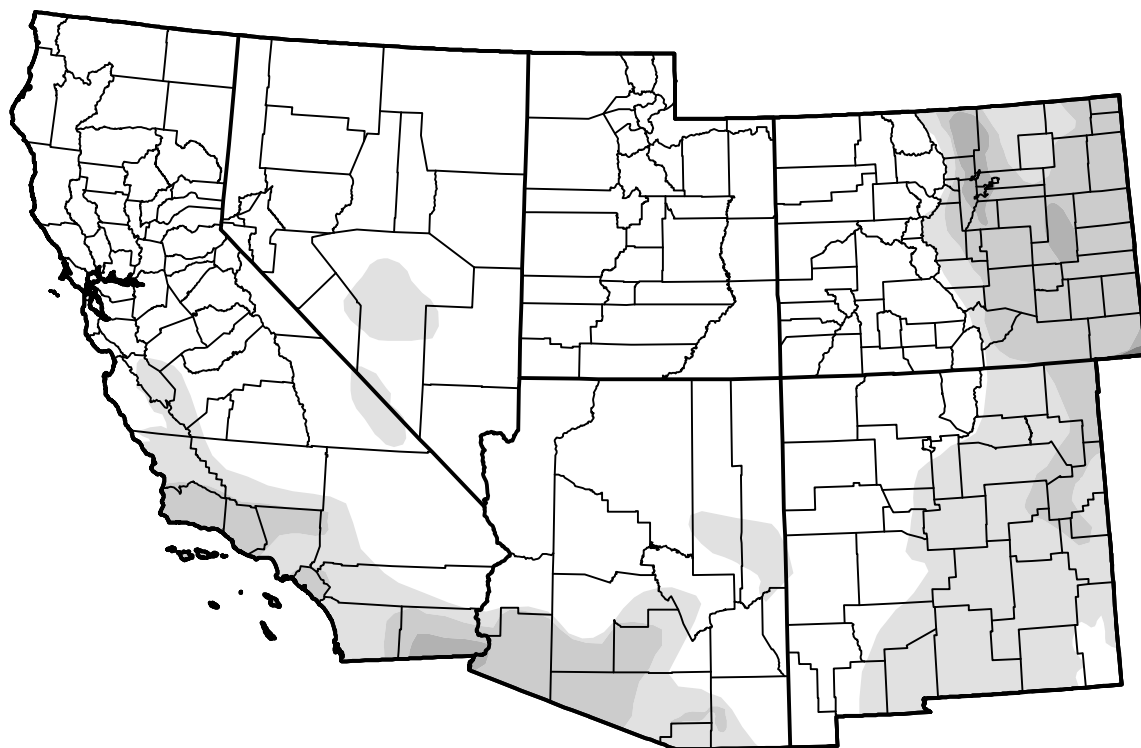


# U.S. Drought Monitor Southwest

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                 | None  | D0    | D1    | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                  | 71.49 | 16.95 | 10.51 | 1.02 | 0.03 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>03-14-2017                  | 77.03 | 12.02 | 10.01 | 0.91 | 0.03 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>12-20-2016               | 23.10 | 39.71 | 21.18 | 6.50 | 5.00 | 4.50 |
| <b>Start of<br/>Calendar Year</b><br>01-03-2017 | 38.65 | 28.53 | 18.33 | 5.76 | 4.56 | 4.18 |
| <b>Start of<br/>Water Year</b><br>09-27-2016    | 29.25 | 35.71 | 16.40 | 8.84 | 5.00 | 4.80 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>03-22-2016               | 17.03 | 36.37 | 22.41 | 7.87 | 8.21 | 8.10 |

## 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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>*

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