



Drought Information Statement for Far southwestern California

Valid **September 19, 2025**

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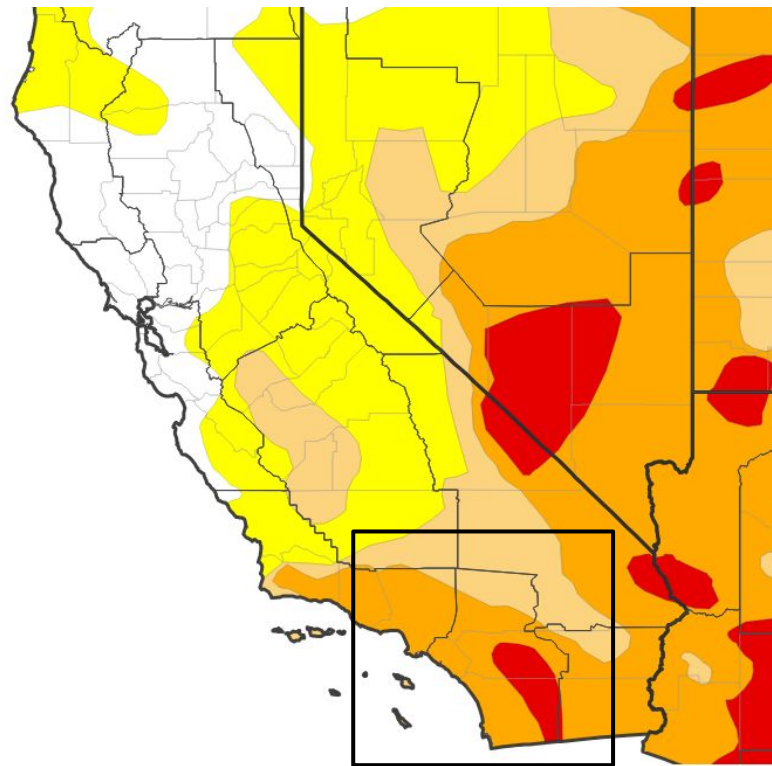
- Most of Southern California is in D3 extreme drought conditions
- Record driest start to the water year
- Rapid increase from D0 to D3 across Southern California due to a record dry start (driest at San Diego airport) to the water year
- Very warm conditions continue for mountains and deserts since 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)**: East San Diego County and south-central Riverside County.
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Orange County, most of Riverside and San Diego counties, southwestern San Bernardino County.
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Western and central San Bernardino County.
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: N/A.



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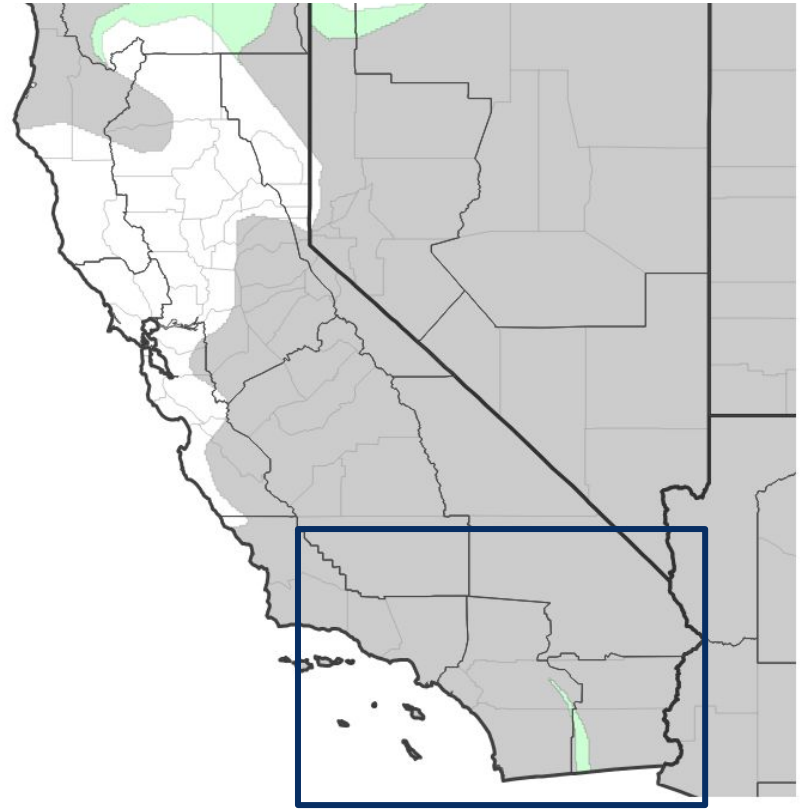


