



Drought Information Statement for Far southwestern California

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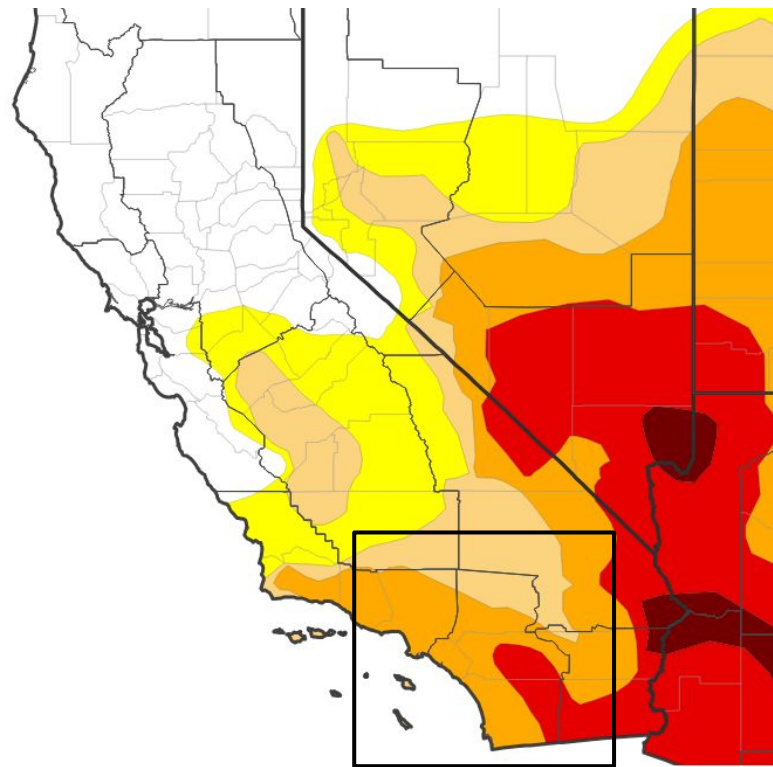
- This product will be updated April 17, 2025 or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
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- Parts of Southern California remain in D3 extreme drought conditions
 - Record driest start to the water year
 - Rapid increase from D0 to D3 across Southern California due to a record dry start (driest at San Diego airport) to the water year
 - Very dry conditions continue for mountains and deserts since summer 2024



U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for California and Nevada

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D4 (Exceptional Drought)**: No areas.
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: Eastern parts of San Diego and Riverside counties.
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Orange County and the rest of Riverside and San Diego counties. Also the southern half of San Bernardino County.
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Northern San Bernardino County.
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: N/A.



