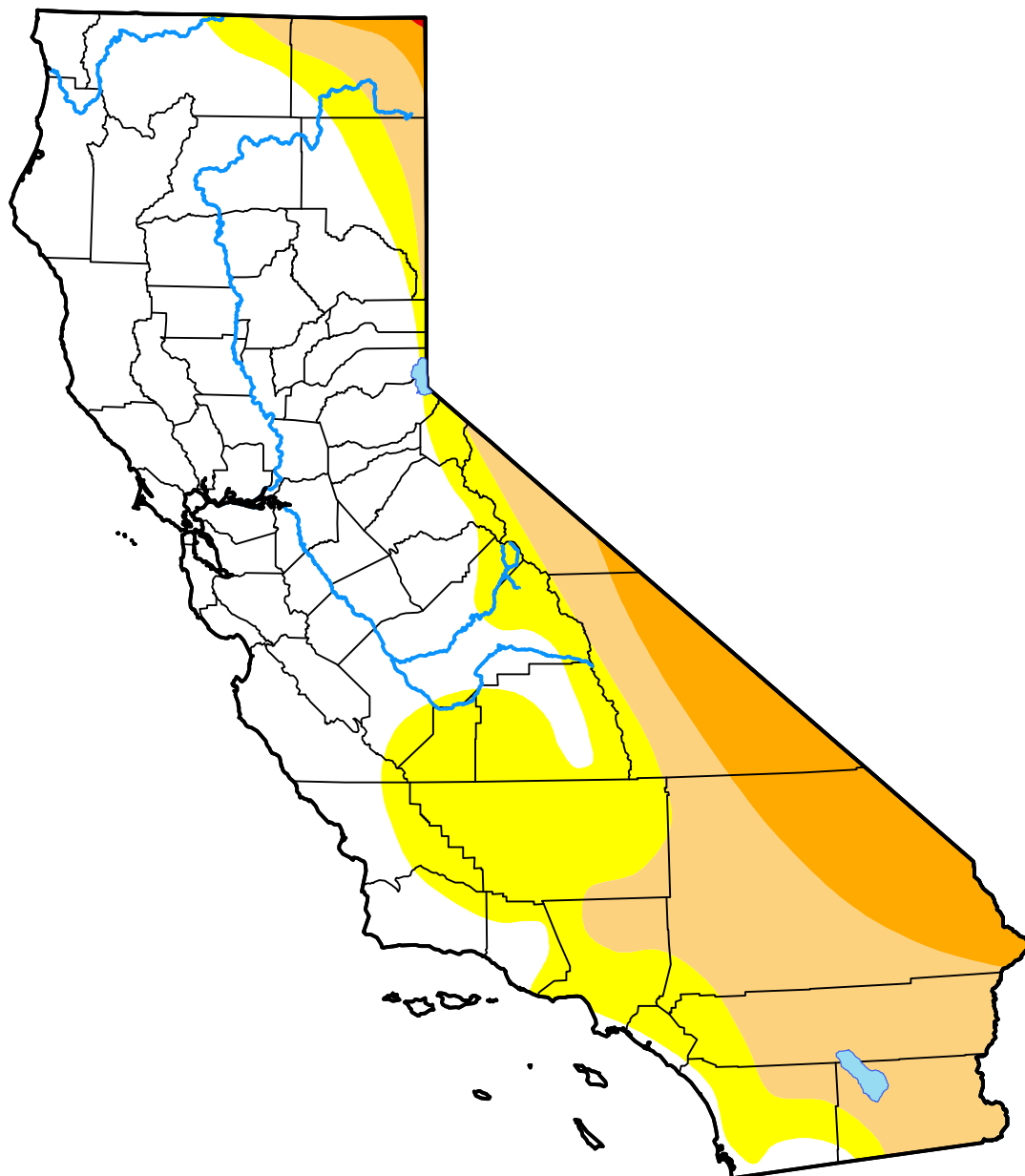


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	48.91	51.09	30.57	9.75	0.02	0.00
Last Week <i>12-11-2003</i>	47.46	52.54	29.64	8.86	0.01	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-18-2003</i>	67.25	32.75	24.90	10.18	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-02-2003</i>	58.39	41.61	32.23	26.06	17.19	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-02-2003</i>	67.98	32.02	23.86	8.94	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-19-2002</i>	42.10	57.90	35.75	29.12	17.18	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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