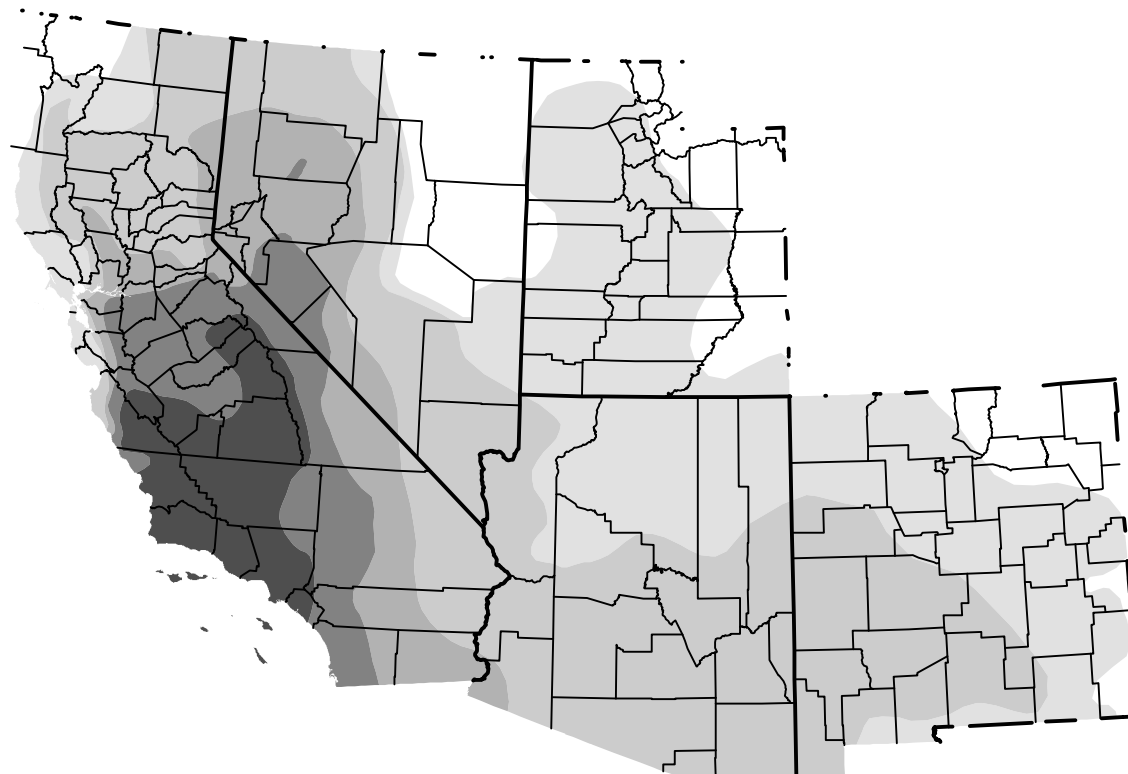


# U.S. Drought Monitor USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 15.54 | 29.19 | 33.17 | 9.63  | 6.89  | 5.59  |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>05-19-2016</i>              | 15.19 | 28.80 | 31.77 | 11.76 | 6.89  | 5.59  |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>02-25-2016</i>           | 26.84 | 28.56 | 14.15 | 9.98  | 9.40  | 11.06 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2015</i> | 21.87 | 21.67 | 17.62 | 14.60 | 10.59 | 13.64 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-01-2015</i>    | 16.35 | 17.62 | 22.93 | 17.26 | 10.67 | 15.17 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>05-28-2015</i>           | 11.53 | 7.81  | 26.62 | 25.84 | 12.37 | 15.82 |

## 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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