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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 the majority of locations.
- Drought Improved: Small area on San Diego and Imperial County border into central Riverside County.



Drought Change Since Last Week





Precipitation past 30 days

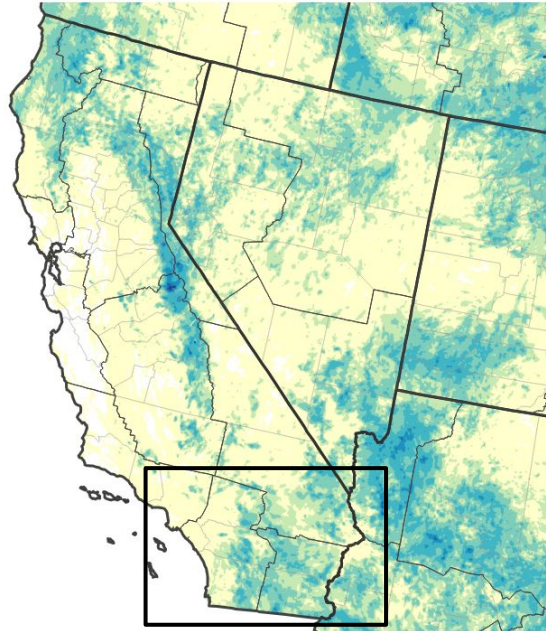
→ Southern California has received above average precipitation in most areas the last 30 days, 300% of average in many areas.

7-day precipitation totals

7-day percent of average precipitation

30-day percent of average precipitation

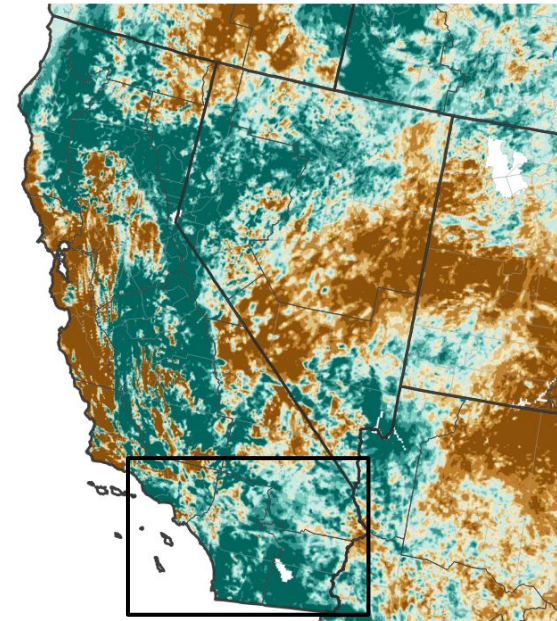
30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



