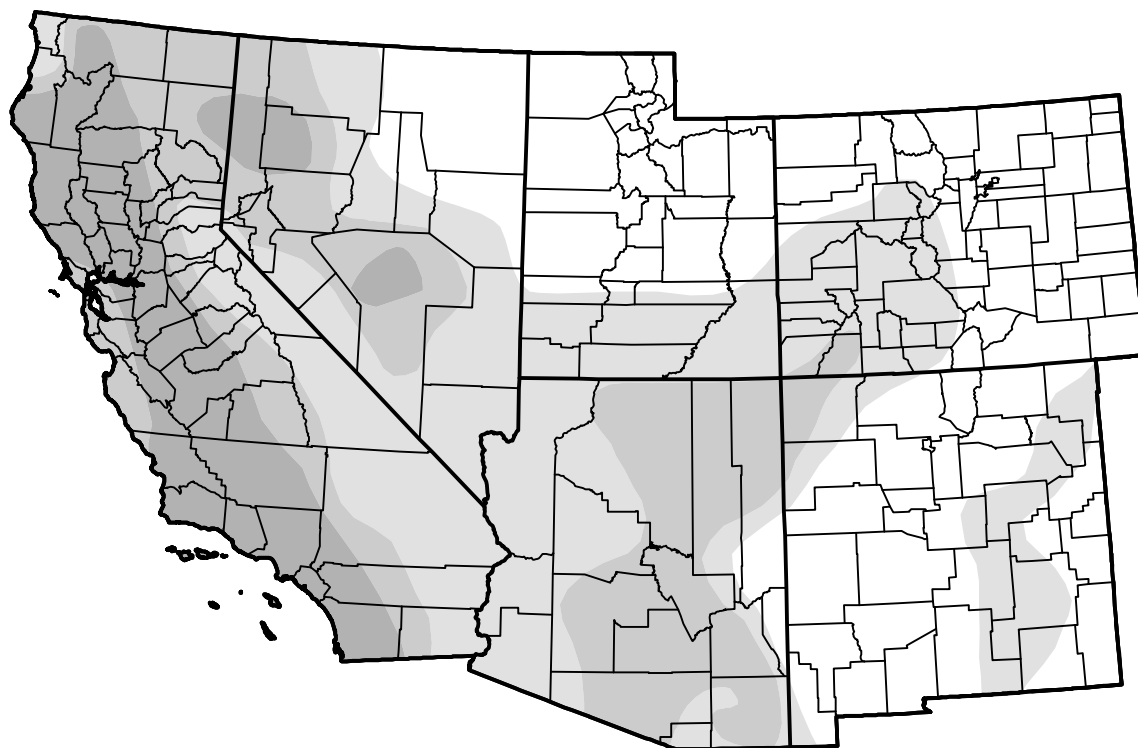


# U.S. Drought Monitor Southwest

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 36.21 | 63.79 | 32.10 | 11.82 | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>09-15-2009</i>              | 30.38 | 69.62 | 34.20 | 11.82 | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>06-23-2009</i>           | 42.13 | 57.87 | 29.52 | 12.56 | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-30-2008</i> | 32.49 | 67.51 | 36.58 | 14.72 | 0.63  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2008</i>    | 39.88 | 60.12 | 38.53 | 16.42 | 0.47  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>09-23-2008</i>           | 39.88 | 60.12 | 38.53 | 16.42 | 0.47  | 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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