U.S. Drought Monitor



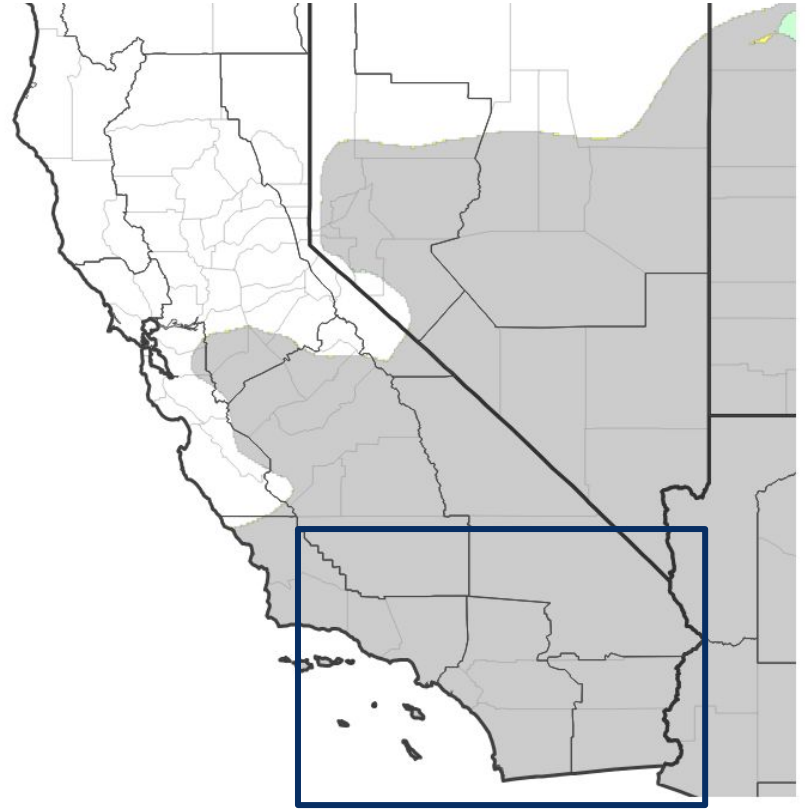


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for West

- **Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change**

- Drought Worsened: No worsened areas
- No Change: The [past week](#) there are no changes to the drought intensity for any locations
- Drought Improved: No improvement areas



Drought Change Since Last Week





Precipitation past 30 days

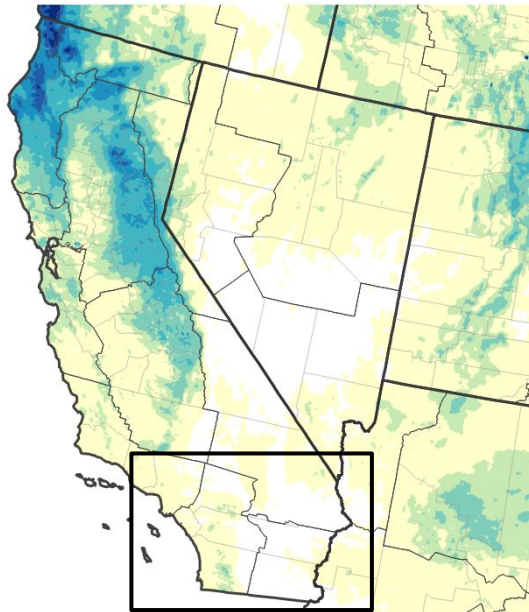
→ Southern California is near-normal for precipitation the past 30 days. Very little rainfall has occurred, with only the mountains receiving meaningful rainfall in the past month

7-day precipitation totals

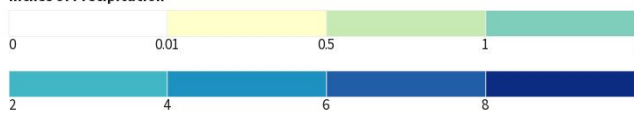
7-day percent of average precipitation

30-day percent of average precipitation

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)

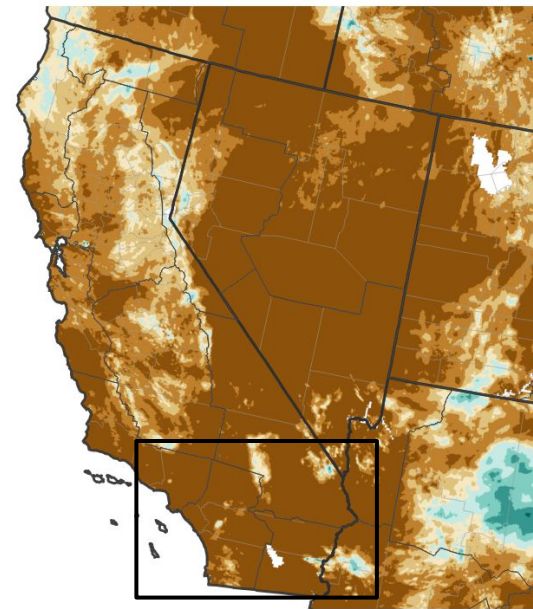


Inches of Precipitation

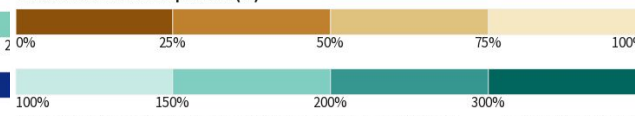


Source(s): National Weather Service Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System; image courtesy of Drought.gov

30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Percent of Normal Precipitation (%)