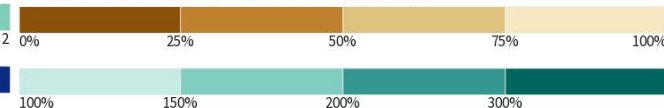
Inches of Precipitation



30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



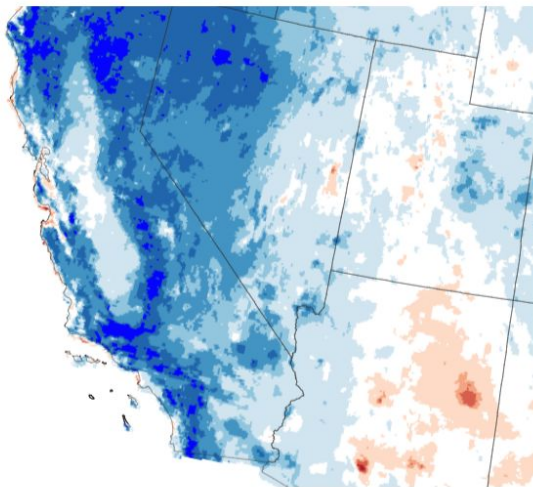


Temperature

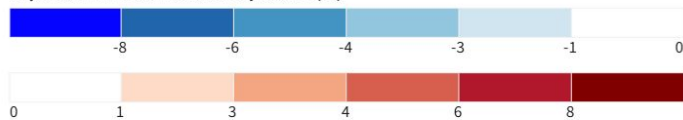
Link to [HPRCC](#) and [WRCC](#)

- Below normal temperatures during the past week away from most of the immediate coast, which was near normal.
- Near normal to above normal temperatures for coastal areas, near to below normal for inland areas in the past 30 days

7-Day Departure from Normal Maximum Temperature (°F)



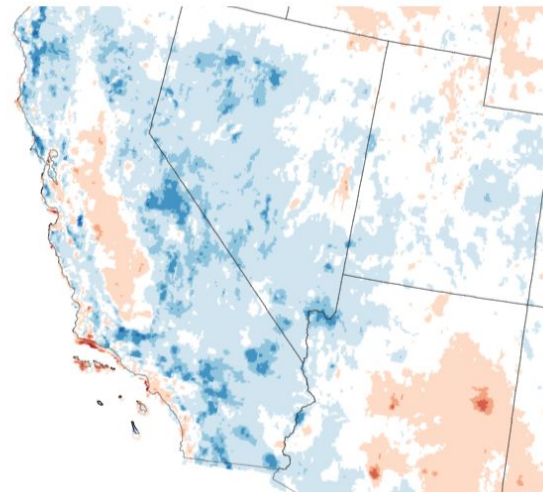
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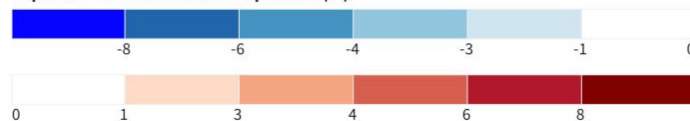
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Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- Soil moisture continues to be very low, stream flow currently running near to above average.

Agricultural Impacts

- Crop moisture excessively dry.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Last live fuel reports indicate live fuels are near to below critical dry fuel moisture, while dead fuels are fairly moist.

Other Impacts

- NA?

Mitigation Actions

- NA?





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

➔ Normal to above normal streamflow in most of Southern California.

California snowpack

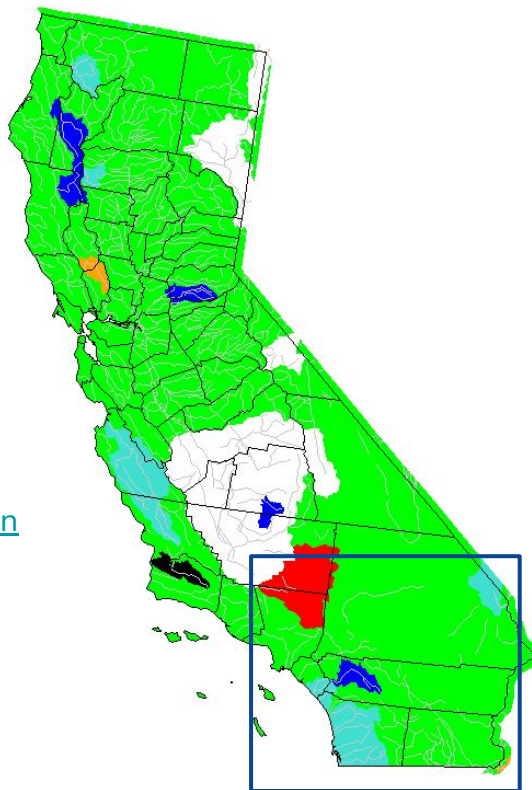
<https://cdec.water.ca.gov/snowapp/sweq.action>

