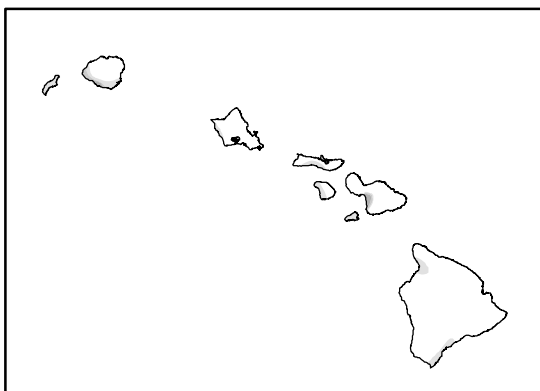
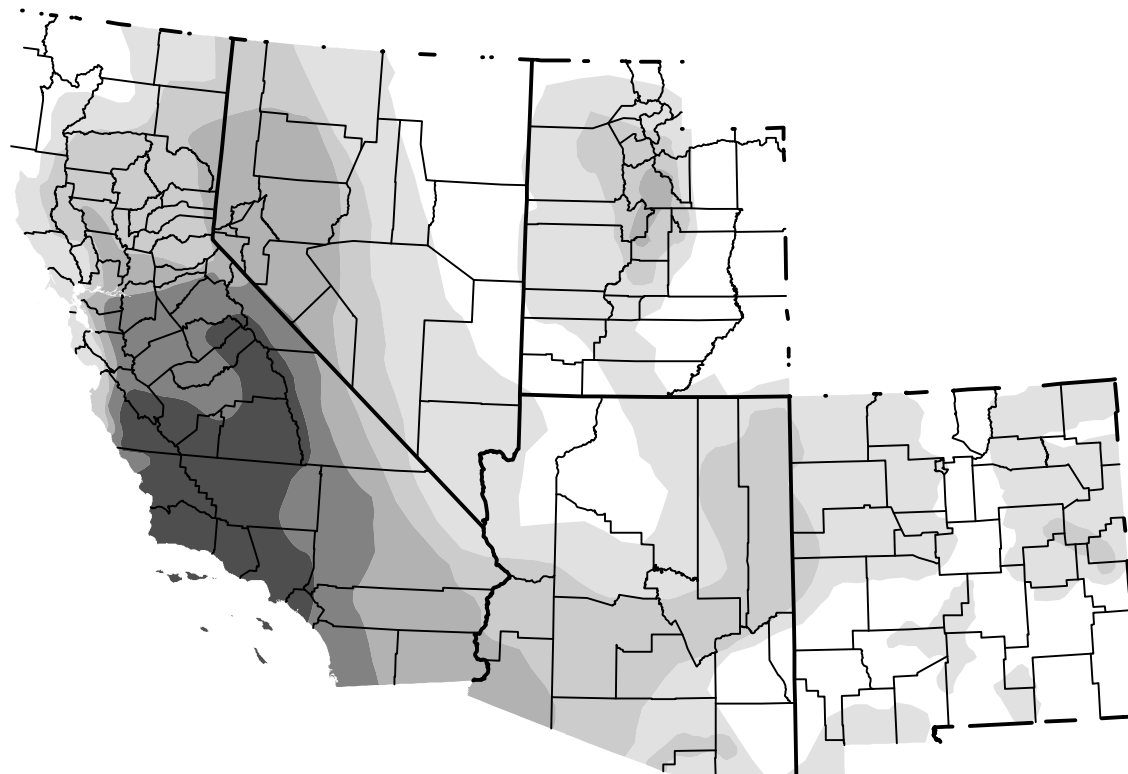


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	28.73	31.53	18.14	10.18	5.83	5.59
Last Week <i>10-13-2016</i>	26.83	32.78	18.67	10.30	5.83	5.59
3 Months Ago <i>07-21-2016</i>	18.53	38.12	22.06	9.87	5.83	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>09-29-2016</i>	22.72	36.90	18.67	10.30	5.83	5.59
One Year Ago <i>10-22-2015</i>	17.31	18.81	21.43	17.04	10.24	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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