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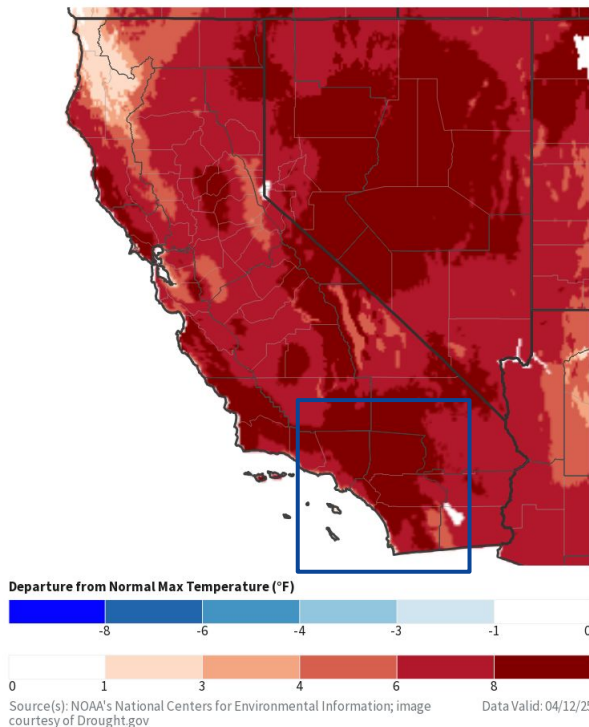


Temperature

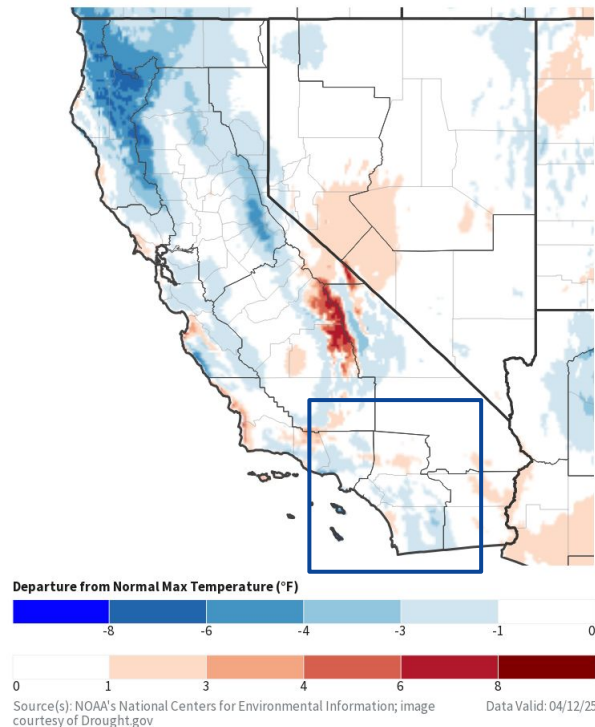
Link to [HPRCC](#) and [WRCC](#)

→ Well above normal temperatures during mid-April

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



30-Day Temperature Anomaly





Summary of Impacts

Links: See/submit [Condition Monitoring Observer Reports \(CMOR\)](#) and view the [Drought Impacts Reporter](#)

Hydrologic Impacts

- Dry soil and vegetation so very low soil moisture and water flow (below average stream flow).

Agricultural Impacts

- Winter rains lacking for germination of seeds

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Extreme (historical) dry fuel moisture and critical wildfire danger

Other Impacts

- Limited to no snowpack and strain on outdoor recreation (5 ski snow play areas)

