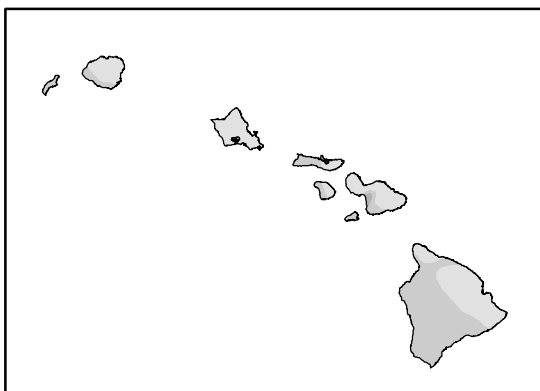
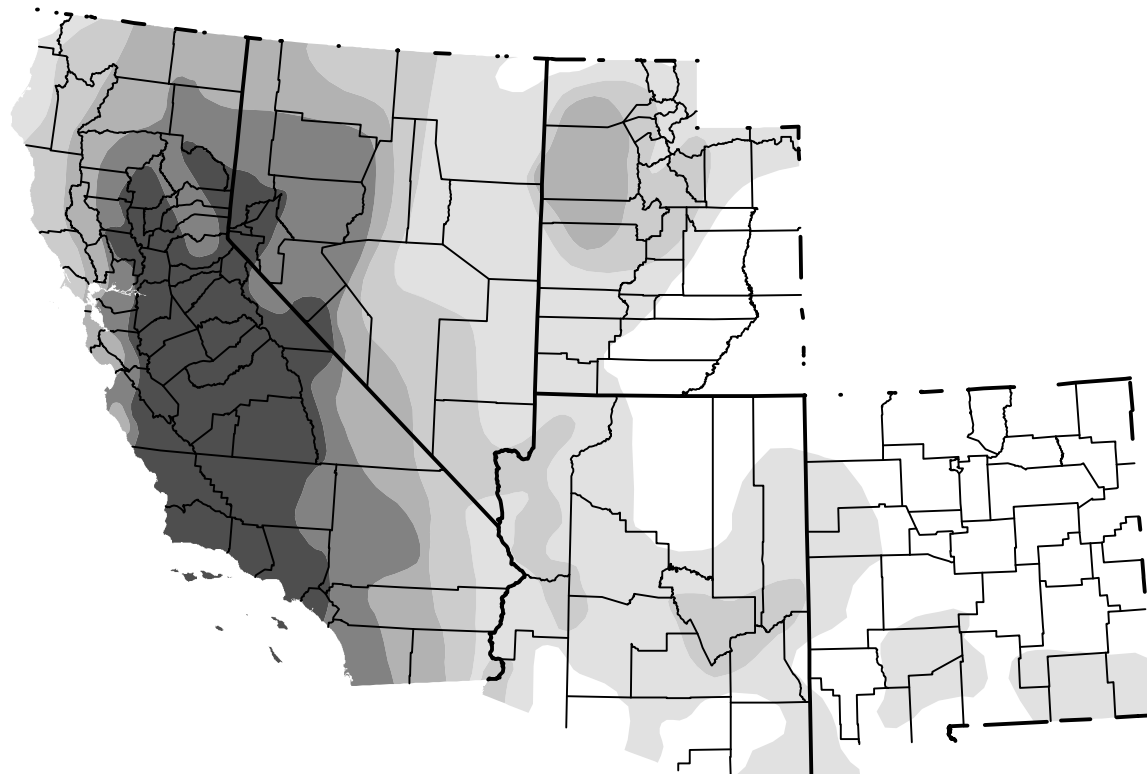


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	26.84	73.16	44.60	30.45	20.47	11.06
Last Week 02-18-2016	32.39	67.61	44.69	30.44	20.61	11.06
3 Months Ago 11-25-2015	21.96	78.04	59.89	40.87	24.67	13.64
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2015	21.87	78.13	56.46	38.84	24.23	13.64
Start of Water Year 10-01-2015	16.35	83.65	66.03	43.10	25.84	15.17
One Year Ago 02-26-2015	4.23	95.77	88.16	49.84	28.79	14.02

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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