



Drought Information Statement for Far Southwestern California

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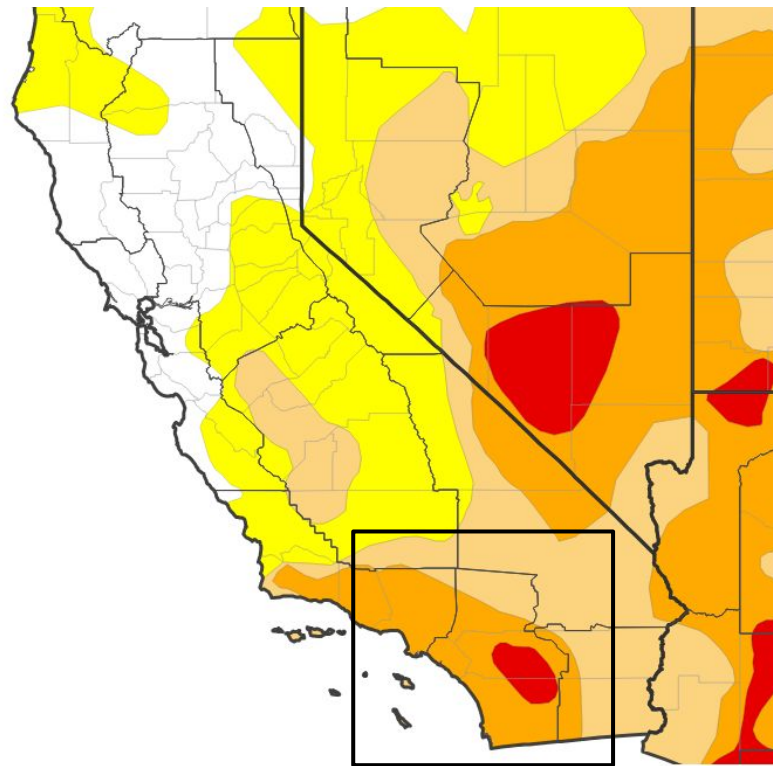
- This product will be updated November 27th, 2025 or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
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 - Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/SGX/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
 - Please visit https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates?dews_region=136&state=141 for updates.
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- Most of southwest California remains in D2 (severe) drought conditions, with a portion of northeast San Diego County and south-central Riverside County remaining in D3 (extreme).
 - **Wet start to the water year, lingering uncertainty about further fall/winter precipitation due to weak La Nina conditions.**



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)**: Northeast San Diego County and south-central Riverside County.
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Orange and San Diego counties, western Riverside County, southwestern San Bernardino County.
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Western and central San Bernardino County.
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: N/A.



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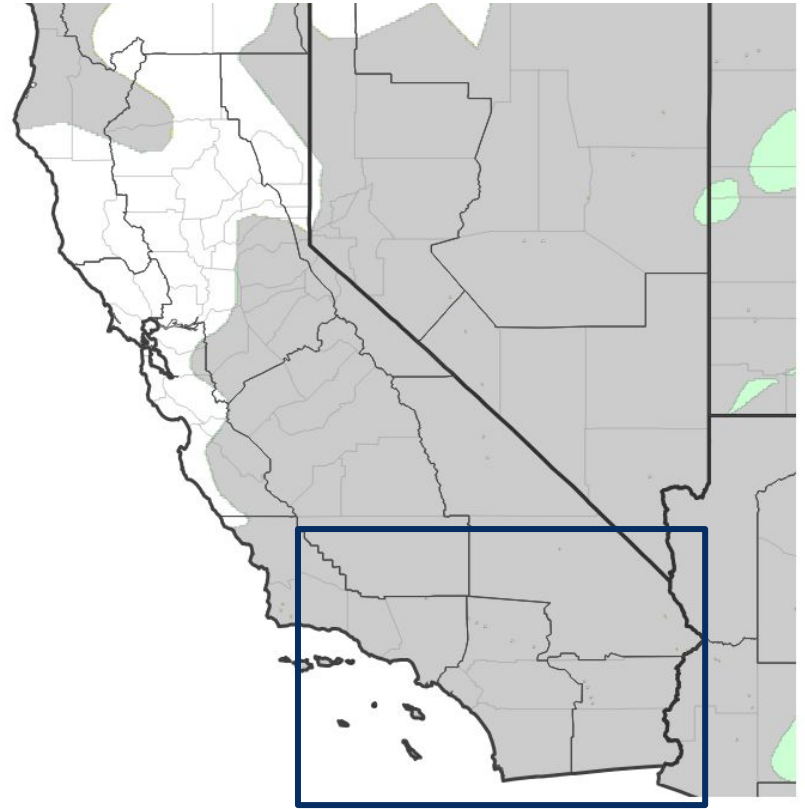


