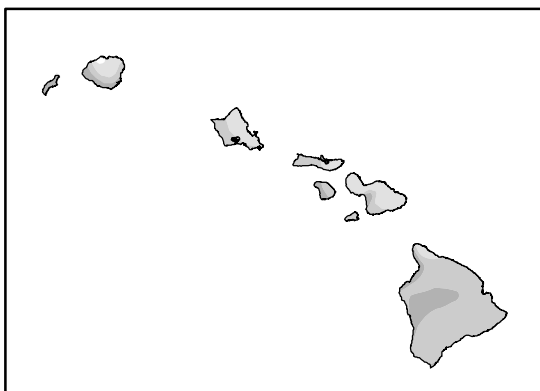
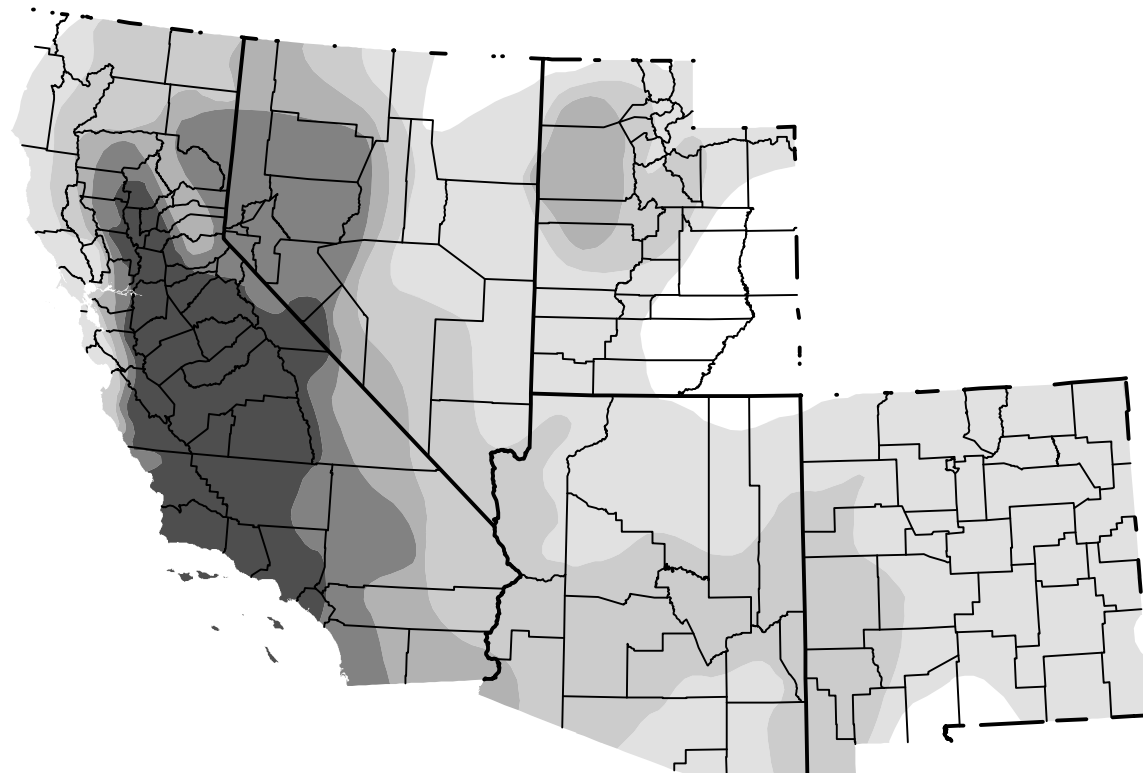


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	7.81	92.19	54.57	28.34	19.00	9.43
Last Week <i>03-17-2016</i>	18.64	81.36	46.69	28.53	19.00	9.43
3 Months Ago <i>12-24-2015</i>	21.87	78.13	56.46	39.65	24.24	13.64
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2015</i>	21.87	78.13	56.46	38.84	24.23	13.64
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2015</i>	16.35	83.65	66.03	43.10	25.84	15.17
One Year Ago <i>03-26-2015</i>	5.52	94.48	87.05	51.66	28.11	14.41

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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