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 September 2025



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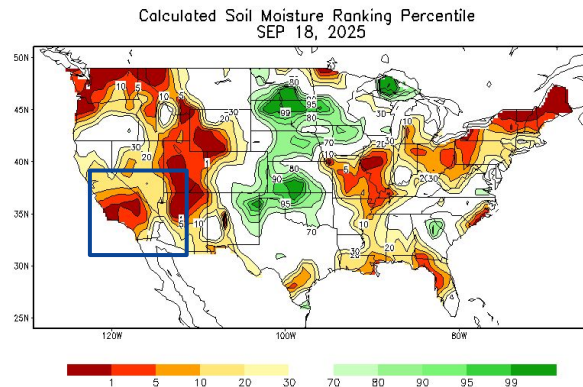
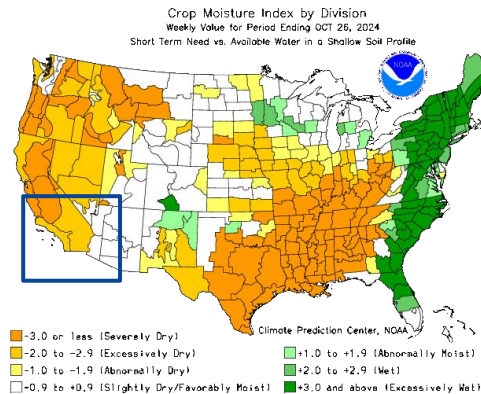
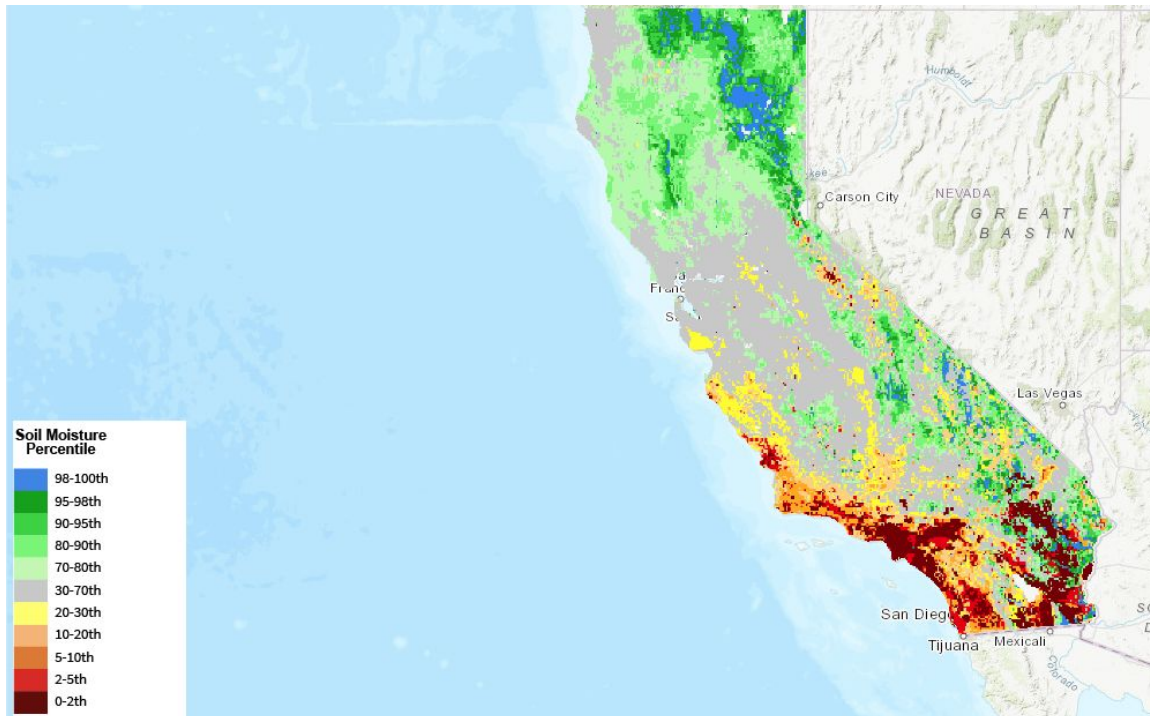
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Agricultural Impacts