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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 entire region.
- Drought Improved: No improved areas.



Drought Change Since Last Week





Precipitation past 30 days

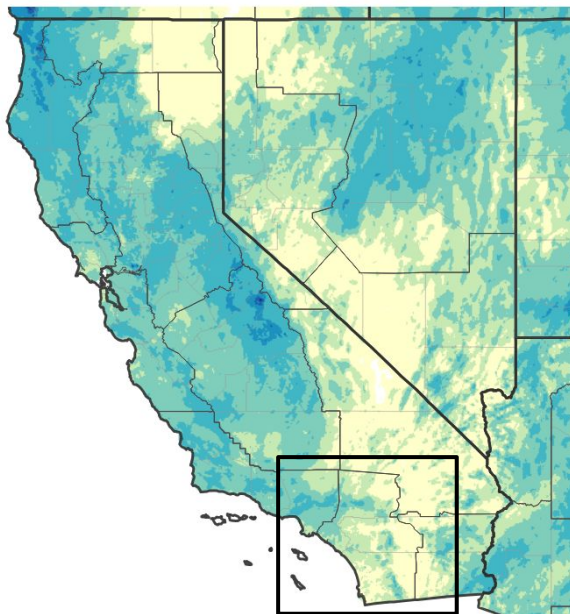
→ Southern California has received above average precipitation in most areas the last 30 days, 300% of average in many areas.

