

# U.S. Drought Monitor Southwest

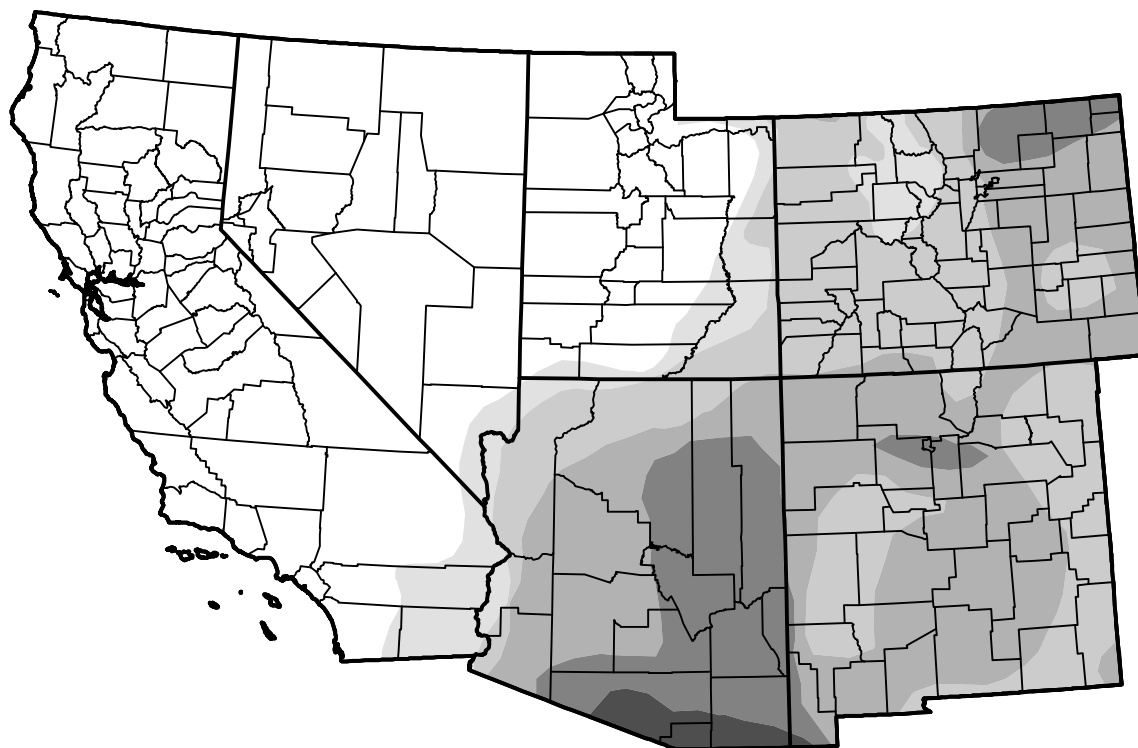
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## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 45.85 | 54.15 | 48.18 | 30.19 | 9.42  | 1.08 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>07-11-2006</i>              | 45.52 | 54.48 | 48.17 | 27.71 | 9.08  | 1.08 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>04-18-2006</i>           | 50.32 | 49.68 | 40.26 | 28.66 | 9.95  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2006</i> | 57.97 | 42.03 | 11.55 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2005</i>    | 72.54 | 27.46 | 7.02  | 0.16  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>07-19-2005</i>           | 71.71 | 28.29 | 7.84  | 0.18  | 0.00  | 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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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