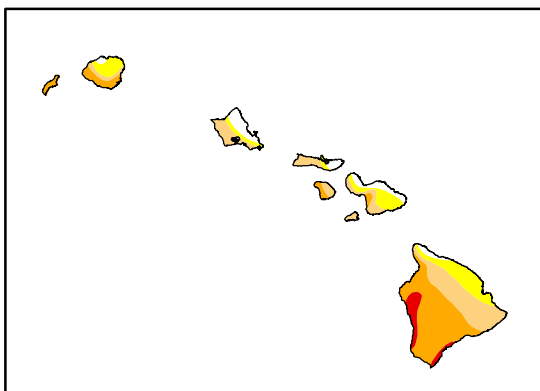
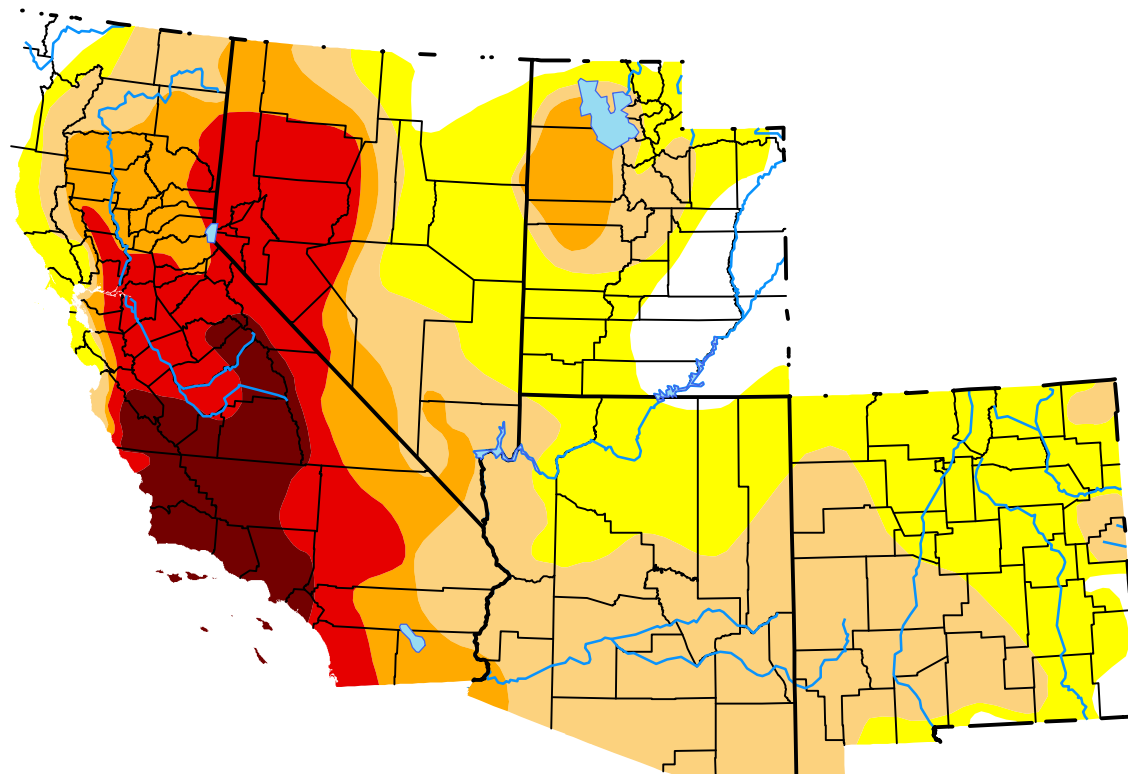


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	7.95	92.05	62.30	29.44	17.41	5.59
Last Week <i>04-14-2016</i>	7.69	92.31	62.65	29.59	19.00	8.62
3 Months Ago <i>01-21-2016</i>	32.41	67.59	46.93	32.26	22.83	12.22
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>04-23-2015</i>	5.70	94.30	86.26	57.97	28.32	15.83

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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