



# Drought Information Statement for Southwestern California

Valid **September 2, 2025**

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Contact Information: [weather.gov/LosAngeles](https://weather.gov/LosAngeles)

- This product will be updated October 2, 2025 or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
  - Please see all currently available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
  - Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/LOX/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
  - Please visit [https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates/?dews\\_region=136](https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates/?dews_region=136) for regional drought status updates.
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- Drier than normal conditions continue to linger in areas of southwest California.

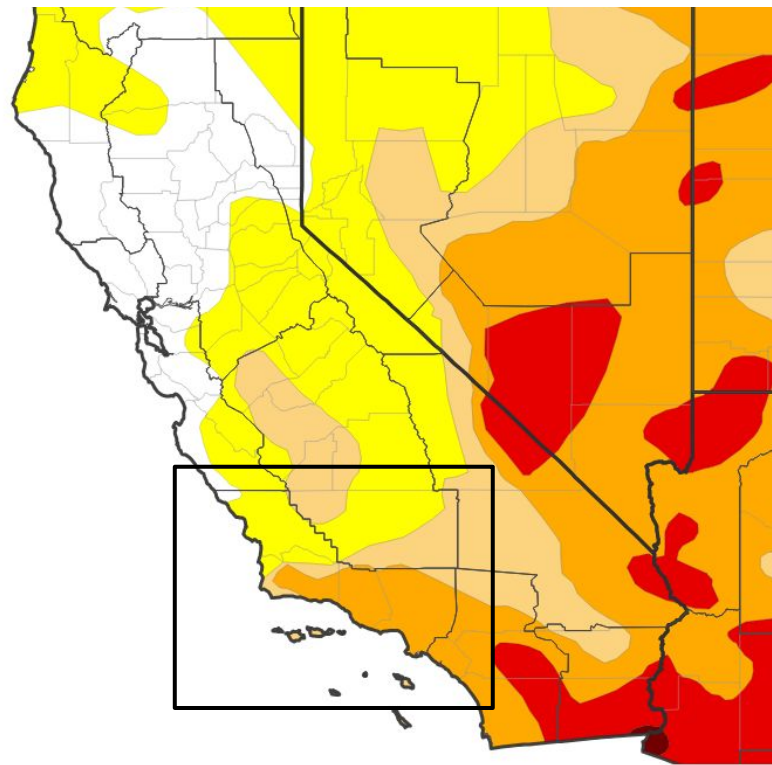




# U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought intensity and Extent
  - **D4 (Exceptional Drought)**: None at this time
  - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: None at this time
  - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Portions of Santa Barbara, Ventura, and Los Angeles Counties.
  - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Portions of Santa Barbara, Ventura, and Los Angeles Counties.
  - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Portions of San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties.



U.S. Drought Monitor

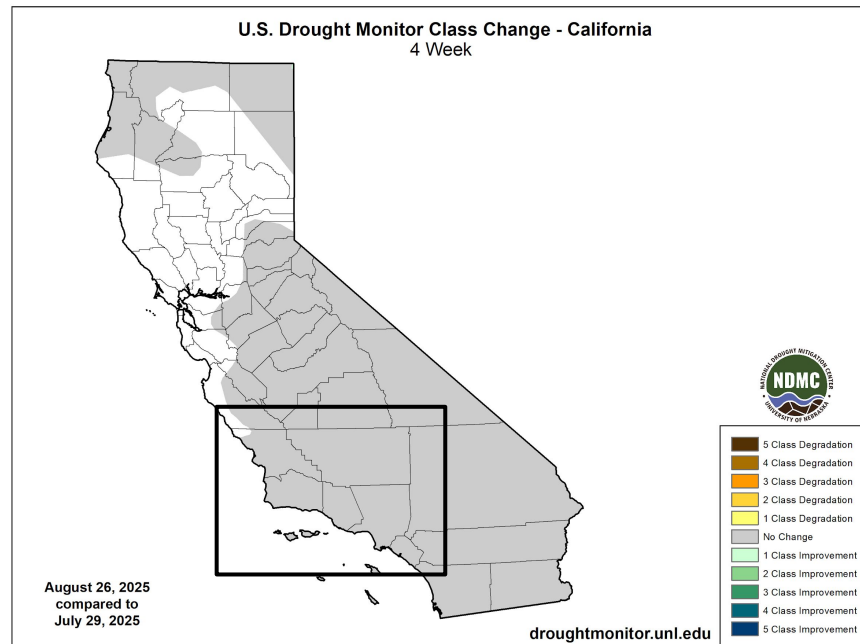




# Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for California and Nevada

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
  - **Drought Worsened:** No degradation show in the area of interest over the past 4 weeks.
  - **No Change:** Areas shown in grey depict no drought monitor change in the past 4 weeks.
  - **Drought Improved:** No improvement show in the area of interest over the past 4 weeks.

