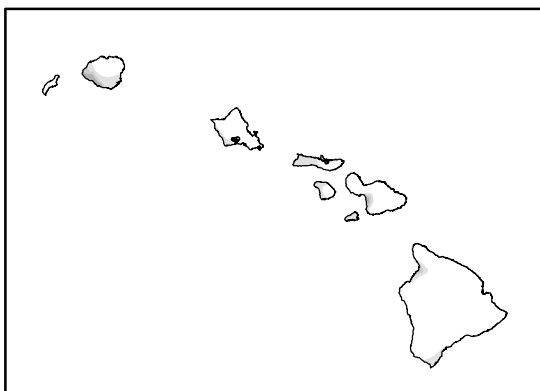
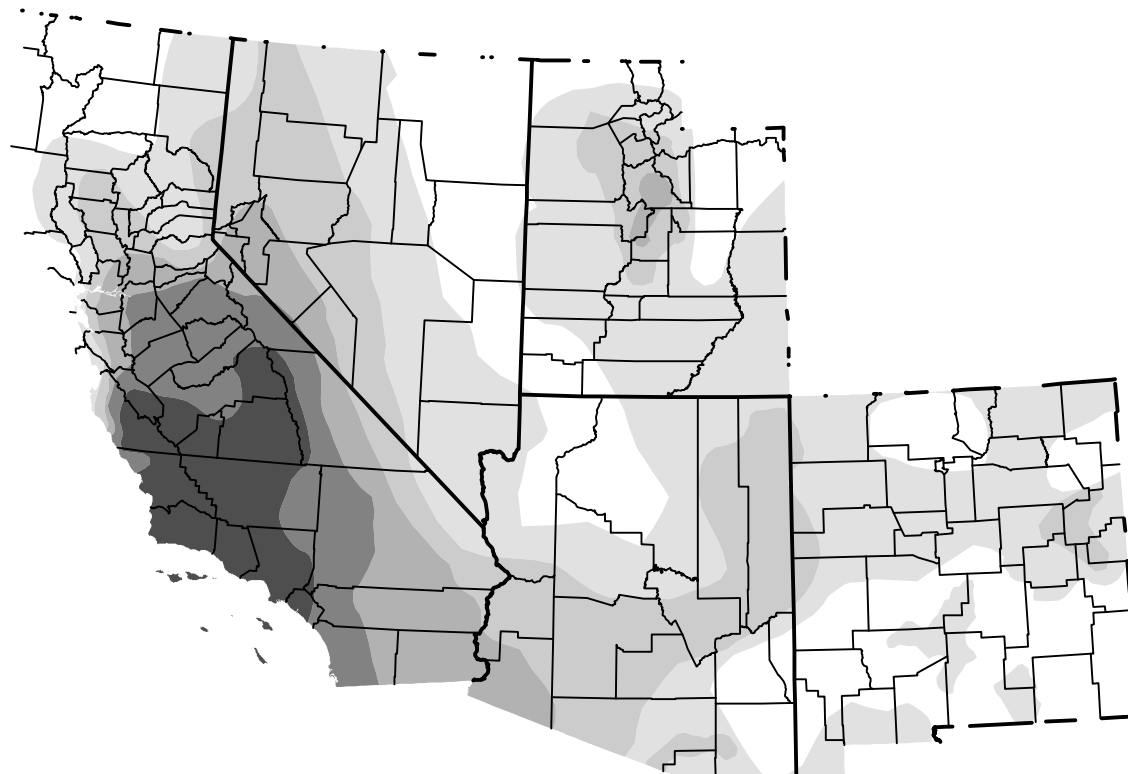


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	27.54	35.85	18.46	7.08	5.82	5.24
Last Week <i>12-15-2016</i>	27.20	35.36	18.88	7.14	5.83	5.59
3 Months Ago <i>09-22-2016</i>	17.65	41.50	18.93	10.50	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>12-24-2015</i>	21.87	21.68	16.80	15.41	10.59	13.64

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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