7-day precipitation totals

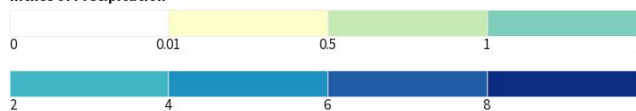
7-day percent of average precipitation

30-day percent of average precipitation

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



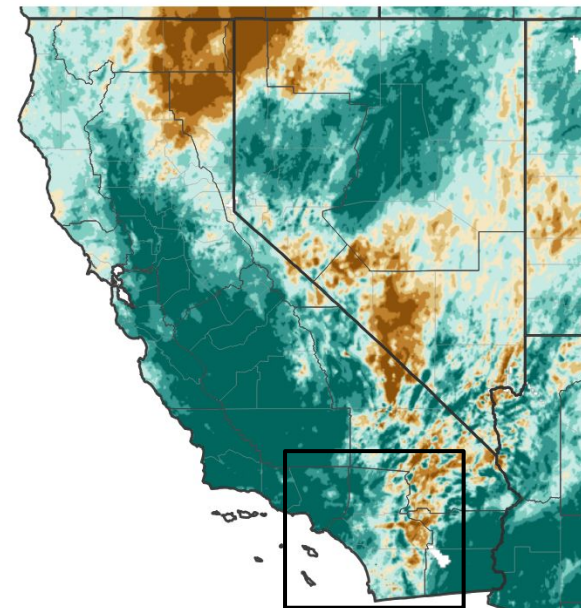
Inches of Precipitation



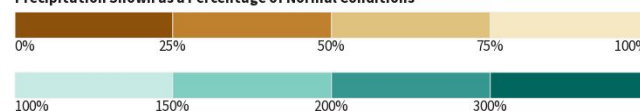
Source(s): National Weather Service Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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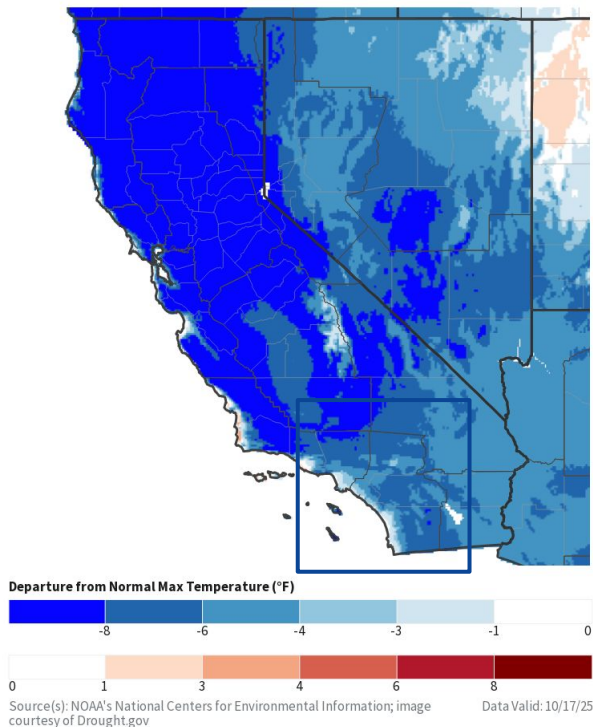


Temperature

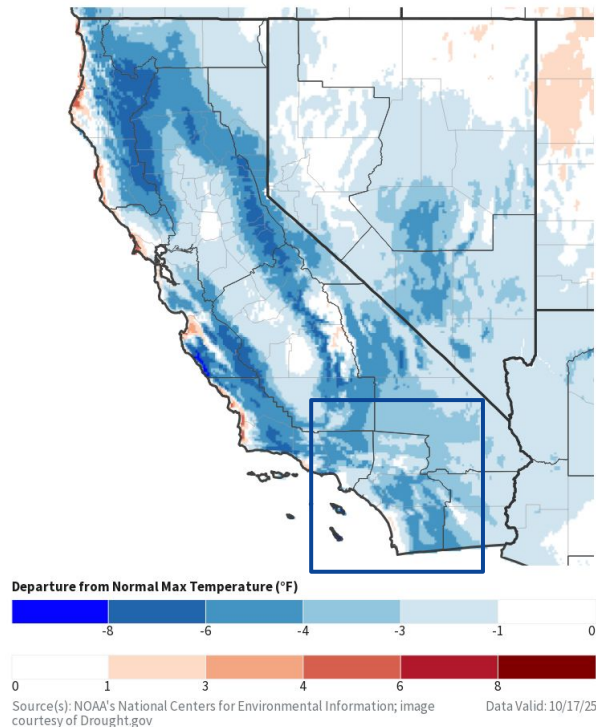
Link to [HPRCC](#) and [WRCC](#)

- Below to locally near-normal temperatures during the past week.
- Well below normal temperatures for most of the region the past 30 days.

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



30-Day Temperature Anomaly



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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 is average to below average, stream flow currently running near to above average.

Agricultural Impacts

- Crop moisture index is near average.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Fuels have responded slightly to recent moisture. New fuels in most areas are near to a bit above critical fuel moisture, while old fuels are below critical moisture levels. Orange County live fuels are still below critical levels.





