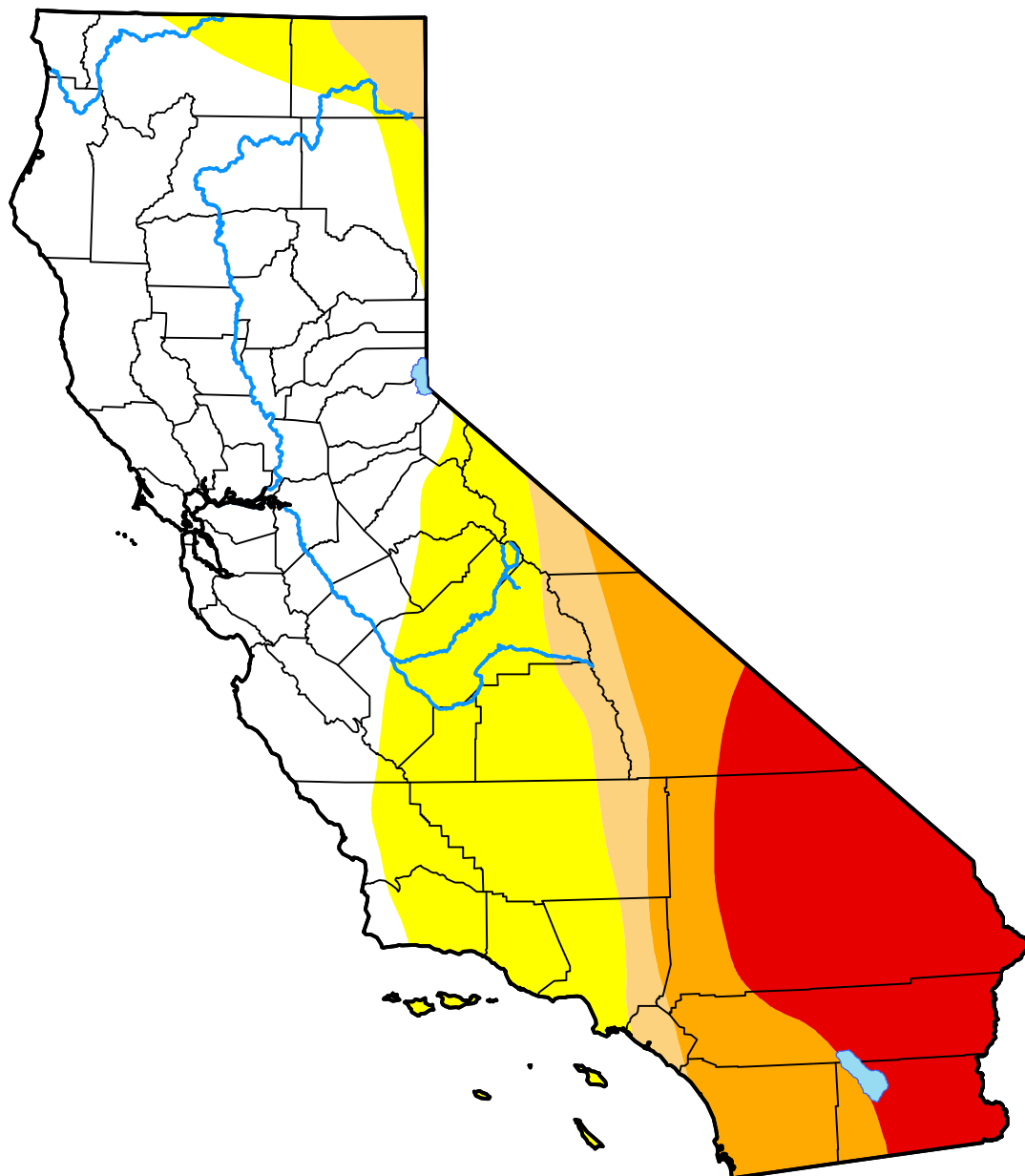


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	42.10	57.90	35.75	29.12	17.18	0.00
Last Week <i>12-12-2002</i>	0.00	100.00	51.74	30.89	17.39	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-19-2002</i>	5.77	94.23	55.61	39.39	23.92	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2002</i>	77.42	22.58	11.08	4.92	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-03-2002</i>	6.12	93.88	51.75	38.19	23.61	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-20-2001</i>	51.45	48.55	30.49	17.90	3.20	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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