Mitigation Actions

- Significant water use for snowmaking efforts and wildfire suppression





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

→ Low water stream
flow levels due to lack
of precipitation

California snowpack

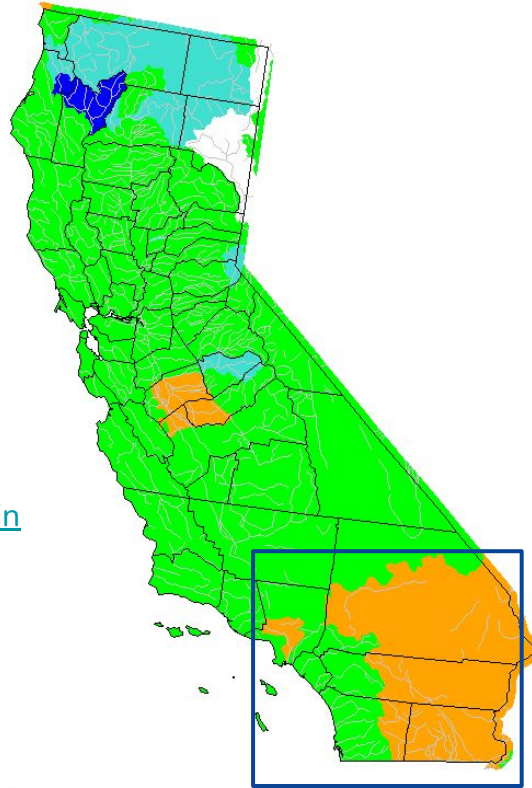
<https://cdec.water.ca.gov/snowapp/sweq.action>

California water supply

<https://cdec.water.ca.gov/resapp/RescondMain>

SoCal water supply

https://www.bewaterwise.com/water_supply_conditions/water_supply_conditions.pdf



Explanation - Percentile classes							
Low	<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90	High	No Data
	Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal		

Image Caption: USGS 7 day average streamflow HUC map valid February 2025

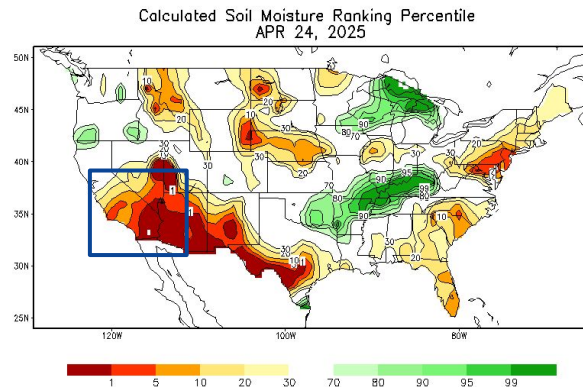
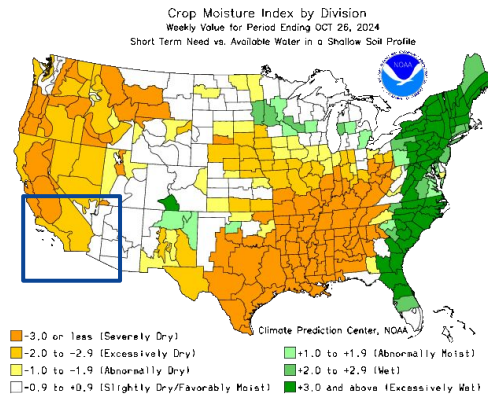
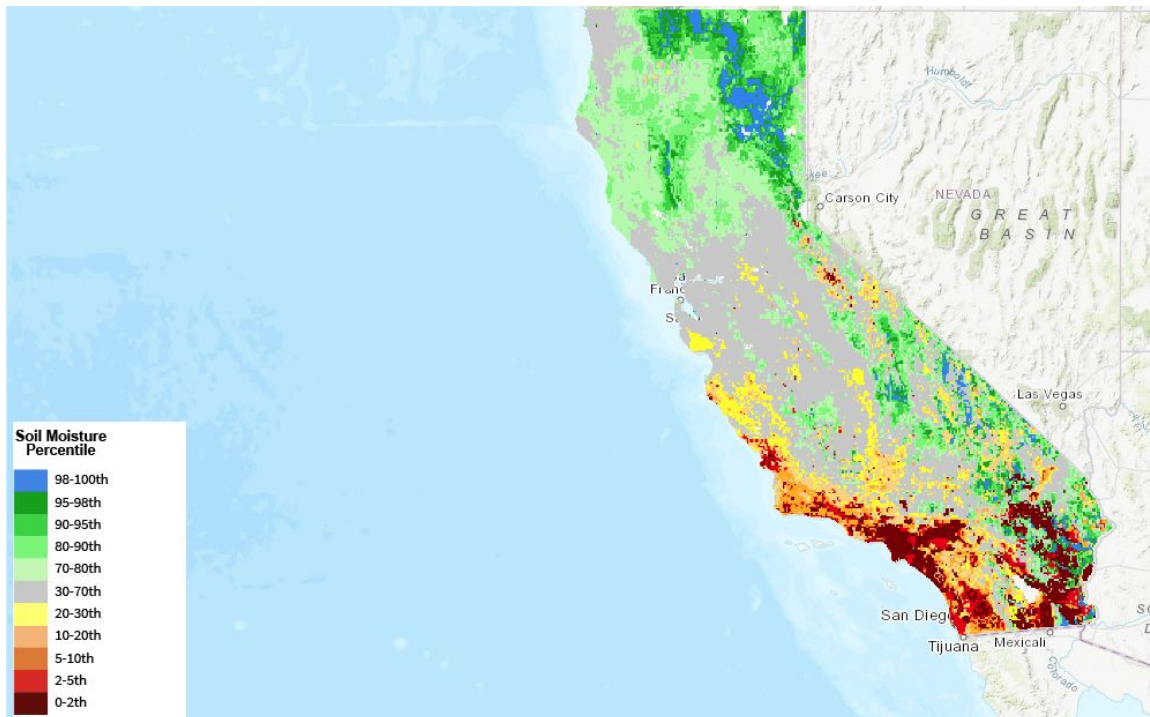