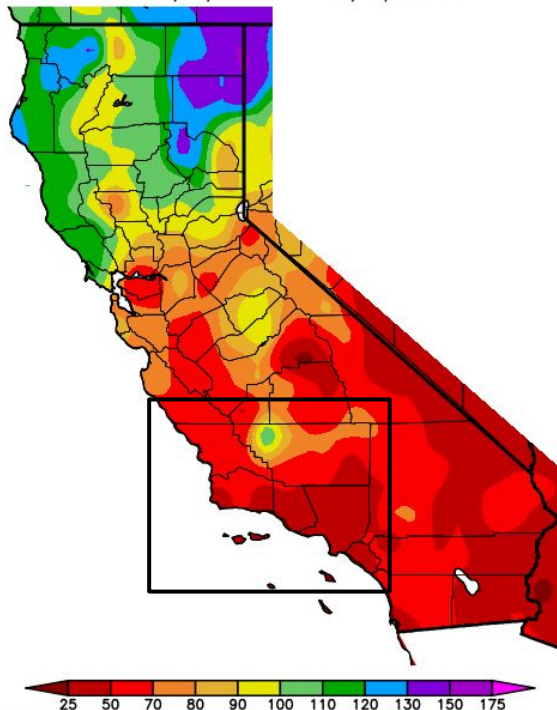




# Precipitation

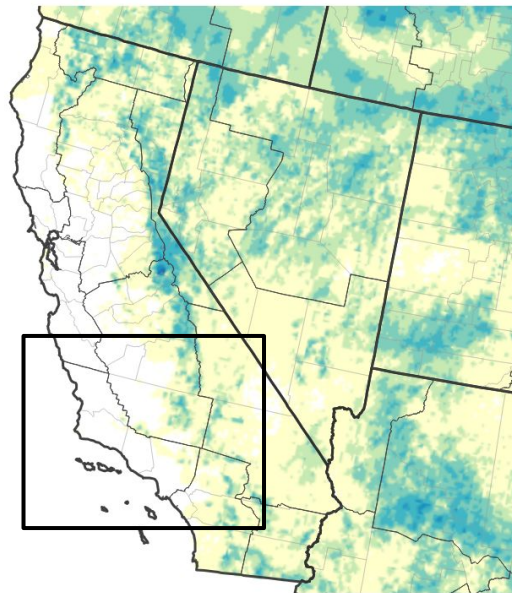
- Below normal precipitation has been observed across most of Southern California during the current water year (October 1, 2024 through September 1, 2025).
- Limited precipitation from monsoonal thunderstorm activity was observed in isolated areas over the past 30 days.

Percent of Average Precipitation (%)  
10/1/2024 – 9/1/2025



Generated 9/ 2/2025 at WRCC using provisional data.  
NOAA Regional Climate Centers

IWPS 30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (inches)



inches of Precipitation



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

Data Valid: 08/30/25



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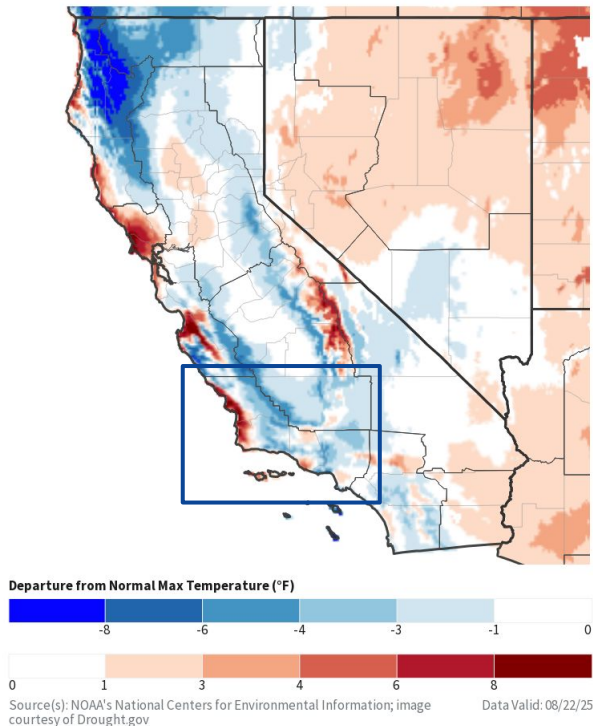