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

➔ 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

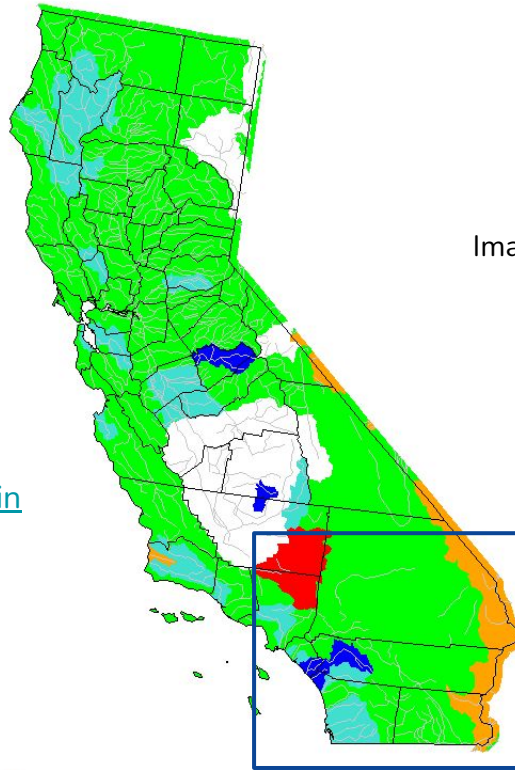


Image: USGS 7 day average streamflow HUC map

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		



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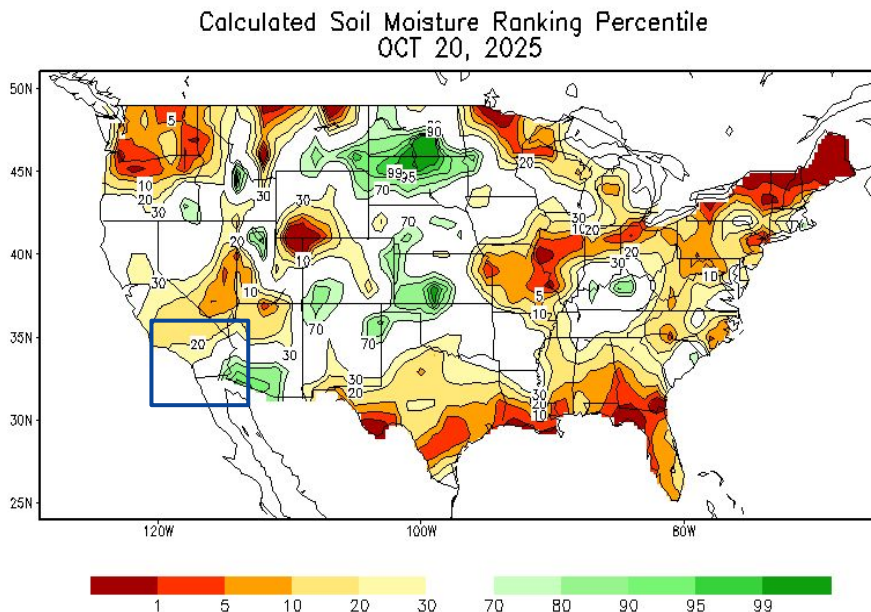
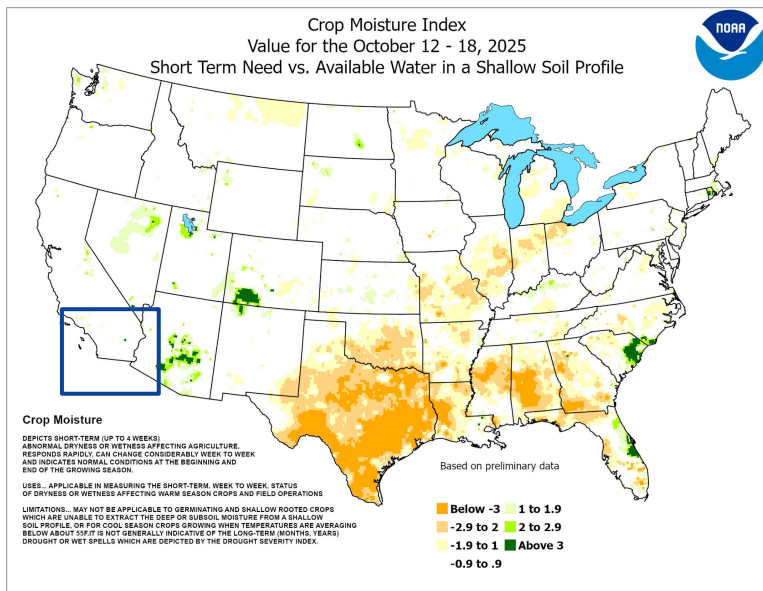
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Agricultural Impacts

California water watch

→ Average to dry soil conditions continue in Southern California, average crop moisture.