Agricultural Impacts

California water watch

→ Very dry soil conditions
in southern California





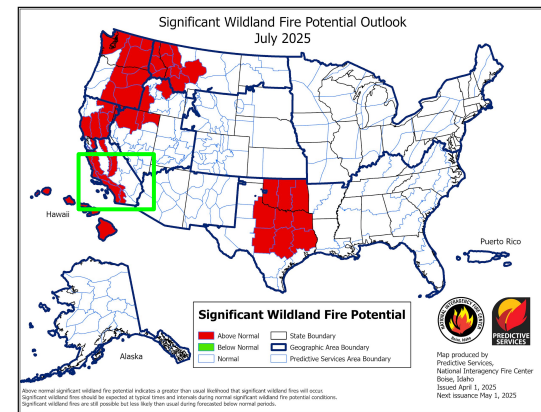
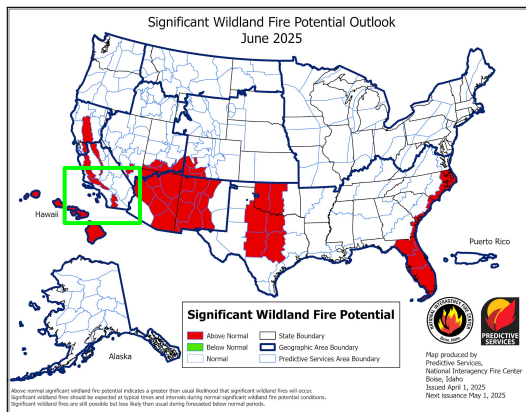
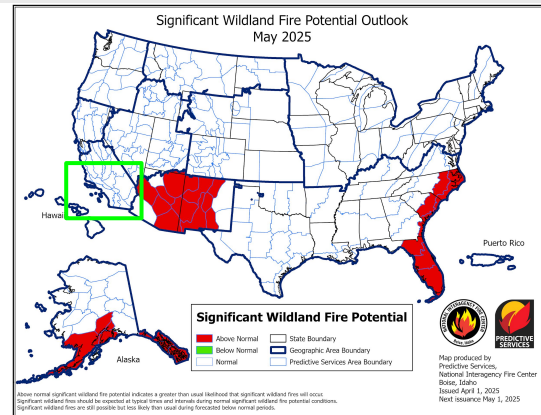
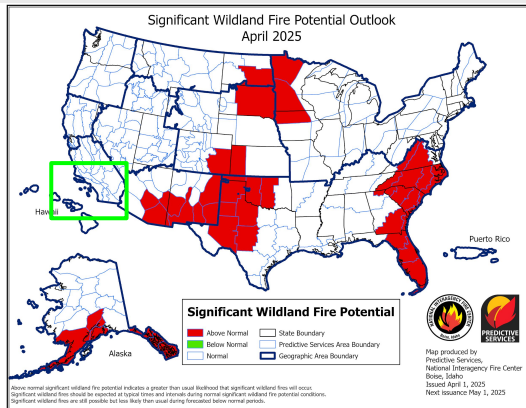
Fire Hazard and Air Quality Impacts

Link to [Wildfire Potential Outlooks from the National Interagency Coordination Center](#).

