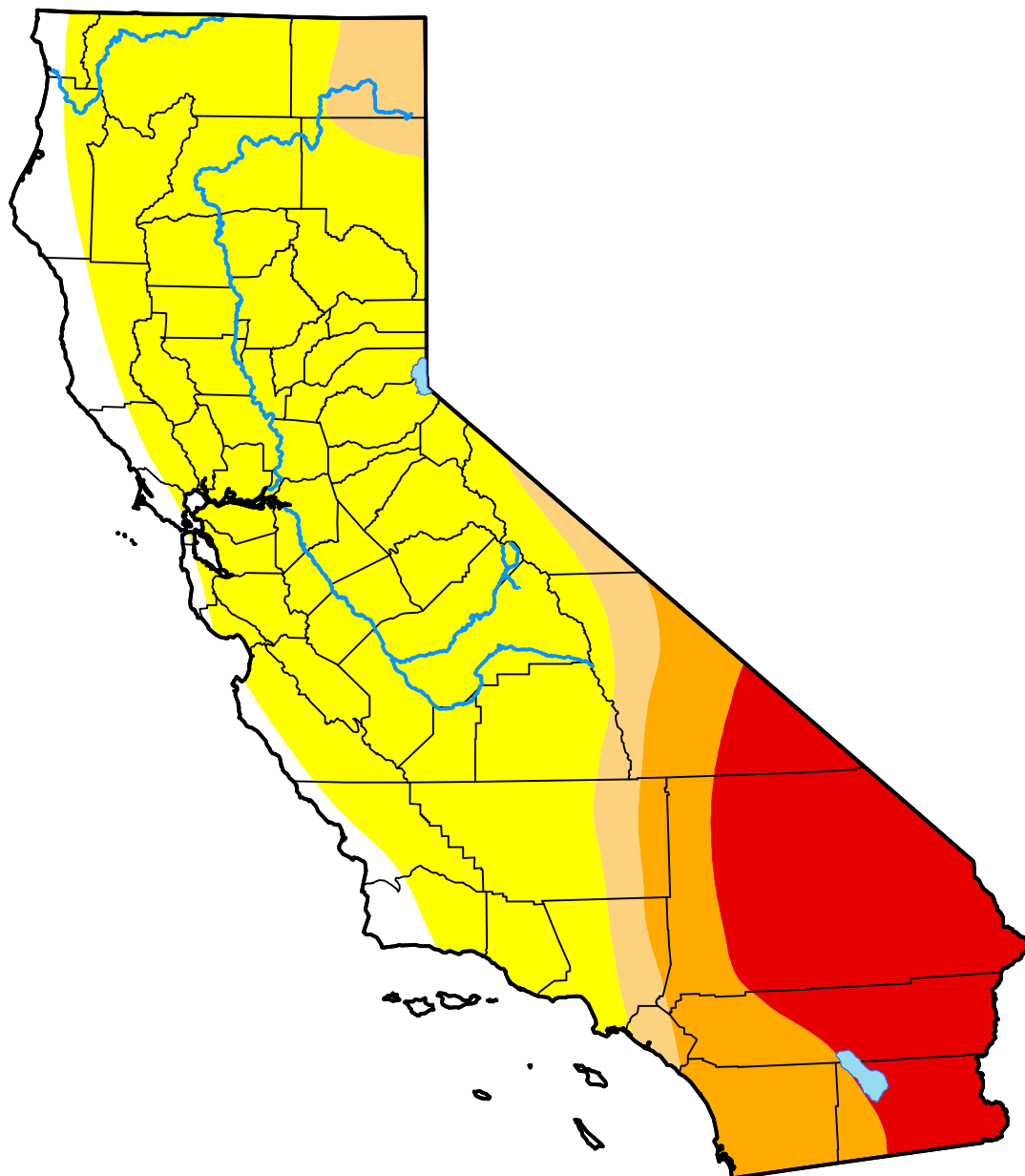


# U.S. Drought Monitor California

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 5.66  | 94.34 | 35.26 | 28.16 | 17.35 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>11-27-2002</i>              | 4.96  | 95.04 | 36.15 | 28.59 | 20.81 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-05-2002</i>           | 5.28  | 94.72 | 56.36 | 39.93 | 22.95 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2002</i> | 77.42 | 22.58 | 11.08 | 4.92  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-03-2002</i>    | 6.12  | 93.88 | 51.75 | 38.19 | 23.61 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-06-2001</i>           | 45.75 | 54.25 | 34.41 | 21.40 | 7.56  | 0.00 |

## Intensity:

|                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| None                | D2 Severe Drought      |
| D0 Abnormally Dry   | D3 Extreme Drought     |
| D1 Moderate Drought | D4 Exceptional Drought |

*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>*

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