# Temperature

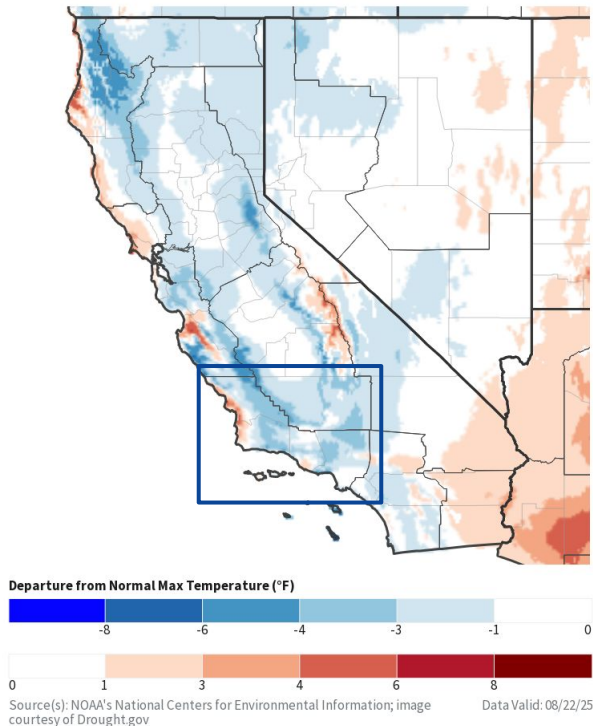
[Link to HPRCC](#)

- The 7-day temperature anomaly shows a mix of below normal and above normal temperatures, while the 30 day temperature anomaly is mostly below normal in Southern California.

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

- Precipitation deficits over the past 9 months have resulted in areas of low soil moisture and a few areas of below normal stream flow.

## Agricultural Impacts

- Non-irrigated pasture lands have been impacted from below normal precipitation.

## Fire Hazard Impacts

- Fire weather impacts are increasing at this time due to the return of drier conditions across areas of Southern California

## Other Impacts

- None reported at this time

## Mitigation Actions

- None reported at this time





# Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Generally normal streamflow conditions exist at this time across southern California

## California snowpack

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

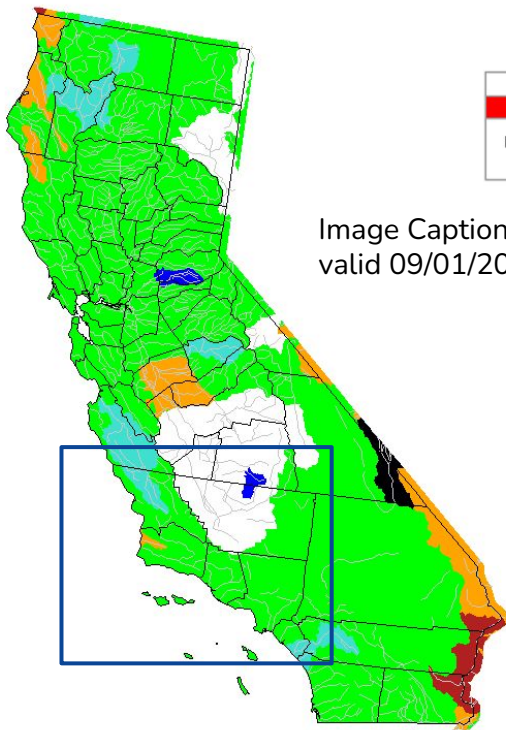
## California water supply

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

## Southern California water supply

[https://www.bewaterwise.com/water\\_supply\\_conditions/water\\_supply\\_conditions.pdf](https://www.bewaterwise.com/water_supply_conditions/water_supply_conditions.pdf)