- Near normal fire danger continues
- High wildfire potential heading into the summer

Latest GACC South Ops fuel moisture available [here](#).

South Coast Air Quality and burn bans [here](#)



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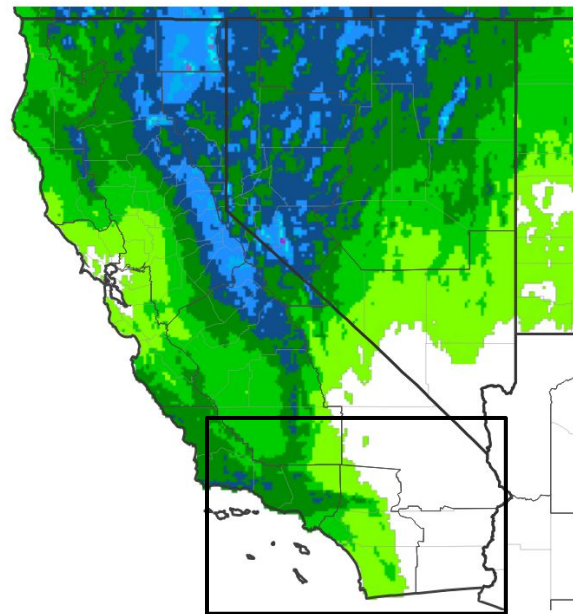
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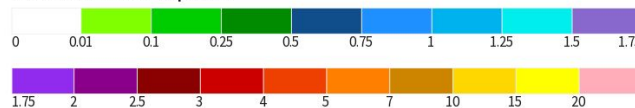
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- ➔ Little rainfall expected through next week, with localized areas of heavier rainfall generally in the mountains

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for April 24, 2025–May 1, 2025



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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Rapid Onset Drought Outlook

Links to the latest Climate Prediction Center **8 to 14 day** [Temperature Outlook](#) and [Precipitation Outlook](#).

- ➔ No significant threats next 2 weeks
- ➔ Slightly above normal precipitation expected for the next two weeks



Days 8-14 U.S. Hazards Outlook

Valid: May 2 - 8, 2025



Climate Prediction Center

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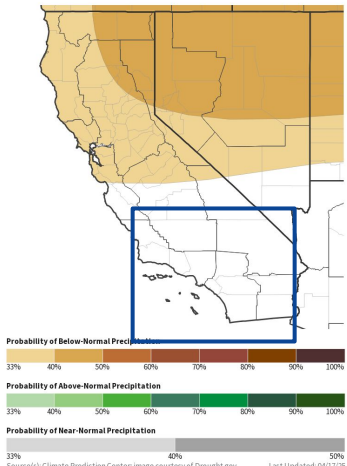
Long-Range Outlooks

The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the [CPC homepage](#)

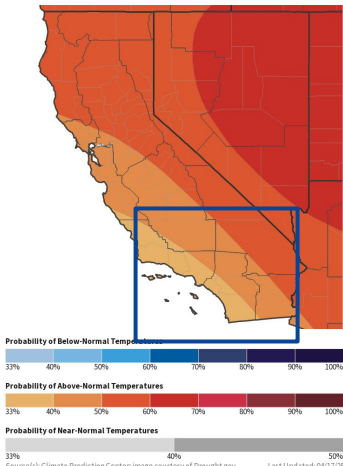
- ➔ April 3-month precipitation and temperature outlook - no significant signal in Southern California
- ➔ Below average precipitation and above normal temperatures expected for April

3-month precipitation and temperature outlook

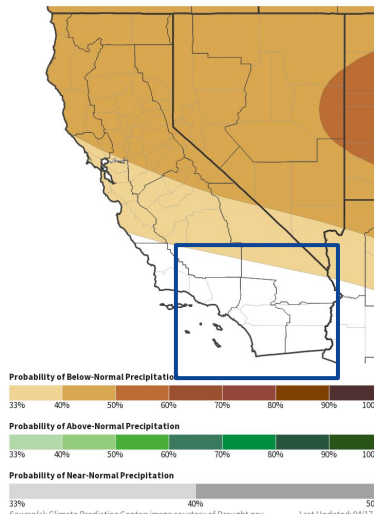
Seasonal (3-Month) Precipitation Outlook for May 1, 2025–July 31, 2025