California water watch

➔ Very dry soil conditions continue in Southern California





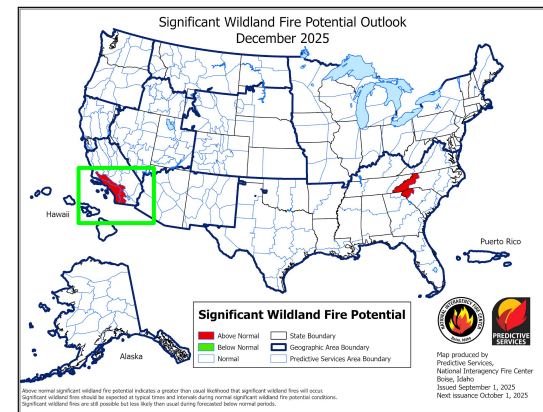
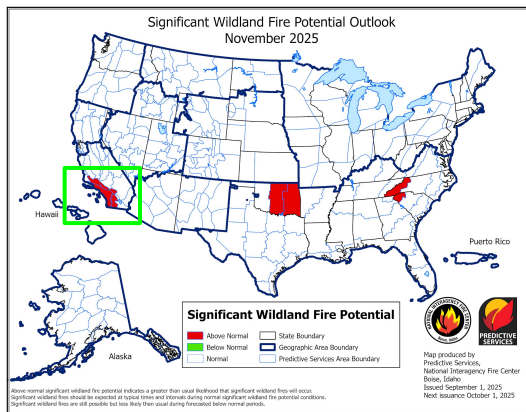
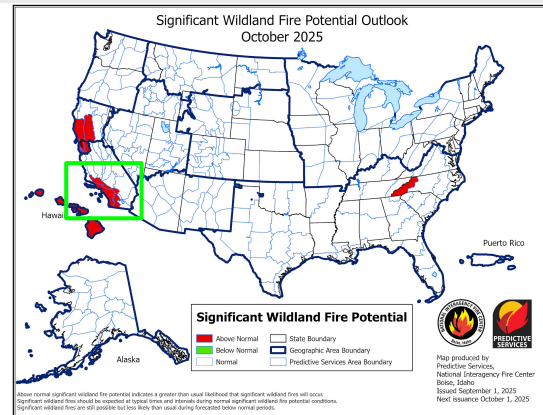
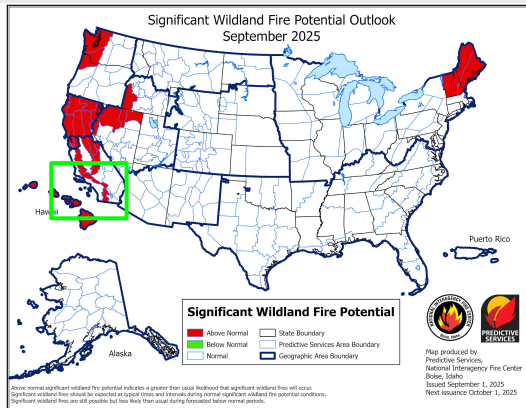
Fire Hazard and Air Quality Impacts

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

- ➔ Near normal fire danger continues this month along the coast, elevated for mountains.
- ➔ High wildfire potential for fall into winter with weak La Nina conditions possibly leading to below normal precipitation.

