



Short-term Drought Status Report

December 2017

December was dominated by high pressure that brought clear skies and warmer than normal temperatures statewide.

Many places have been dry since September and with few winter storms crossing the state in December, some higher elevations are still awaiting their first snowfall.

This lack of rain and snow has led to the expansion of Moderate Drought (D1) to the northwest and west across Coconino, Yavapai, Mohave and La Paz counties. Extremely dry rangeland and dry stock tank conditions along with the lack of snow have contributed to the introduction of Severe Drought (D2) through northeastern and eastern Arizona.

La Nina will persist into the spring and odds are tilted towards warmer and drier conditions continuing.

