



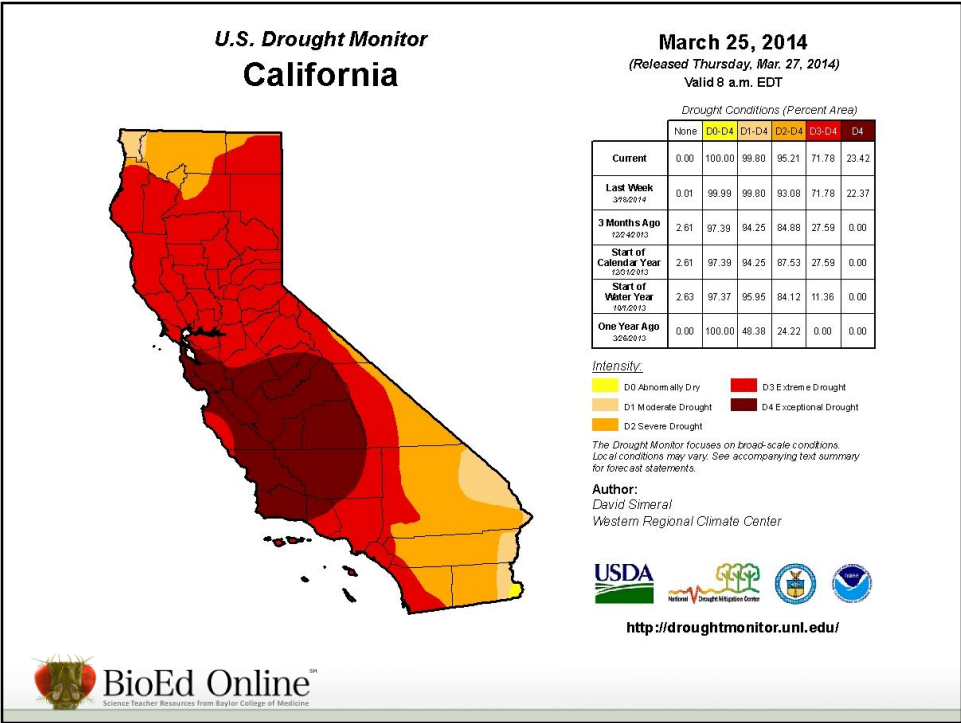
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## **California Drought: Impacts and Outlook**

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## Potential Effects of Long-term Drought

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- Increasing temperatures and more frequent and severe droughts will likely worsen existing competition for water resources.
- Drought, wildfire, changes in species' geographic ranges, invasive species, and pests will likely threaten native Southwest forests and ecosystems.
- Climate change may make it difficult for the Southwest's growing cities to attain air quality standards and meet energy and water demands.
- Climate change poses threats to the region's native peoples, infrastructure, agriculture, and recreational activities.



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