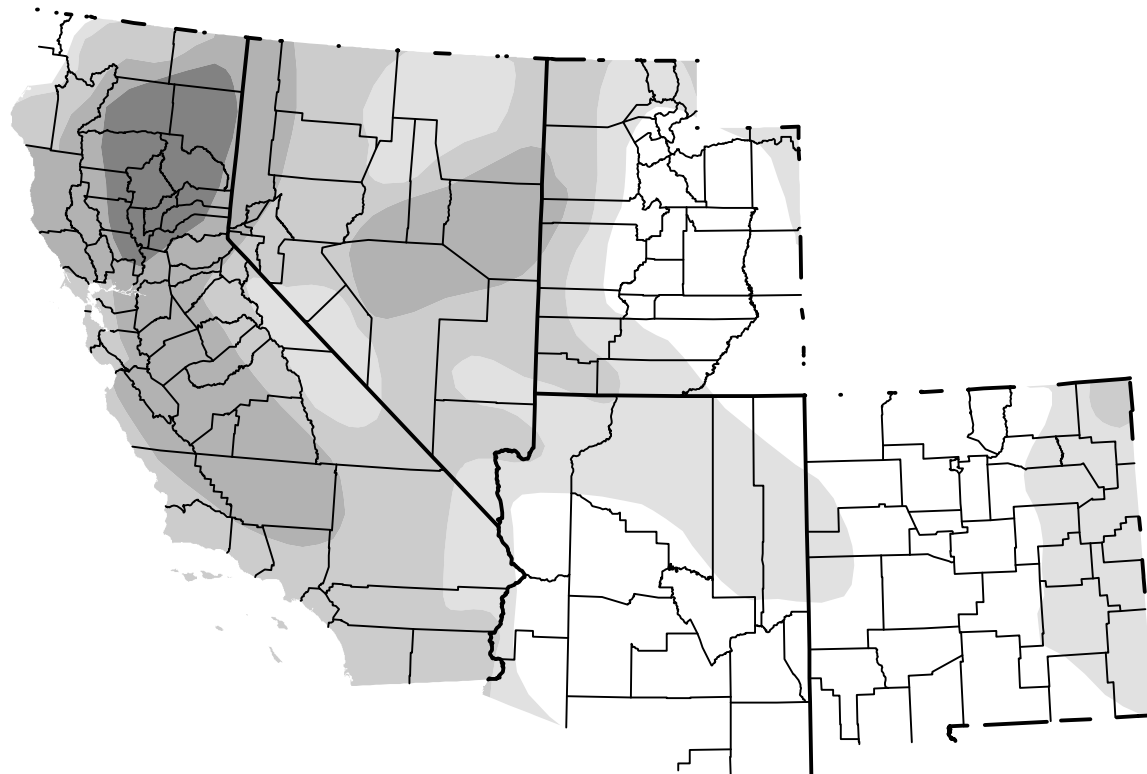


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	34.46	65.54	41.81	19.07	3.50	0.00
Last Week <i>01-15-2009</i>	34.46	65.54	41.82	17.79	0.82	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>10-23-2008</i>	37.09	62.91	43.80	20.19	0.13	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2009</i>	34.00	66.00	42.31	17.71	0.86	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-02-2008</i>	38.93	61.07	43.48	18.91	0.65	0.00
One Year Ago <i>01-24-2008</i>	22.16	77.84	60.85	34.36	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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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