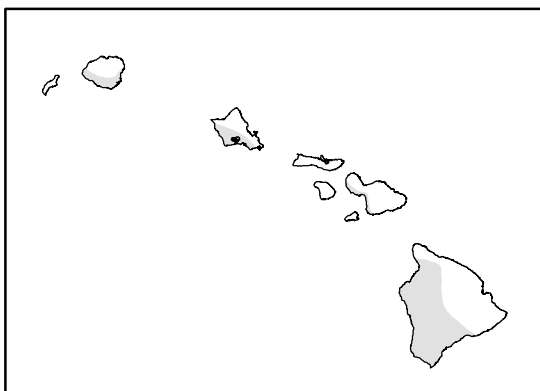
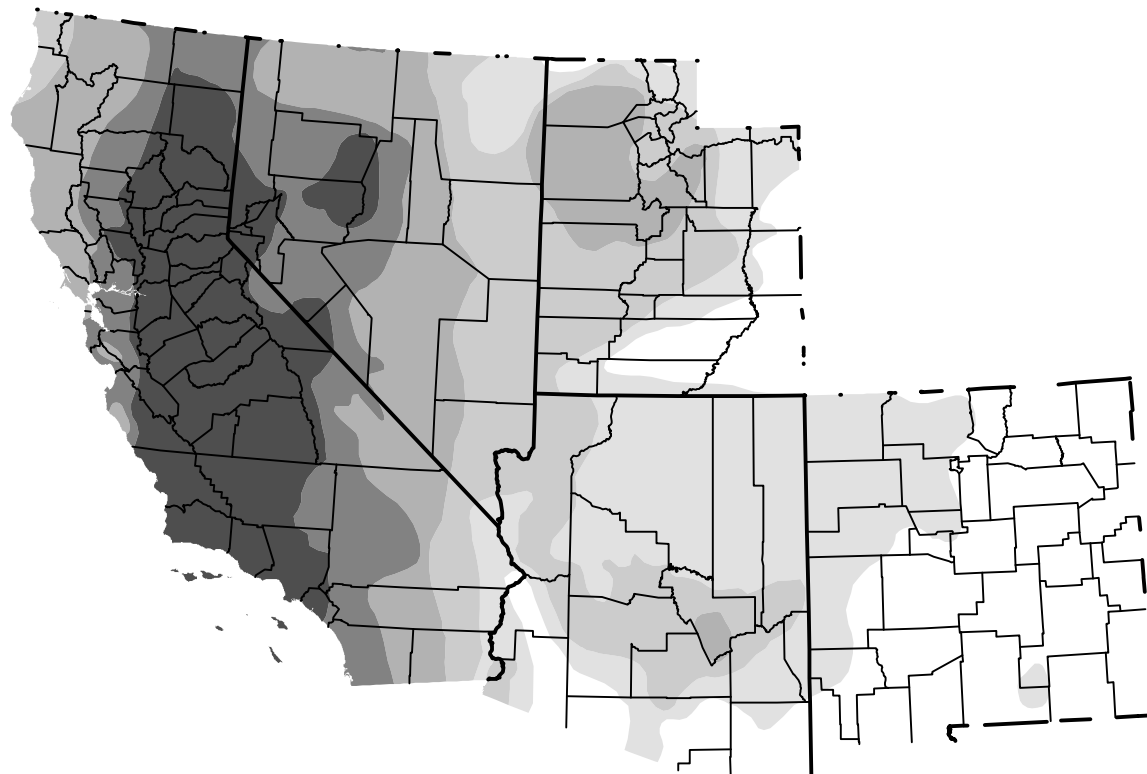


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	21.94	21.47	16.77	15.58	10.59	13.64
Last Week 12-10-2015	22.06	21.36	16.34	15.97	10.63	13.64
3 Months Ago 09-17-2015	14.05	17.26	25.15	17.70	10.67	15.17
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2014	5.87	12.38	29.47	21.11	20.41	10.76
Start of Water Year 10-01-2015	16.35	17.62	22.93	17.26	10.67	15.17
One Year Ago 12-18-2014	5.87	12.31	29.52	21.13	20.41	10.76

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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