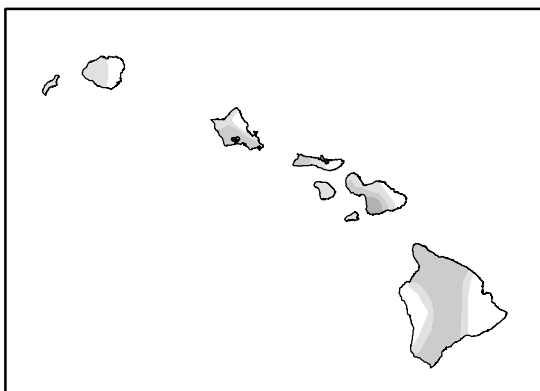
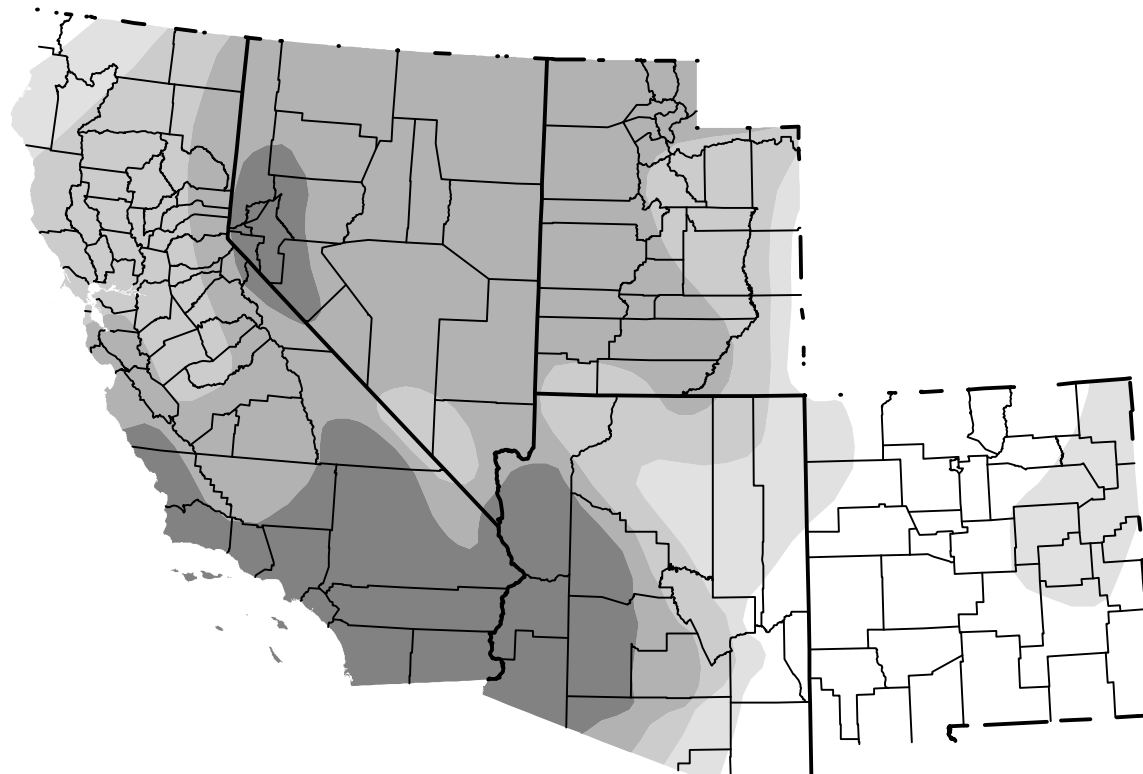


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	19.57	11.58	17.72	35.11	16.01	0.00
Last Week <i>10-11-2007</i>	21.32	9.83	17.72	35.11	16.01	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-19-2007</i>	14.66	8.34	26.80	33.60	16.60	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2007</i>	48.60	27.57	19.41	3.84	0.58	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2007</i>	21.09	9.20	18.48	35.21	16.01	0.00
One Year Ago <i>10-19-2006</i>	70.12	14.99	10.47	3.84	0.58	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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