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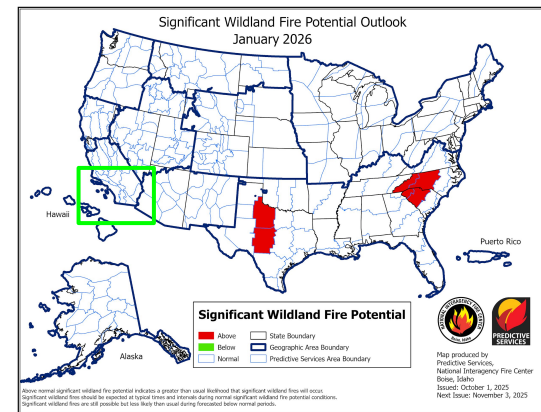
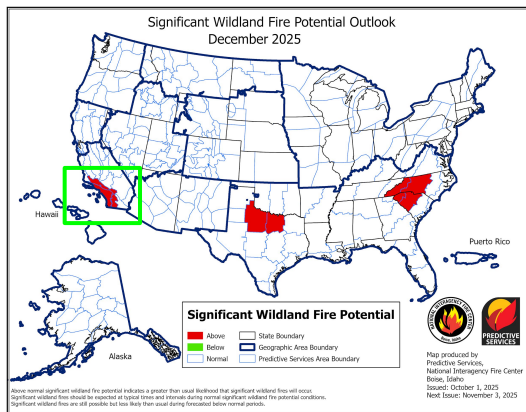
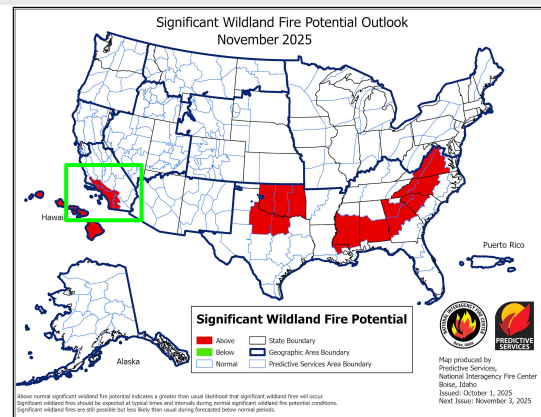
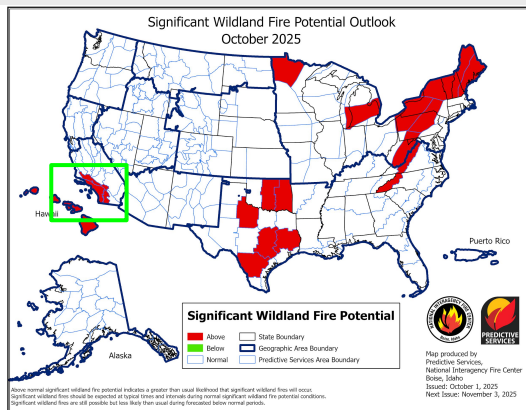
Fire Hazard and Air Quality Impacts

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

➔ 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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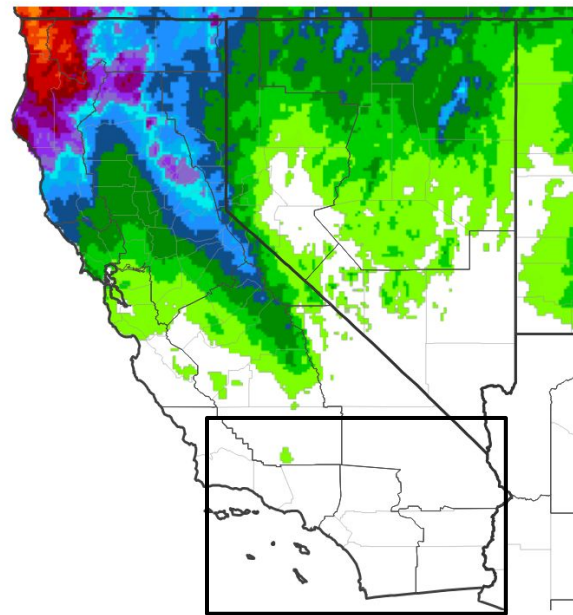
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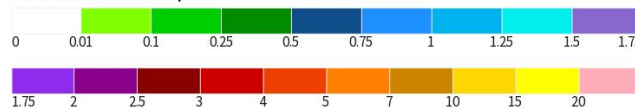
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

➔ No meaningful rainfall expected in the upcoming week.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for October 21, 2025–October 28, 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