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

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



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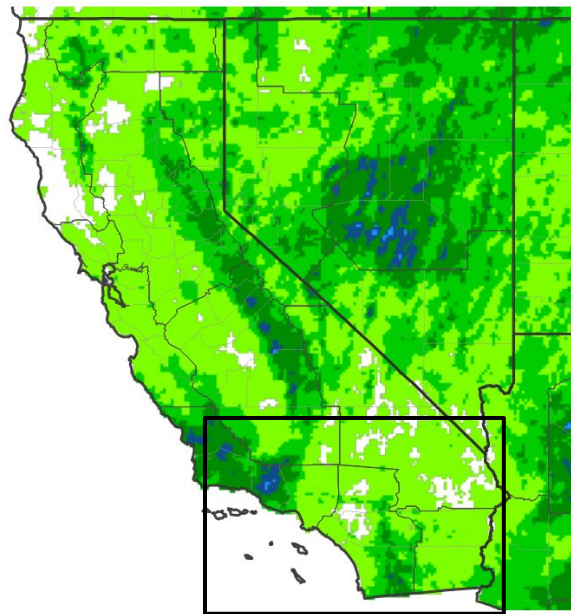
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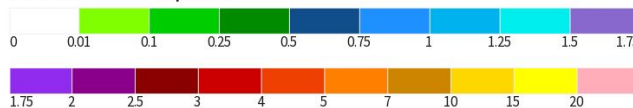
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Fairly widespread rainfall Sunday, followed by showers and thunderstorm chances mostly in the mountains and deserts.
- Uncertainties with respect to how much precipitation, but areas of wetting rain likely for southern mountains.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for September 19, 2025-September 26, 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.
- ➔ Additional precipitation expected for Southern California this September.



Days 8-14 U.S. Hazards Outlook

Valid: September 27 - October 3, 2025



Climate Prediction Center

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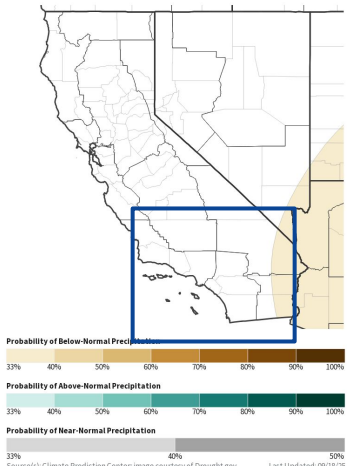
Long-Range Outlooks

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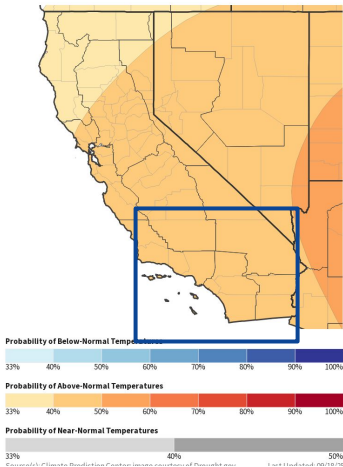
- ➔ No significant signal in Southern California for precipitation this fall.
- ➔ Leaning above average temperatures for fall.

