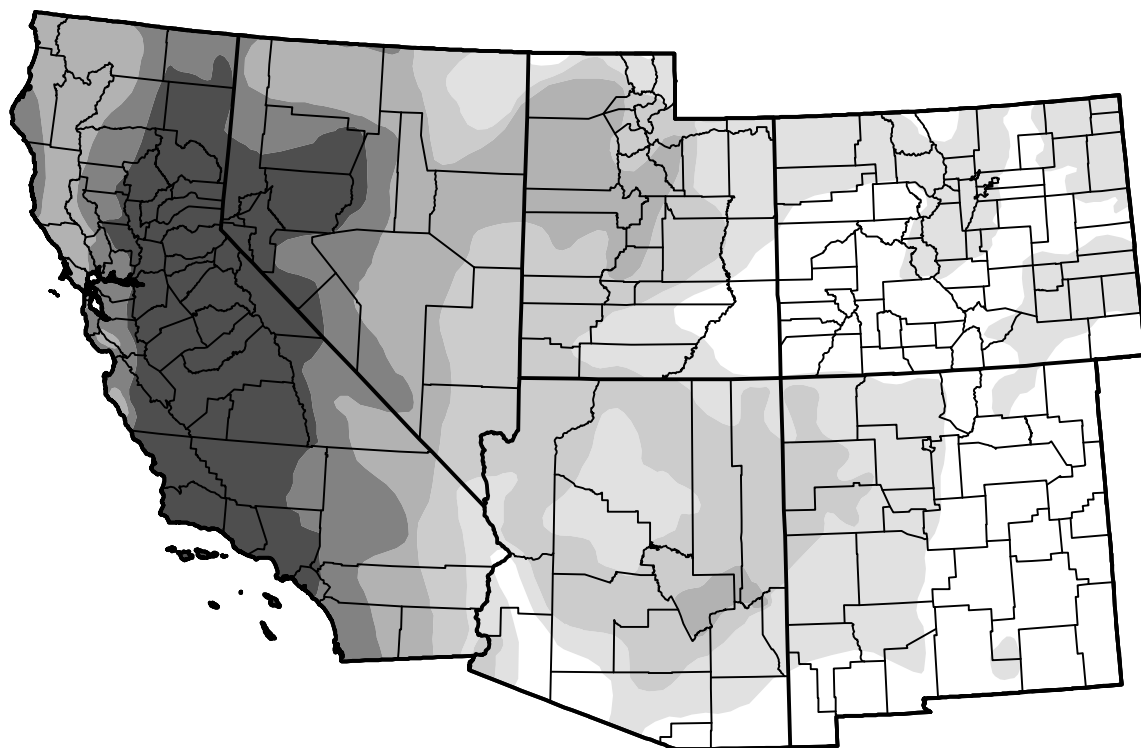


# U.S. Drought Monitor Southwest

**October 20, 2015**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 22.00 | 23.14 | 18.40 | 14.64 | 8.79  | 13.03 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>10-13-2015</i>              | 23.51 | 20.02 | 19.48 | 14.80 | 9.16  | 13.03 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>07-21-2015</i>           | 26.03 | 12.66 | 22.69 | 14.82 | 11.53 | 12.26 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-30-2014</i> | 14.92 | 11.70 | 26.64 | 19.97 | 17.53 | 9.24  |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2015</i>    | 23.90 | 19.39 | 19.69 | 14.83 | 9.16  | 13.03 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>10-21-2014</i>           | 15.79 | 10.60 | 26.28 | 20.05 | 12.07 | 15.22 |

**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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