

# U.S. Drought Monitor Southwest

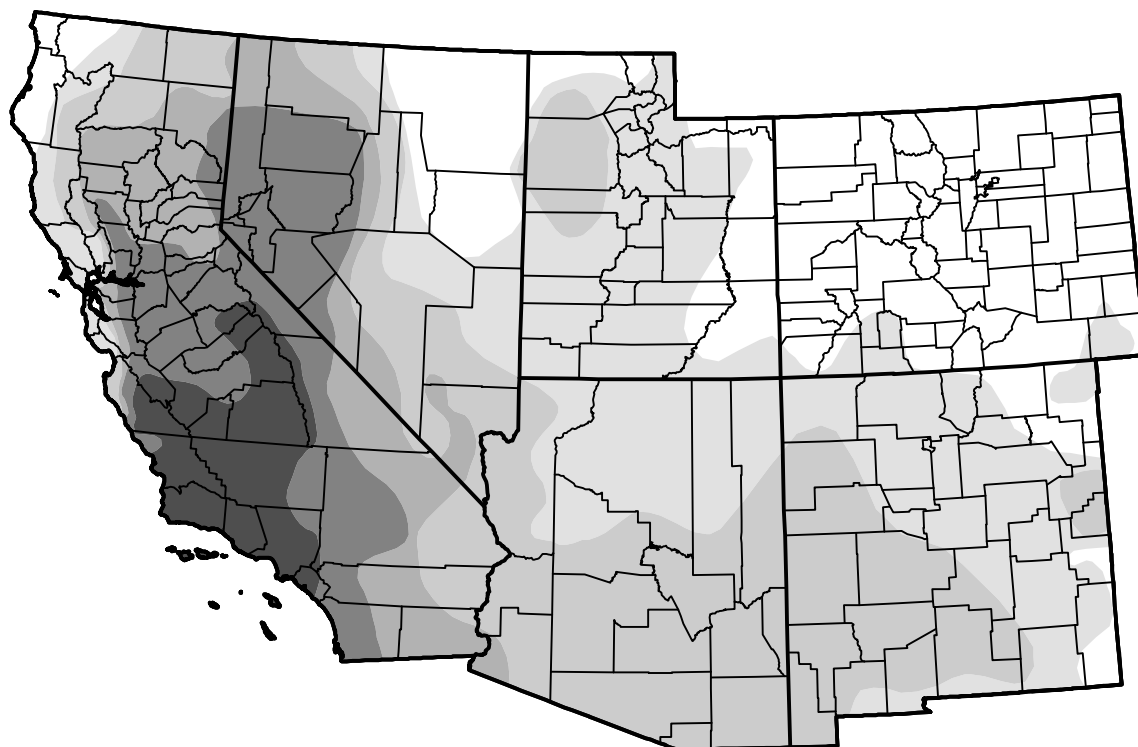
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## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 23.10 | 76.90 | 50.26 | 23.32 | 14.91 | 4.80  |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>04-26-2016</i>              | 14.29 | 85.71 | 53.18 | 24.91 | 14.91 | 4.80  |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>02-02-2016</i>           | 41.26 | 58.74 | 39.51 | 27.71 | 18.64 | 9.75  |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-29-2015</i> | 31.79 | 68.21 | 48.49 | 33.36 | 20.81 | 11.72 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2015</i>    | 23.90 | 76.10 | 56.71 | 37.02 | 22.19 | 13.03 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>05-05-2015</i>           | 12.06 | 87.94 | 80.97 | 53.08 | 24.26 | 13.60 |



## 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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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