3-month precipitation and temperature outlook

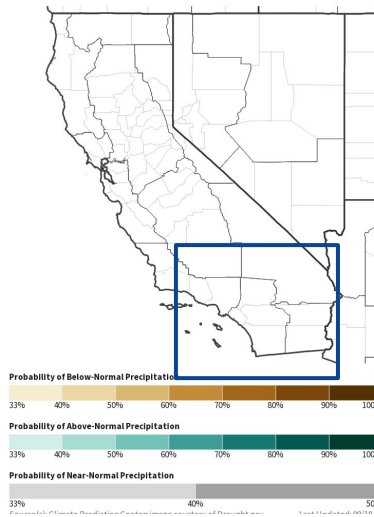
Seasonal (3-Month) Precipitation Outlook for October 1, 2025–December 31, 2025



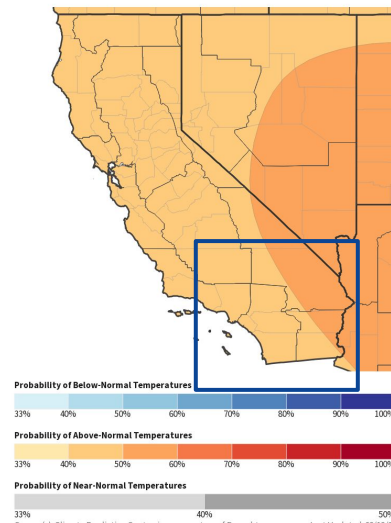
Seasonal (3-Month) Temperature Outlook for October 1, 2025–December 31, 2025



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



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1 month outlooks





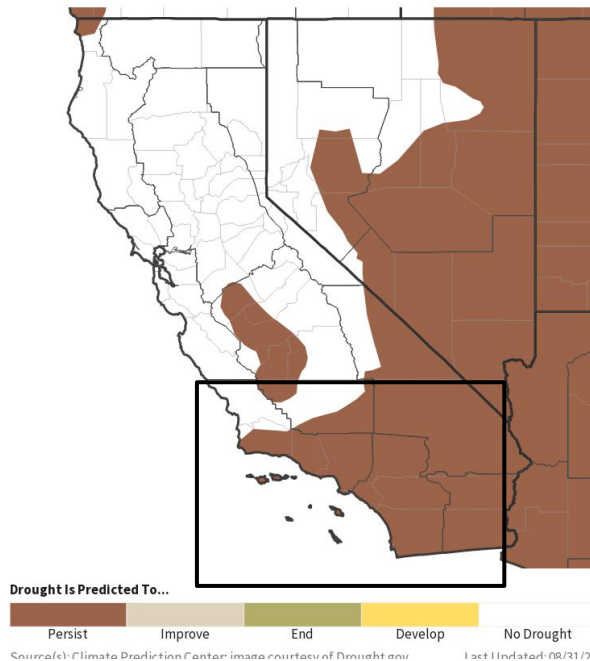
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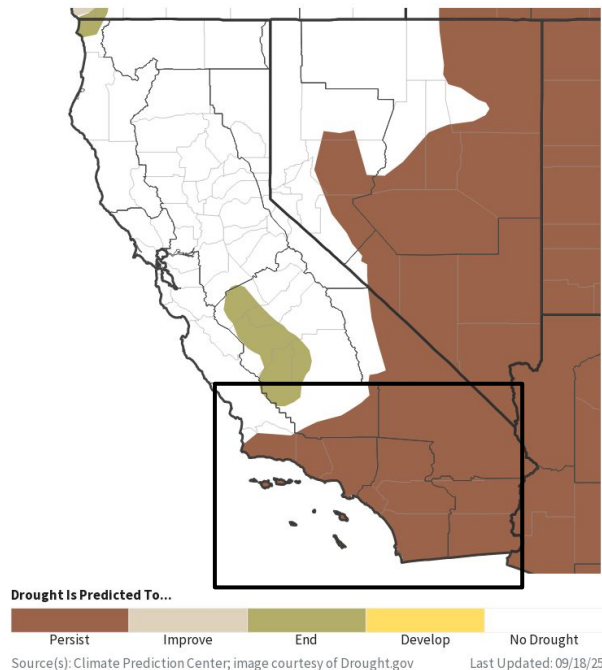


Drought conditions likely persisting in Southern California.

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



Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for September 18, 2025–December 31, 2025



Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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