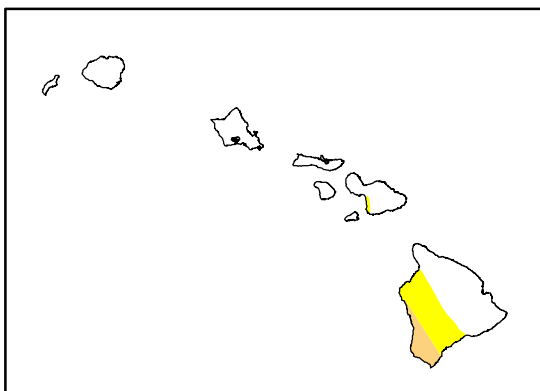
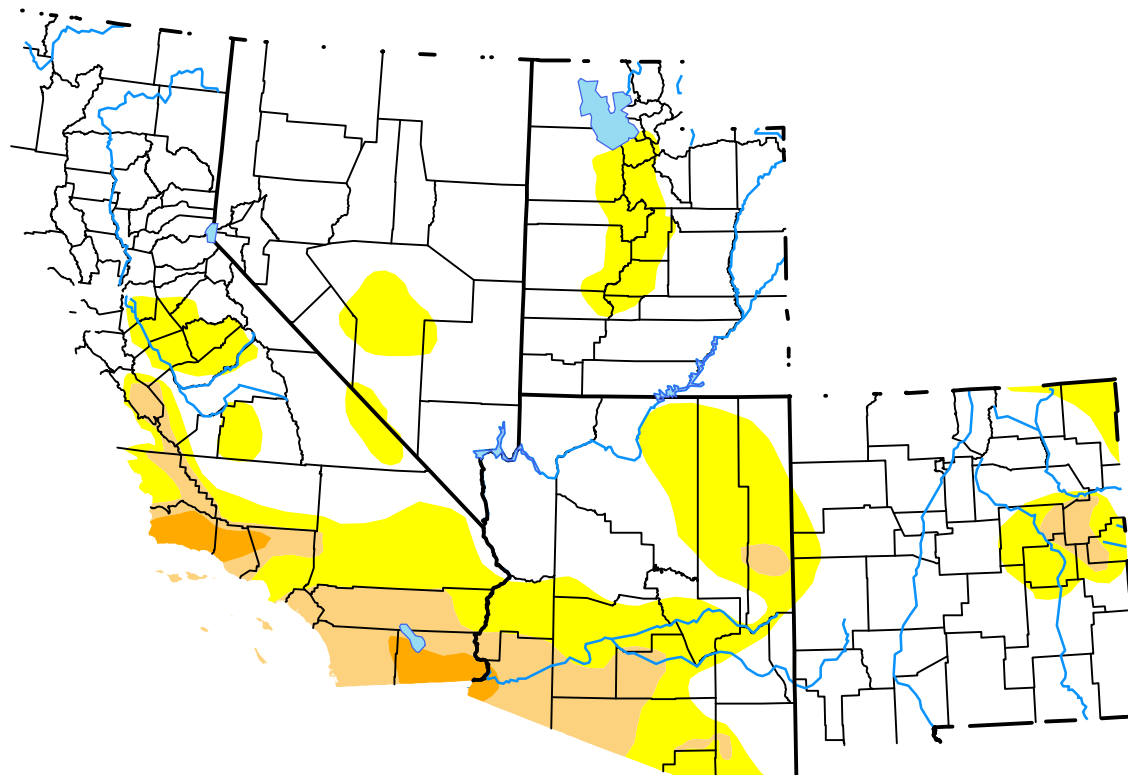


# U.S. Drought Monitor USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                             | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4    |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 73.24 | 26.76 | 7.95  | 1.23  | 0.00  | 0.00  |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>02-16-2017              | 66.18 | 33.82 | 10.22 | 2.09  | 0.20  | 0.00  |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>11-23-2016           | 25.95 | 74.05 | 37.37 | 18.55 | 11.41 | 5.59  |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>01-05-2017 | 40.36 | 59.64 | 31.73 | 16.38 | 10.17 | 4.86  |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>09-29-2016    | 22.72 | 77.28 | 40.39 | 21.72 | 11.41 | 5.59  |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>02-25-2016           | 26.84 | 73.16 | 44.60 | 30.45 | 20.47 | 11.06 |

## 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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