Monday, September 01, 2025



| 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 09/01/2025

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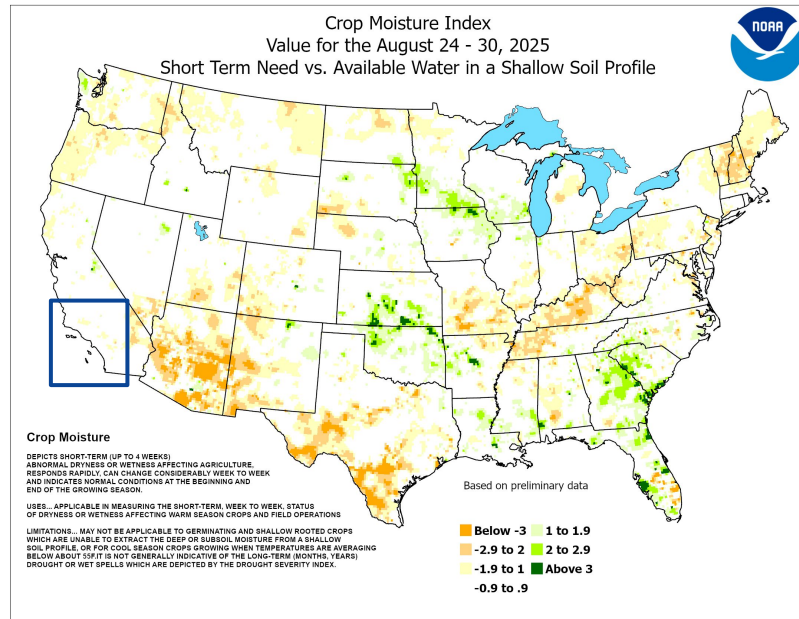
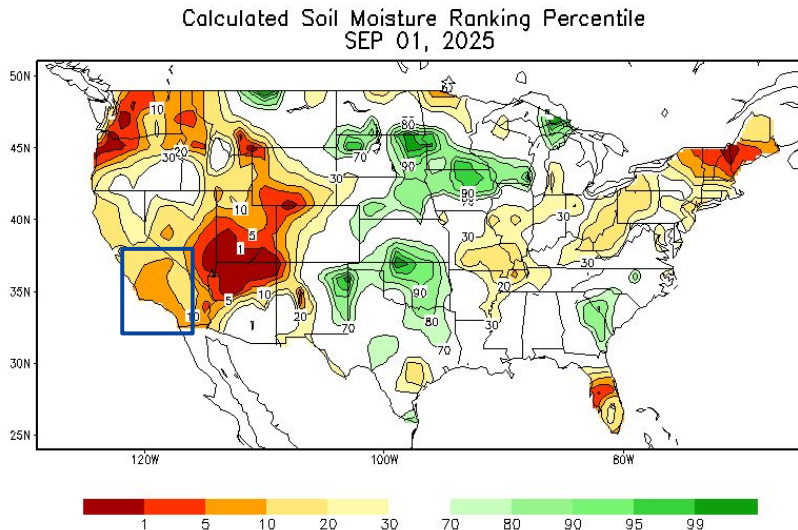
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# Agricultural Impacts

- Below normal soil moisture and near normal crop moisture exists across southern California at this time.

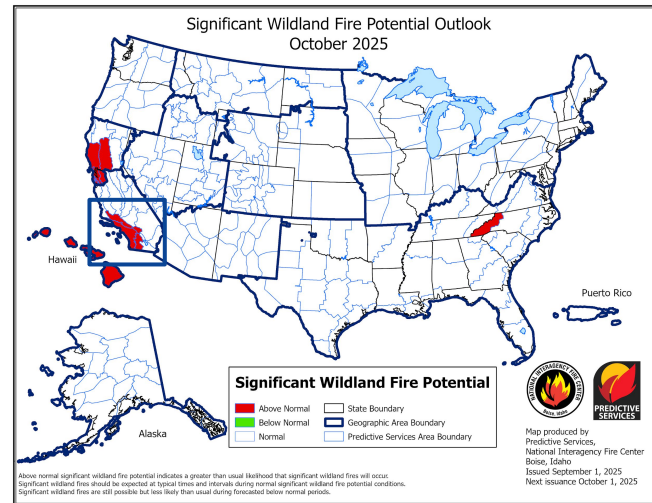
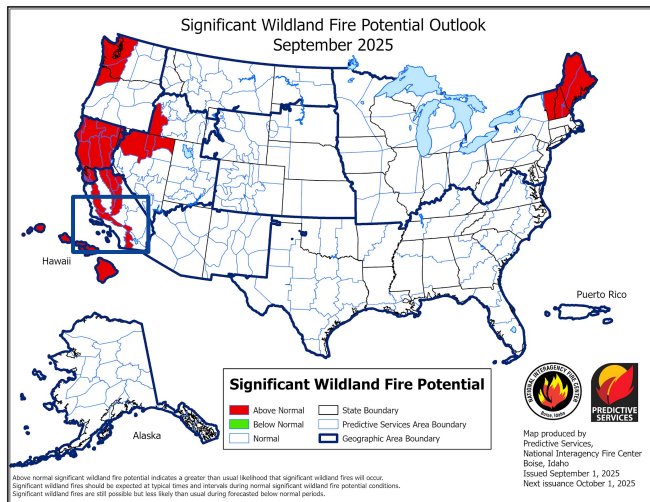




