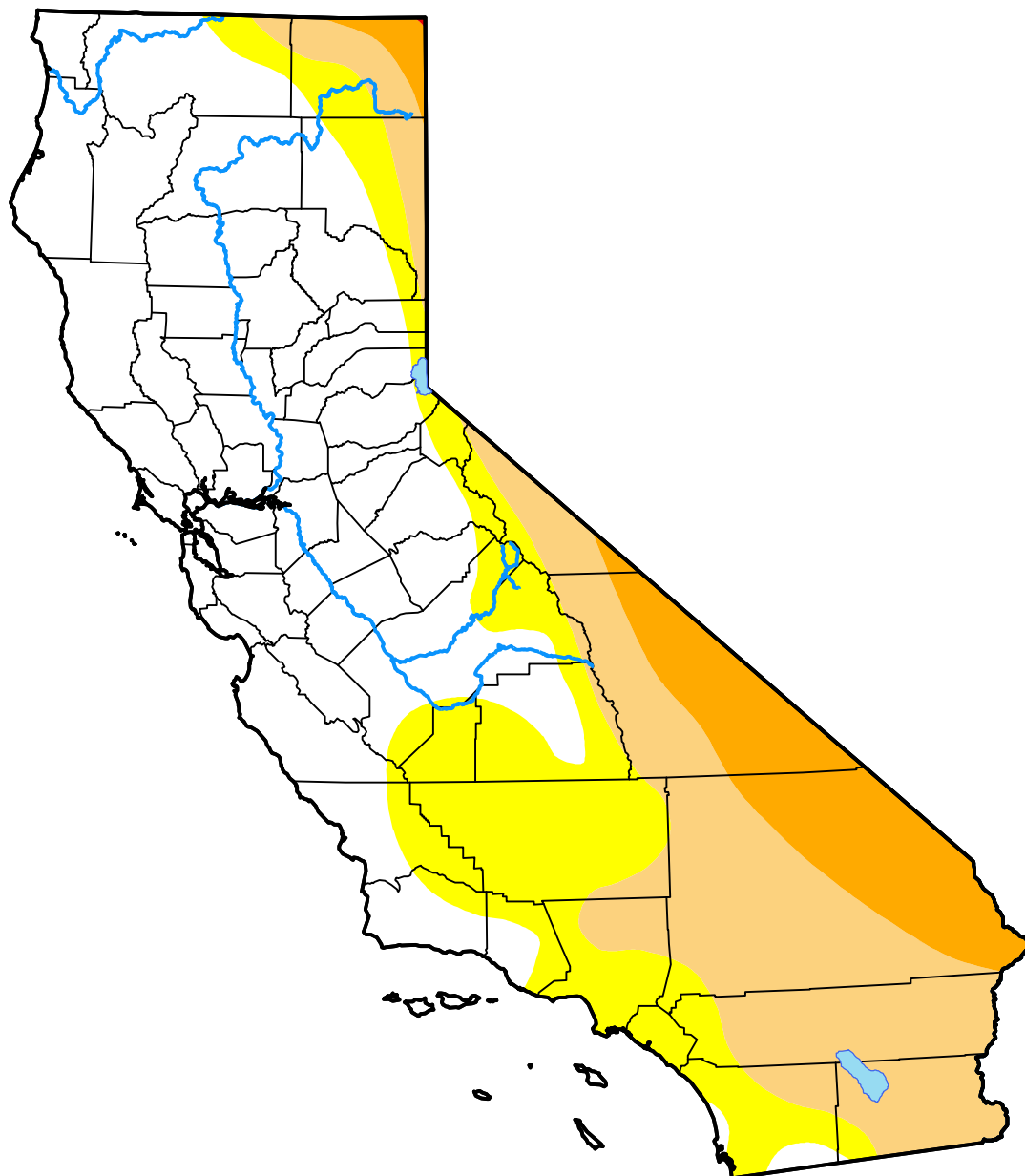


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	47.84	20.10	22.26	9.79	0.01	0.00
Last Week <i>12-18-2003</i>	48.91	20.52	20.82	9.73	0.02	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-25-2003</i>	66.92	7.61	14.77	10.71	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-02-2003</i>	58.39	9.39	6.17	8.87	17.19	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-02-2003</i>	67.98	8.16	14.92	8.94	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-26-2002</i>	56.56	10.32	6.83	8.71	17.58	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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