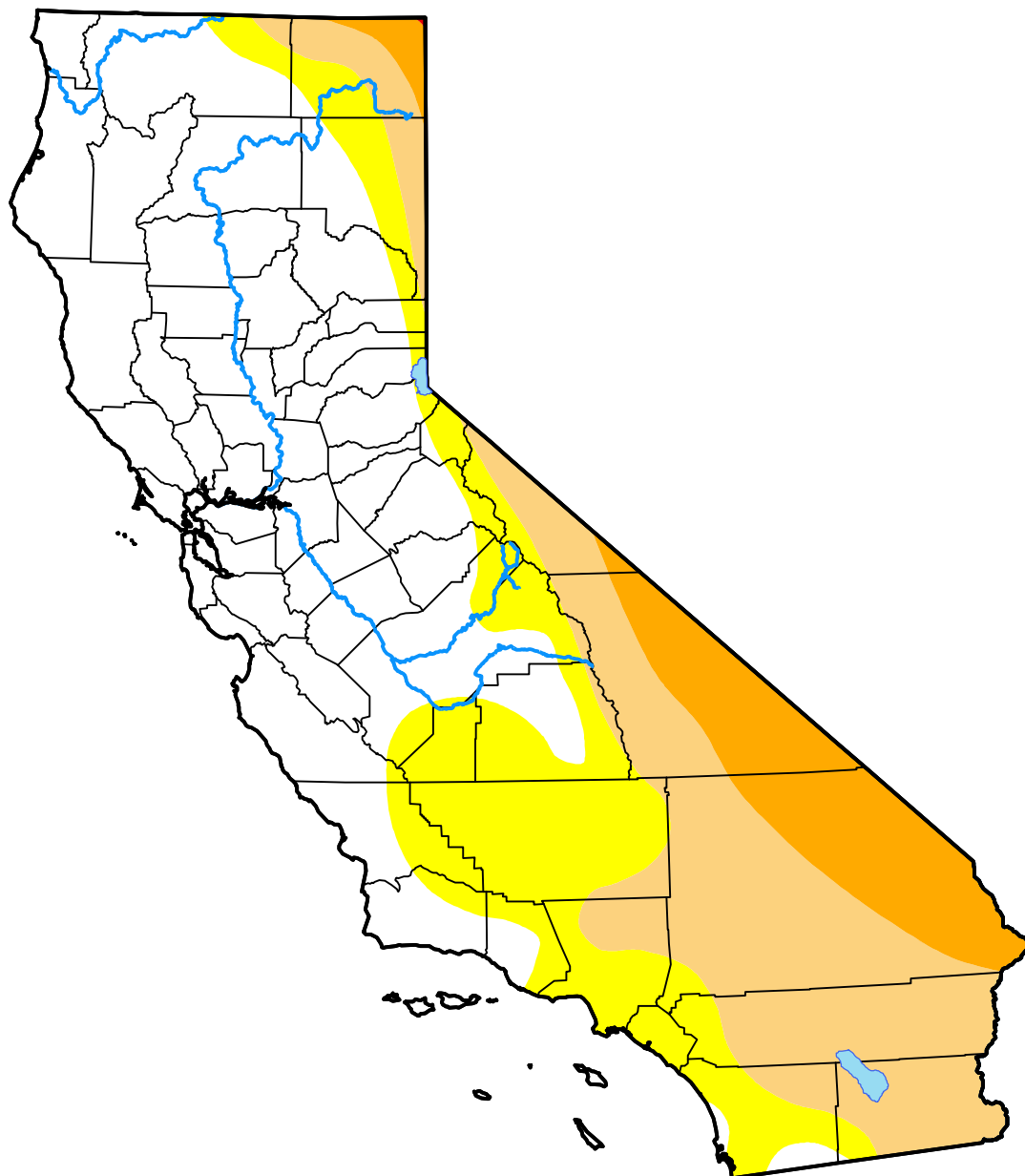


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	47.84	52.16	32.06	9.80	0.01	0.00
Last Week 12-18-2003	48.91	51.09	30.57	9.75	0.02	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-25-2003	66.92	33.08	25.47	10.71	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-02-2003	58.39	41.61	32.23	26.06	17.19	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-02-2003	67.98	32.02	23.86	8.94	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 12-26-2002	56.56	43.44	33.12	26.29	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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