# Fire Hazard Impacts

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

- Wildland fire potential is above normal in many areas at this time due to the return of drier conditions.



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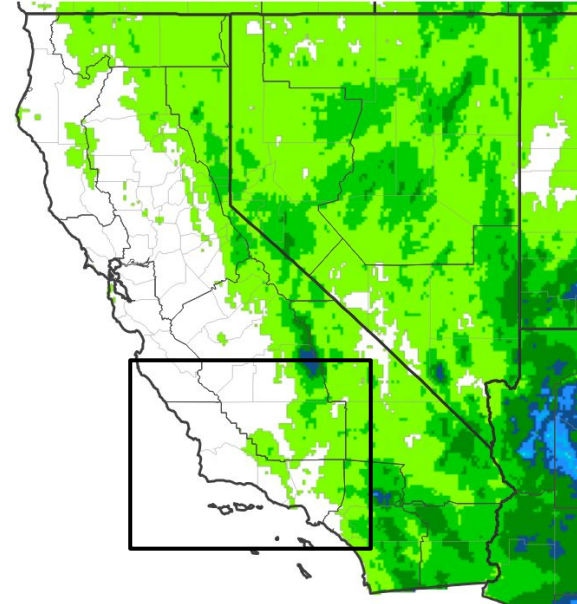




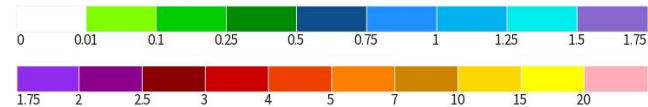
# Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Isolated precipitation is expected over the next seven days across areas of Southern California due to monsoonal thunderstorm activity.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for September 1, 2025–September 8, 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

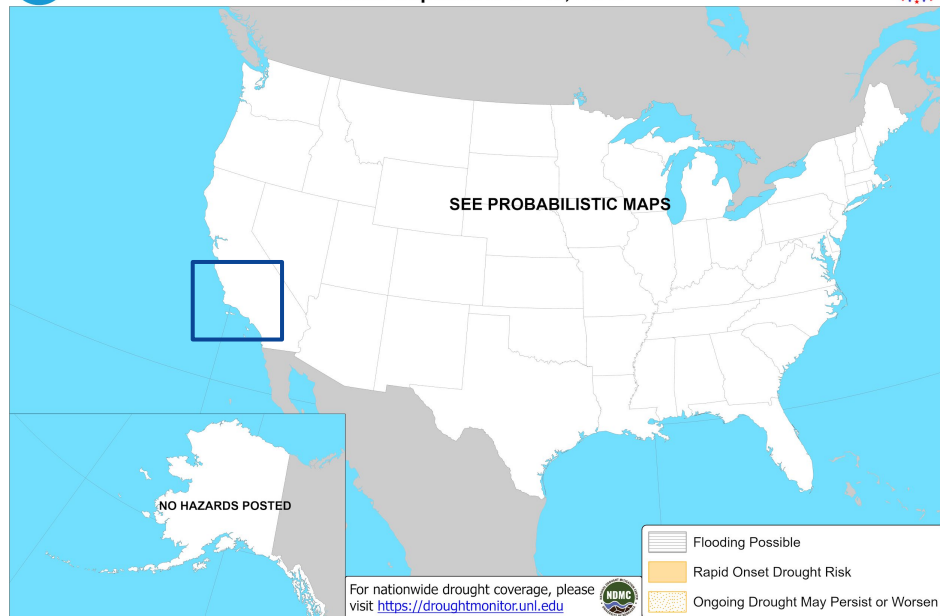
Links to the latest Climate Prediction Center 8 to 14 day [Temperature Outlook](#) and [Precipitation Outlook](#).