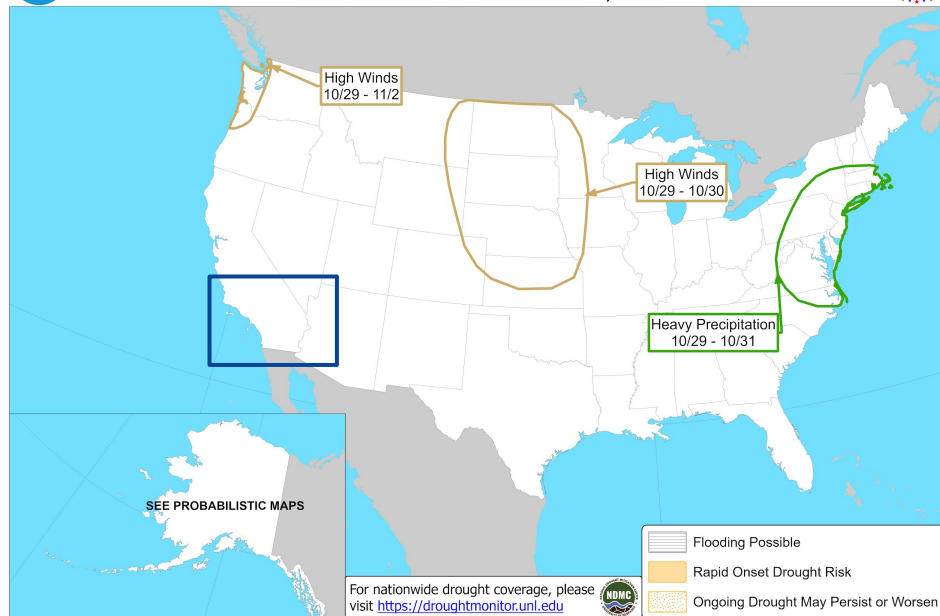
Links to the latest Climate Prediction Center **8 to 14 day** [Temperature Outlook](#) and [Precipitation Outlook](#).

➔ No significant threats next 2 weeks.



Days 8-14 U.S. Hazards Outlook

Valid: October 29 - November 4, 2025



Climate Prediction Center

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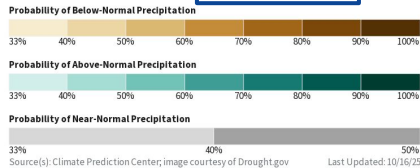
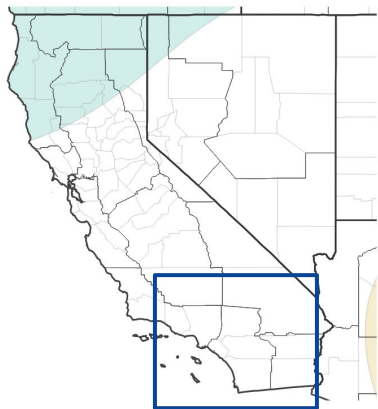


Long-Range Outlooks

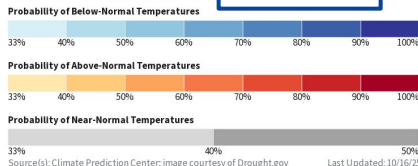
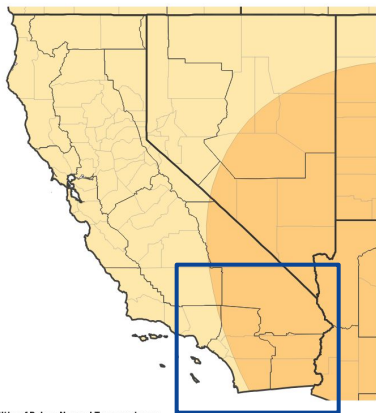
The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the [CPC homepage](#)

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

Monthly Precipitation Outlook for November 1, 2025–November 30, 2025

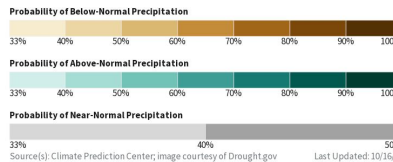
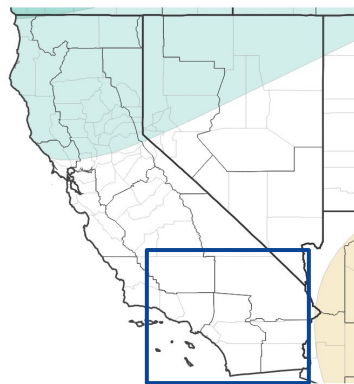


