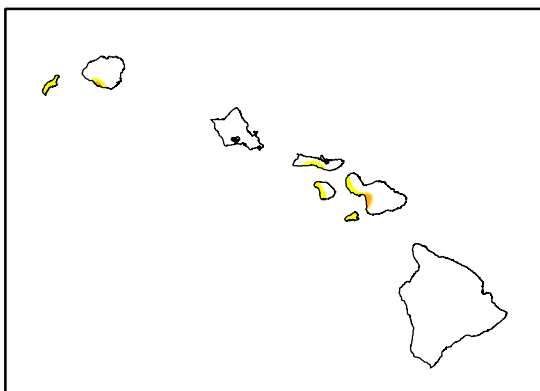
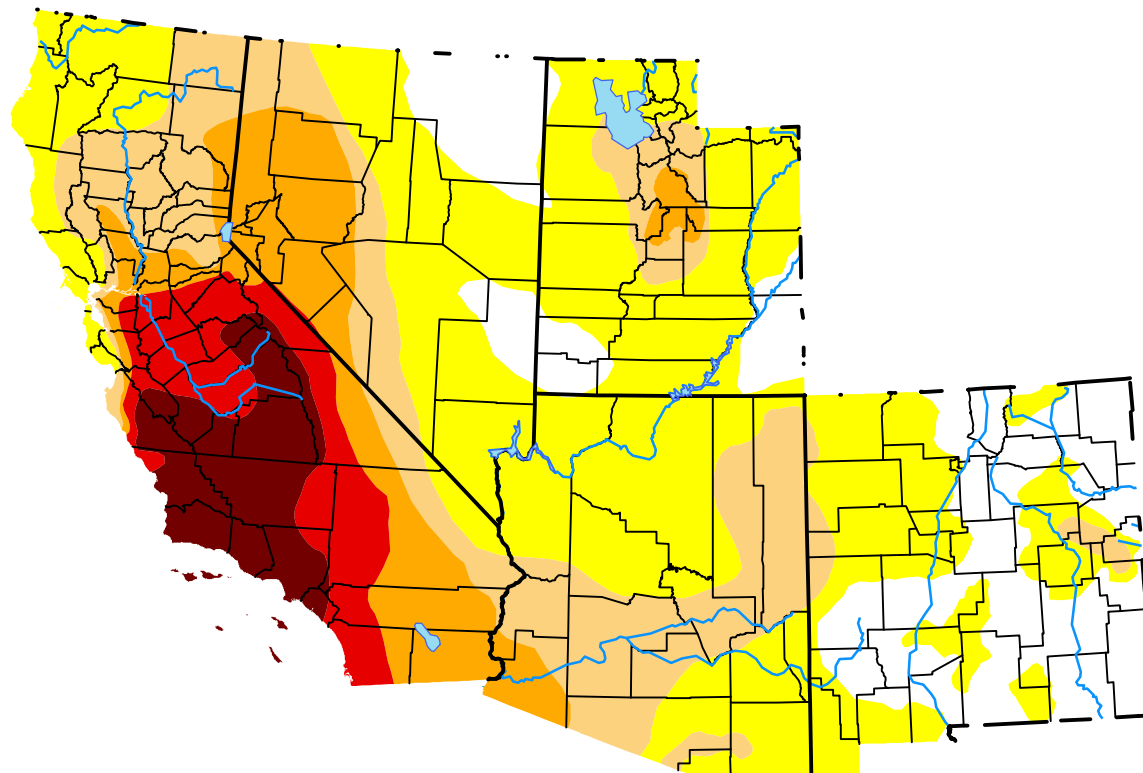


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	17.65	41.50	18.93	10.50	5.83	5.59
Last Week <i>09-15-2016</i>	17.62	41.03	19.40	10.54	5.83	5.59
3 Months Ago <i>06-23-2016</i>	18.81	37.60	22.24	9.92	5.84	5.59
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>09-24-2015</i>	13.98	19.22	23.59	17.36	10.67	15.17

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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