

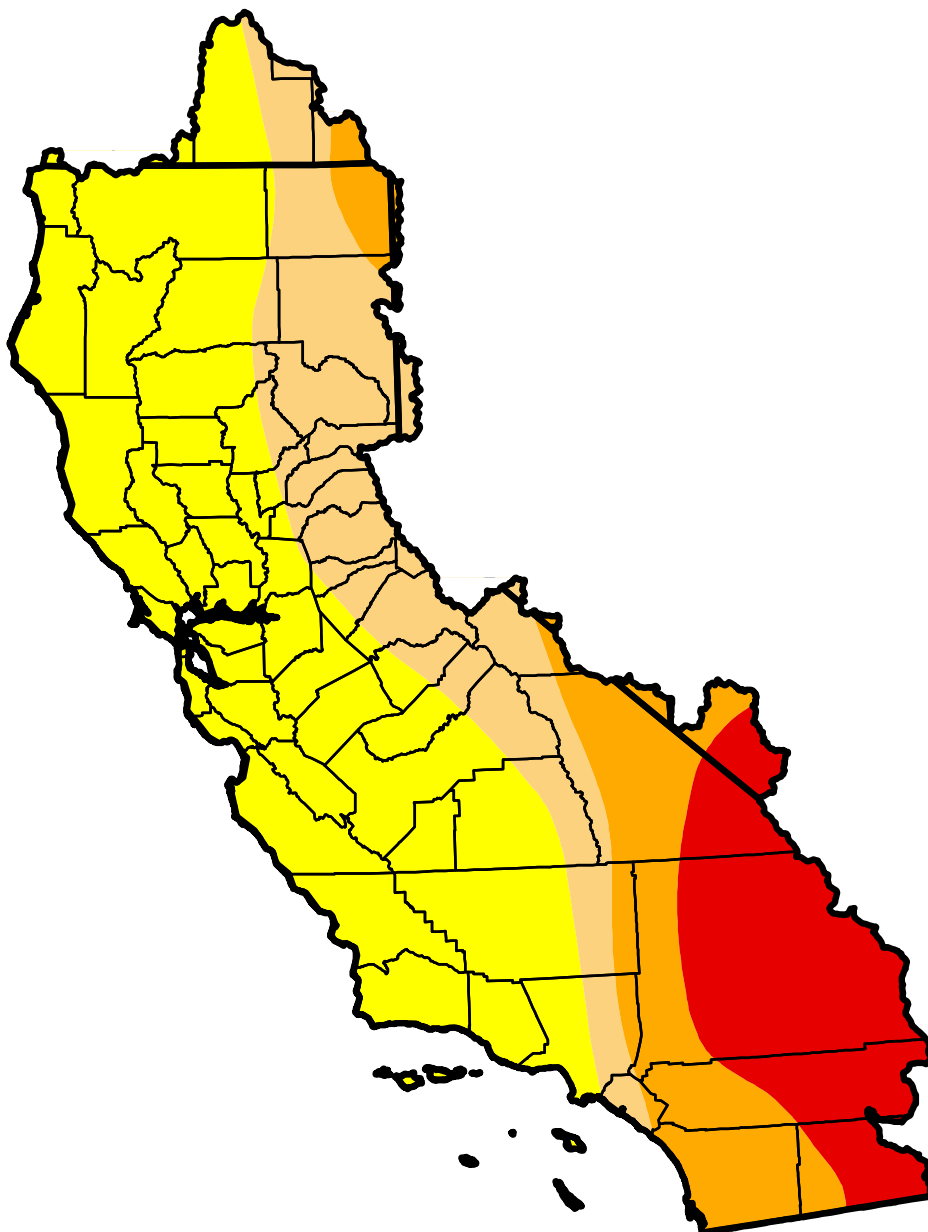
U.S. Drought Monitor California Watershed

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	0.00	49.49	21.15	14.35	15.01	0.00
Last Week <i>12/3/2002</i>	5.62	60.24	7.78	11.33	15.03	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>9/10/2002</i>	5.05	38.71	17.82	16.53	21.88	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>1/1/2002</i>	73.34	12.75	7.20	6.70	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10/1/2002</i>	6.01	41.11	16.80	14.21	21.86	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12/11/2001</i>	44.65	22.32	10.23	14.56	8.22	0.00



Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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