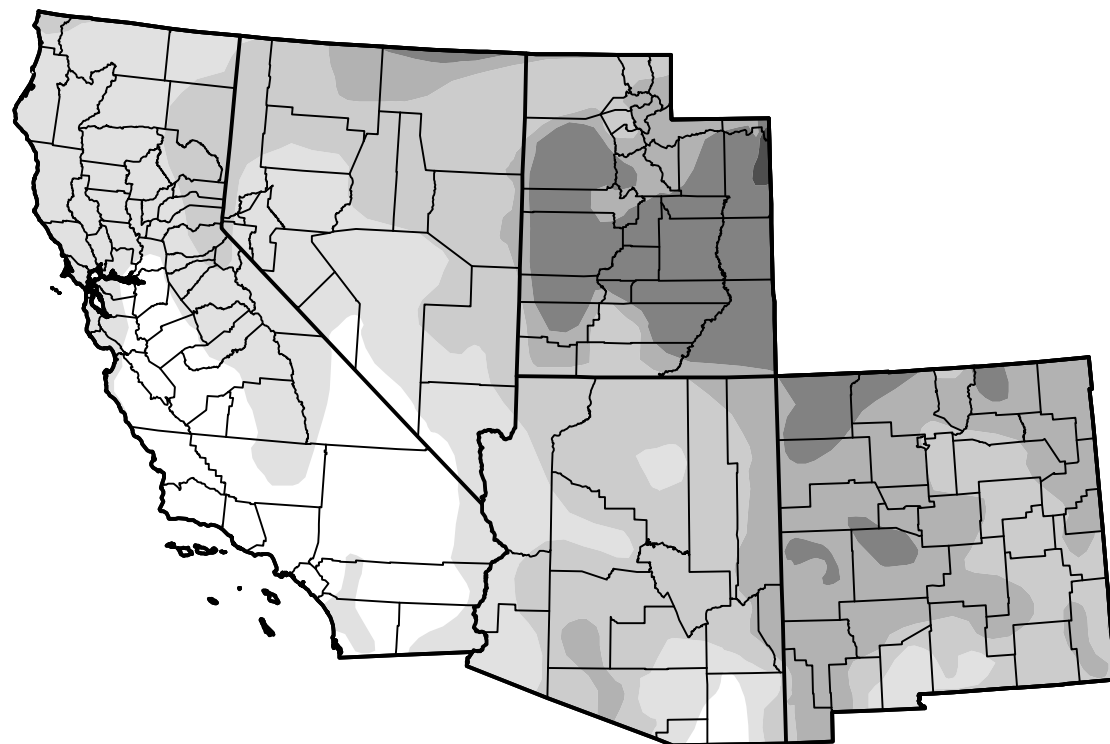


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	13.63	86.37	60.57	30.03	10.80	0.14
Last Week <i>03-31-2026</i>	20.02	79.98	55.94	27.98	9.64	0.14
3 Months Ago <i>01-06-2026</i>	42.93	57.07	42.18	20.03	1.24	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-06-2026</i>	42.93	57.07	42.18	20.03	1.24	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2025</i>	11.81	88.19	72.96	49.39	11.73	0.78
One Year Ago <i>04-08-2025</i>	18.44	81.56	70.65	51.59	26.04	2.41

Note: Statistics do not include areas represented by points.

Intensity:

 None	 D2 Severe Drought
 D0 Abnormally Dry	 D3 Extreme Drought
 D1 Moderate Drought	 D4 Exceptional Drought

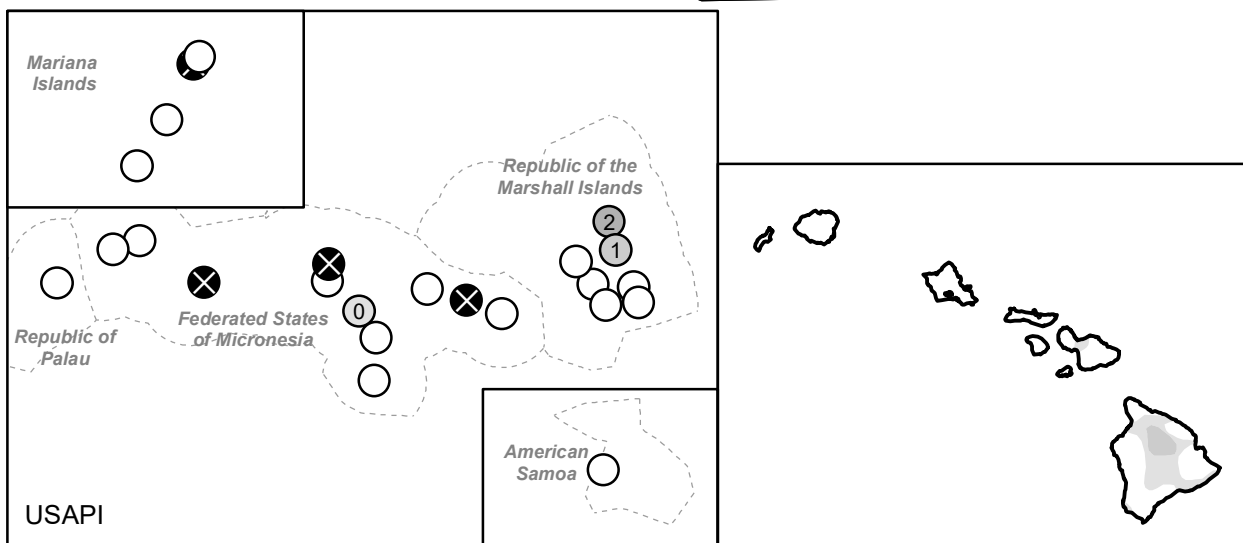
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