- Ongoing drought conditions will most likely persist across southern California.



## Days 8-14 U.S. Hazards Outlook

Valid: September 9 - 15, 2025



Climate Prediction Center

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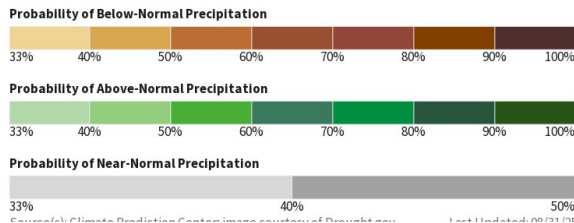


# Long-Range Outlooks

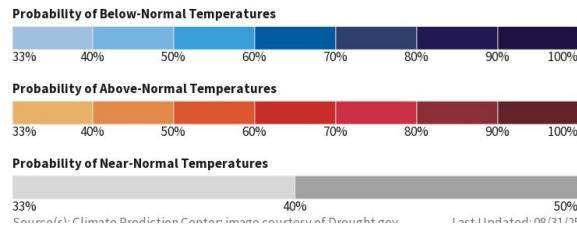
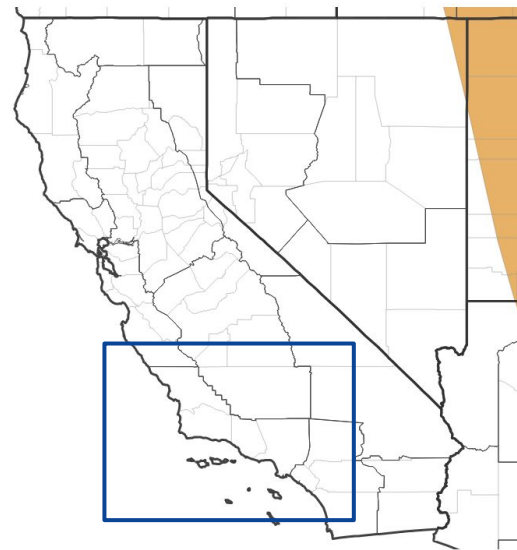
The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the [CPC homepage](#)

- The precipitation outlook for September 2025 is projected to be near normal across Southern California.
- The temperature outlook for September 2025 is projected to be near normal across Southern California.

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



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



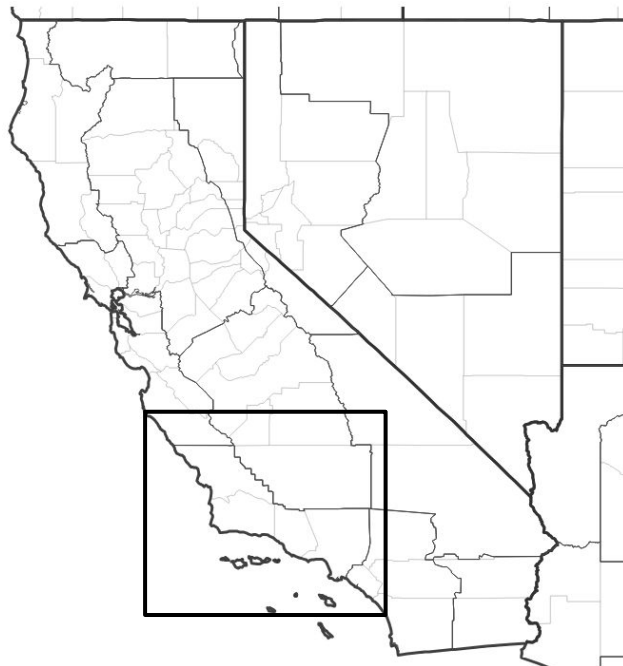


# Drought Outlook

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- The 1-month drought outlook for September 2025 is for drought conditions to persist across most of Santa Barbara, Ventura, and Los Angeles Counties

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



**Drought Is Predicted To...**



Source(s): Climate Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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