

A look at drought.gov

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Does this drought event look like different drought events in the past?

- <https://www.drought.gov/drought/data-maps-tools/paleoclimate>
- <https://www.drought.gov/drought/dews/california>

Will the drought continue?

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How is the drought affecting me?

- <https://www.drought.gov/drought/>
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