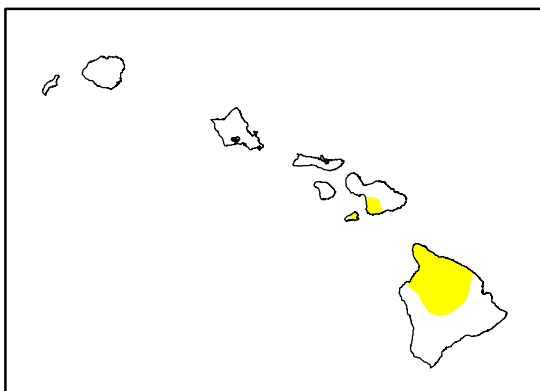
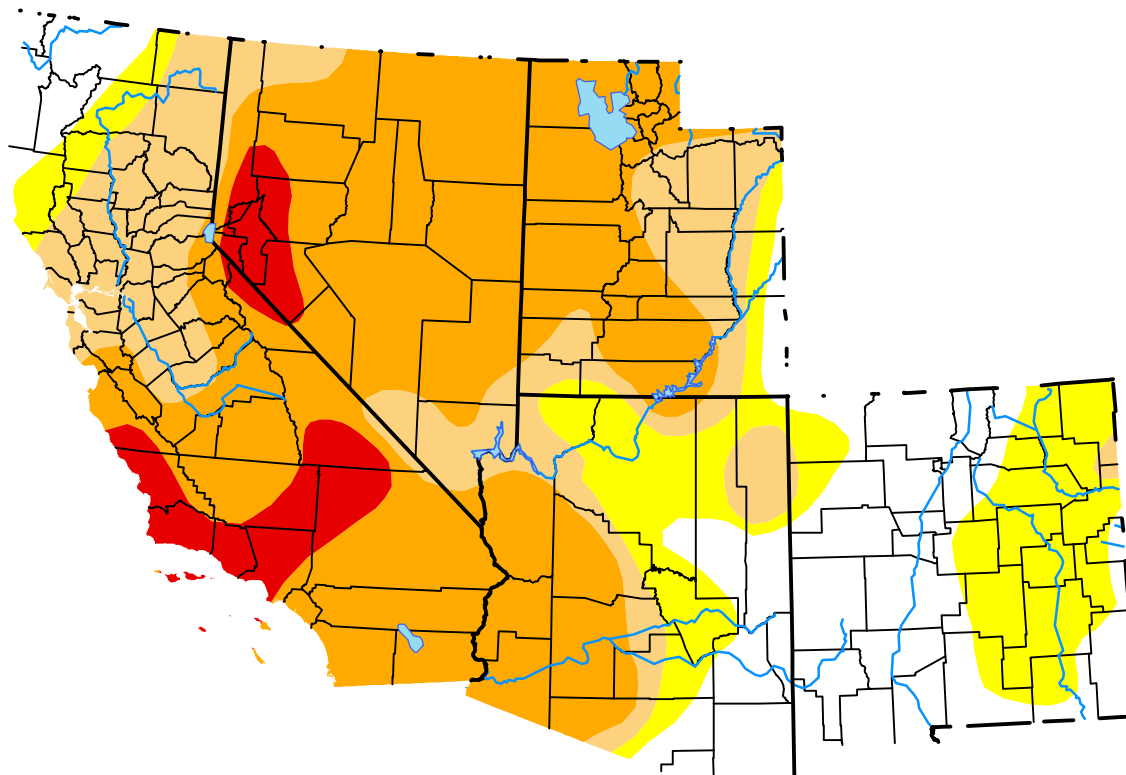


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	20.86	15.84	17.97	39.89	5.44	0.00
Last Week 12-20-2007	20.86	15.84	17.97	39.89	5.44	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-27-2007	21.09	9.20	18.48	35.21	16.01	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-04-2007	48.60	27.57	19.41	3.84	0.58	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-27-2007	21.09	9.20	18.48	35.21	16.01	0.00
One Year Ago 12-28-2006	45.73	34.66	15.19	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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