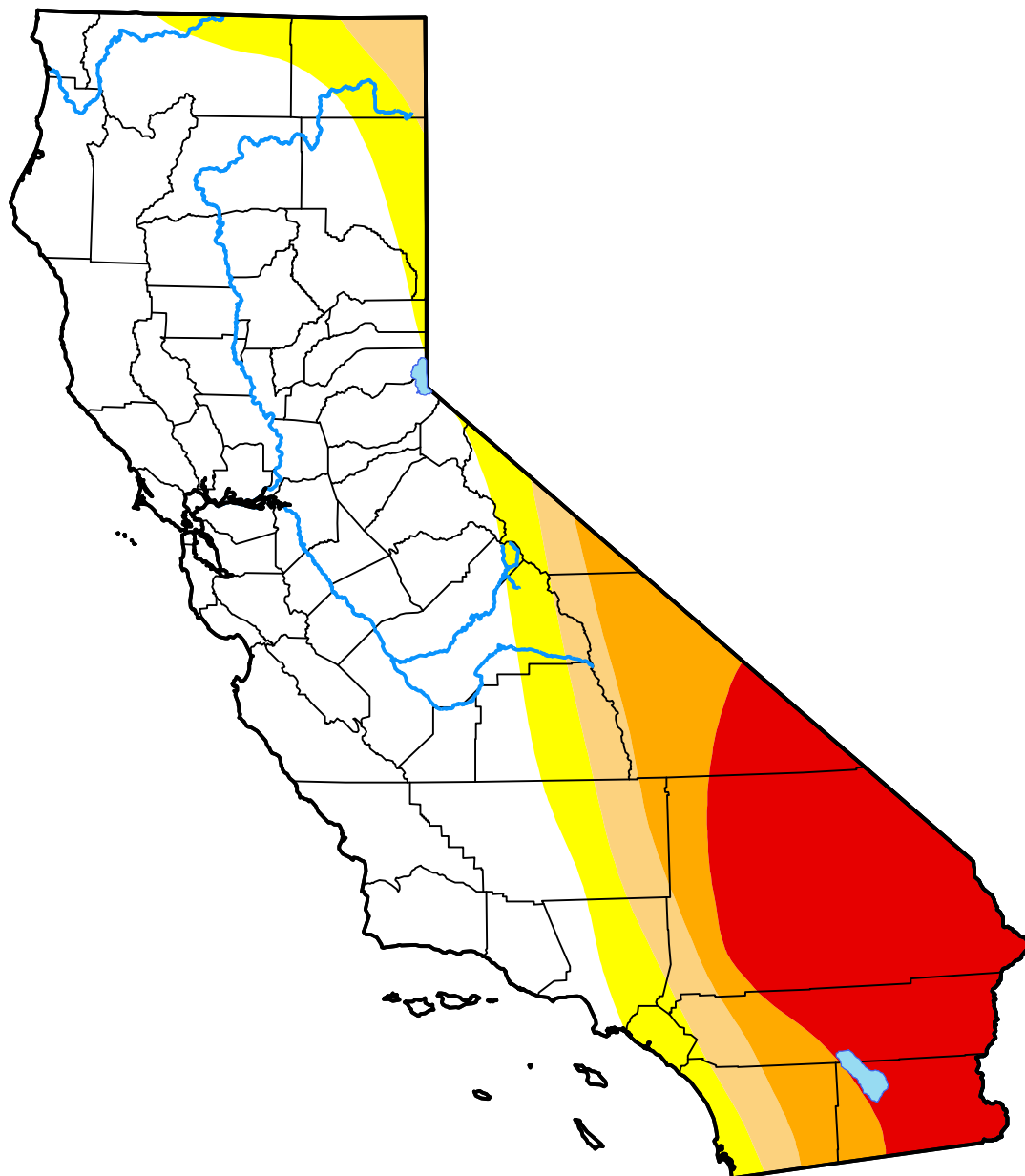


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	56.56	43.44	33.12	26.29	17.58	0.00
Last Week 12-19-2002	42.10	57.90	35.75	29.12	17.18	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-26-2002	5.50	94.50	56.14	39.64	23.98	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2002	77.42	22.58	11.08	4.92	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-03-2002	6.12	93.88	51.75	38.19	23.61	0.00
One Year Ago 12-27-2001	66.53	33.47	18.81	9.92	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

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

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