

# U.S. Drought Monitor Southwest

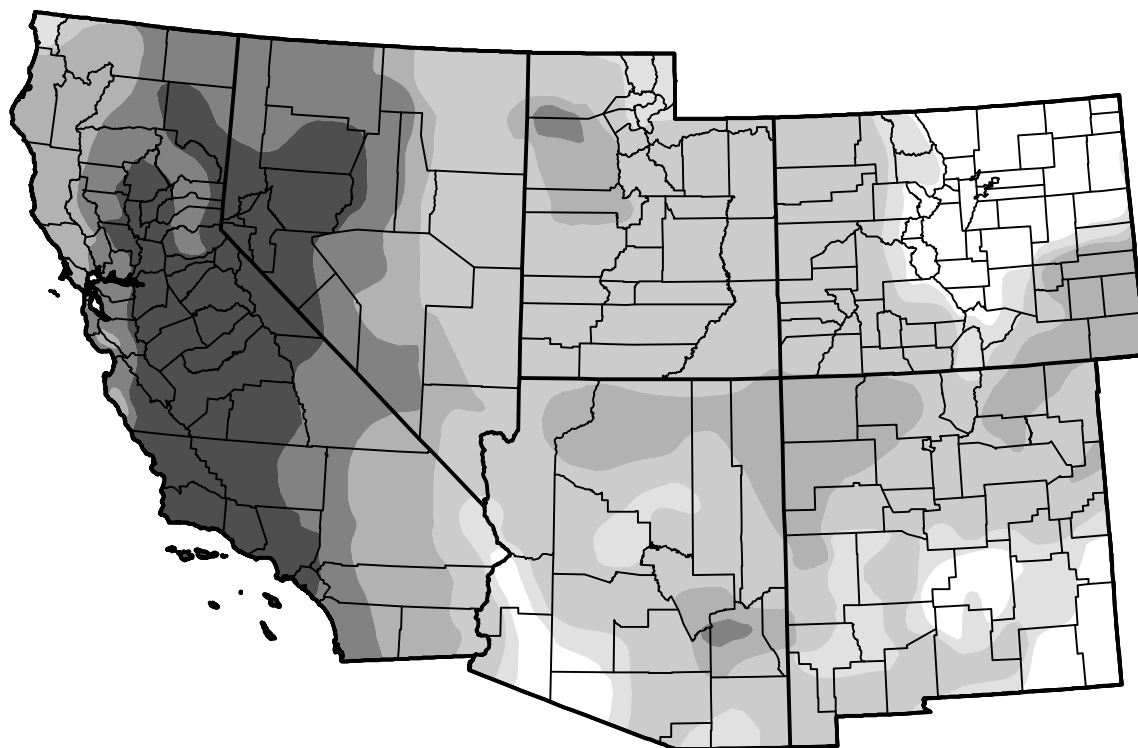
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Valid 7 a.m. EST

## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 9.01  | 90.99 | 82.73 | 42.29 | 23.43 | 12.04 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-24-2015</i>              | 9.19  | 90.81 | 82.98 | 44.64 | 24.73 | 12.04 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-02-2014</i>           | 14.92 | 85.08 | 73.99 | 46.77 | 27.17 | 14.46 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-30-2014</i> | 14.92 | 85.08 | 73.38 | 46.75 | 26.77 | 9.24  |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2014</i>    | 15.60 | 84.40 | 73.87 | 47.99 | 28.78 | 15.22 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-04-2014</i>           | 5.25  | 94.75 | 77.18 | 56.47 | 25.93 | 6.18  |



## 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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