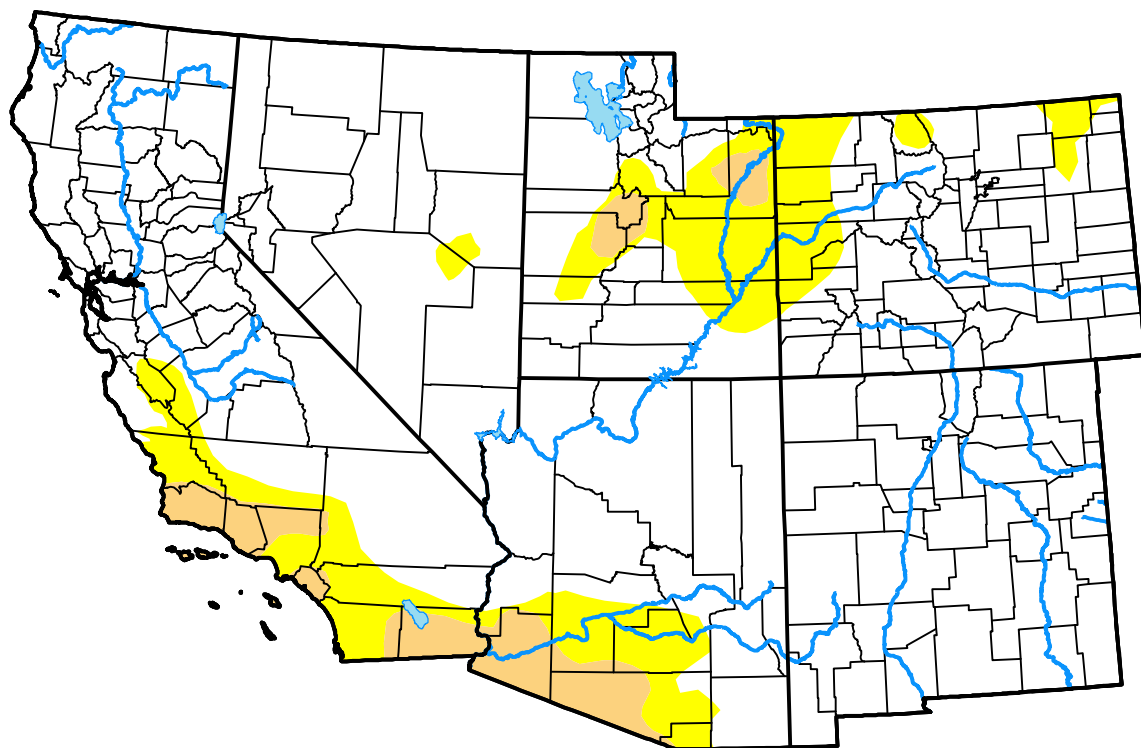


# U.S. Drought Monitor Southwest

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	84.18	15.82	4.42	0.01	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>08-15-2017</i>	83.17	16.83	4.38	0.01	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>05-23-2017</i>	78.72	21.28	7.61	0.28	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2017</i>	38.65	61.35	32.82	14.49	8.74	4.18
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2016</i>	29.25	70.75	35.05	18.65	9.80	4.80
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>08-23-2016</i>	21.95	78.05	42.00	17.58	9.80	4.80

**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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