Monthly Temperature Outlook for November 1, 2025–November 30, 2025

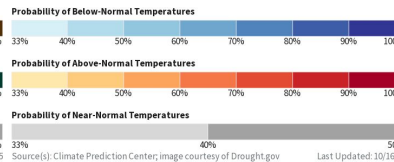
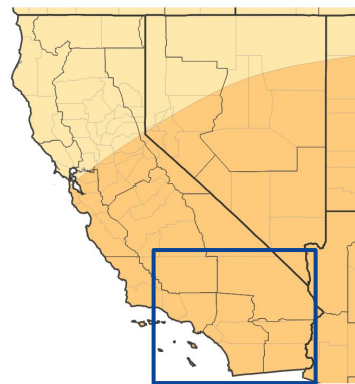


3-month precipitation and temperature outlook

Seasonal (3-Month) Precipitation Outlook for November 1, 2025–January 31, 2026



Seasonal (3-Month) Temperature Outlook for November 1, 2025–January 31, 2026



1 month outlooks



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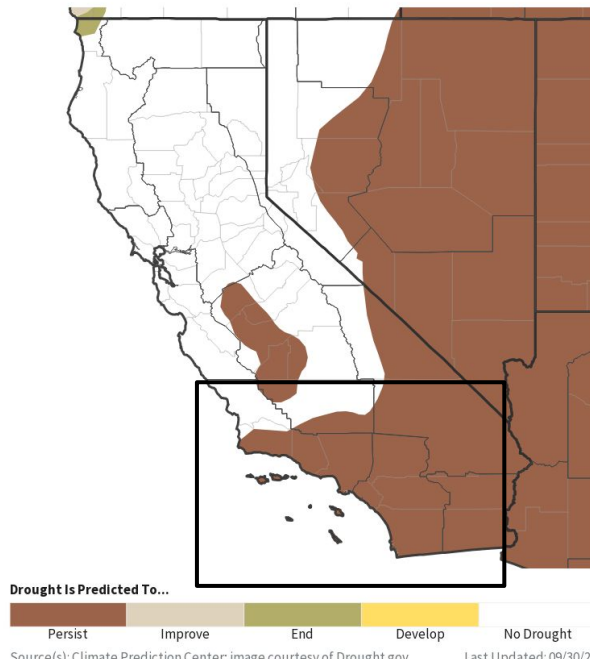


Drought Outlook

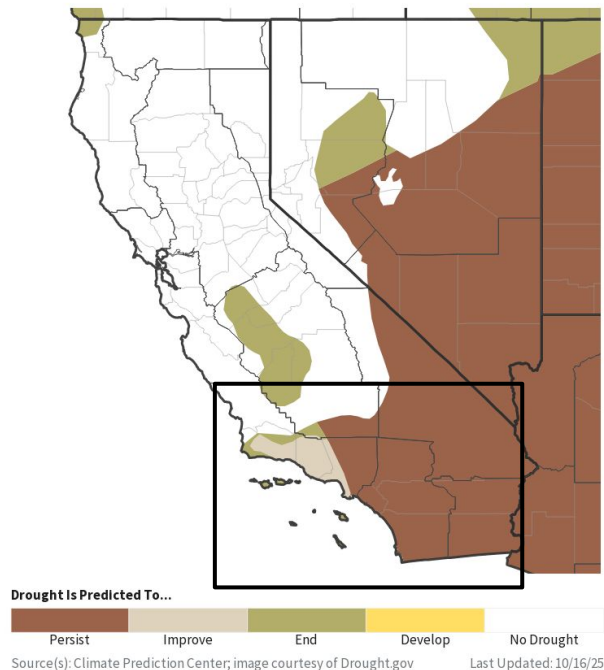
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→ Drought conditions likely persisting in far south California, improvements expected for parts of south-central CA this fall/winter.

1-Month Drought Outlook for October 1, 2025–October 31, 2025



Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for October 16, 2025–January 31, 2026



Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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