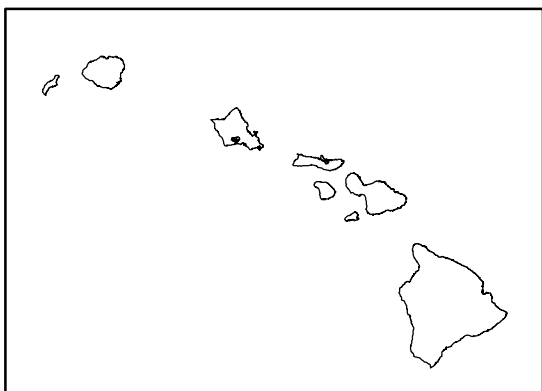
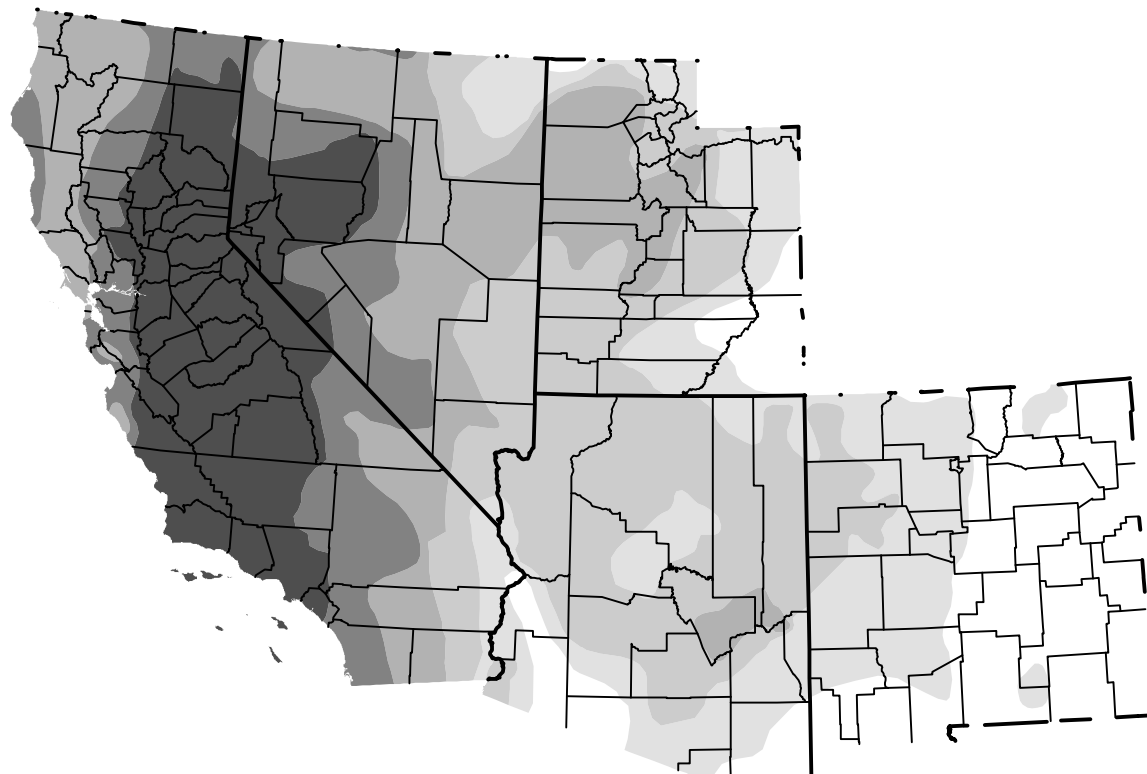


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	16.95	17.29	22.69	17.23	10.67	15.17
Last Week <i>10-08-2015</i>	16.72	17.53	22.69	17.23	10.67	15.17
3 Months Ago <i>07-16-2015</i>	13.54	14.16	23.66	20.94	13.42	14.27
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2014</i>	5.87	12.38	29.47	21.11	20.41	10.76
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2015</i>	16.35	17.62	22.93	17.26	10.67	15.17
One Year Ago <i>10-16-2014</i>	6.88	11.10	28.56	20.35	15.39	17.72

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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