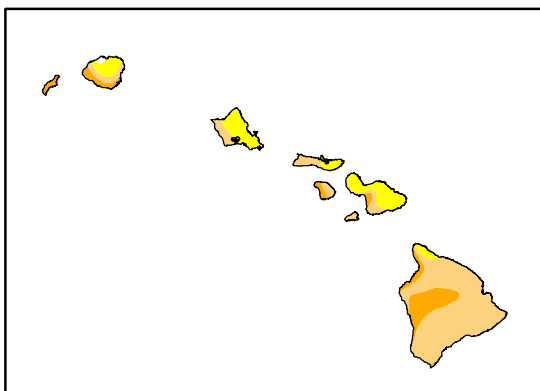
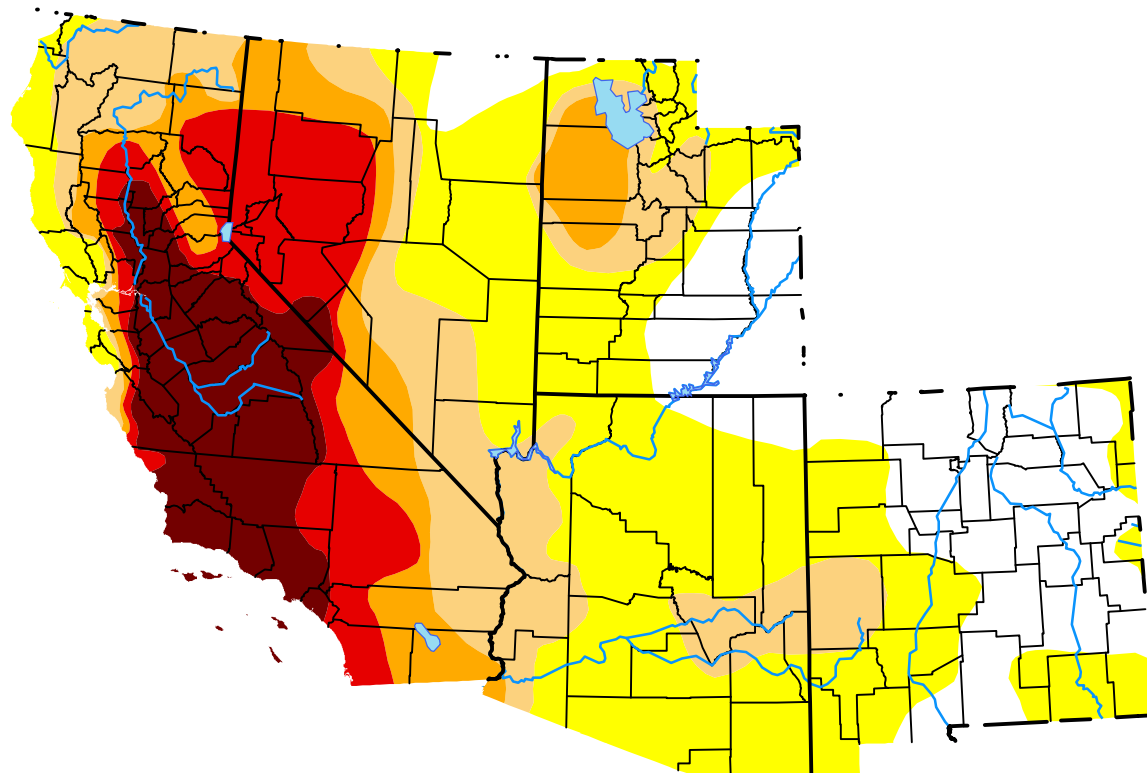


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	18.64	34.66	18.16	9.54	9.56	9.43
Last Week <i>03-10-2016</i>	20.46	33.17	15.42	10.48	9.40	11.06
3 Months Ago <i>12-17-2015</i>	21.94	21.47	16.77	15.58	10.59	13.64
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2015</i>	21.87	21.67	17.62	14.60	10.59	13.64
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>03-19-2015</i>	4.18	7.16	38.99	22.40	13.26	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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