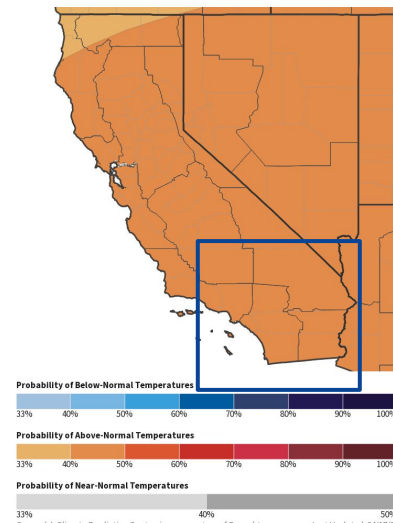
Seasonal (3-Month) Temperature Outlook for May 1, 2025–July 31, 2025



Monthly Precipitation Outlook for May 1, 2025–May 31, 2025



Monthly Temperature Outlook for May 1, 2025–May 31, 2025



1 month outlooks





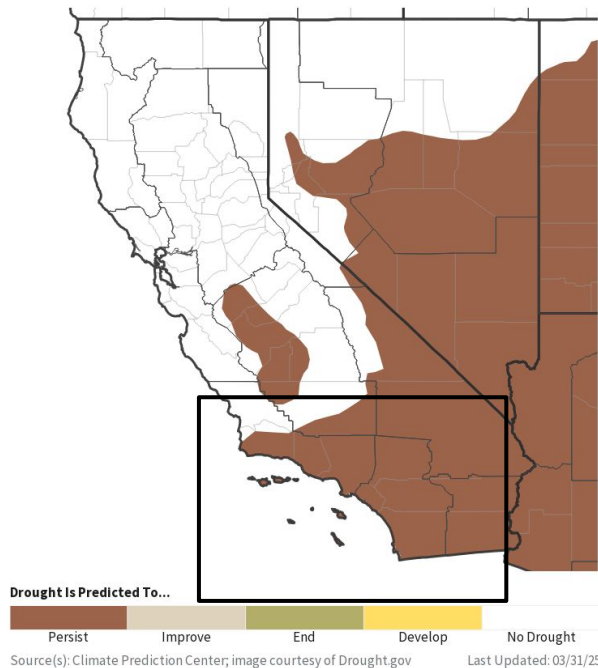
Drought Outlook

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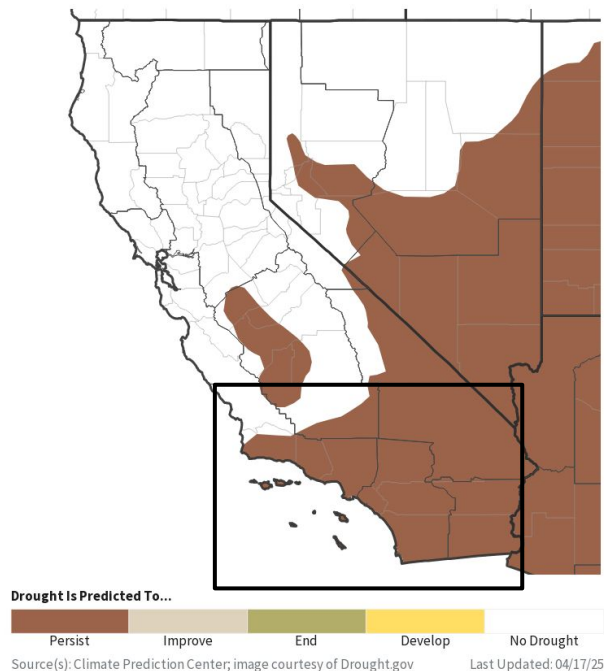


Drought conditions persisting in Southern California

1-Month Drought Outlook for April 1, 2025–April 30, 2025



Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for April 17, 2025–July 31, 2025



Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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