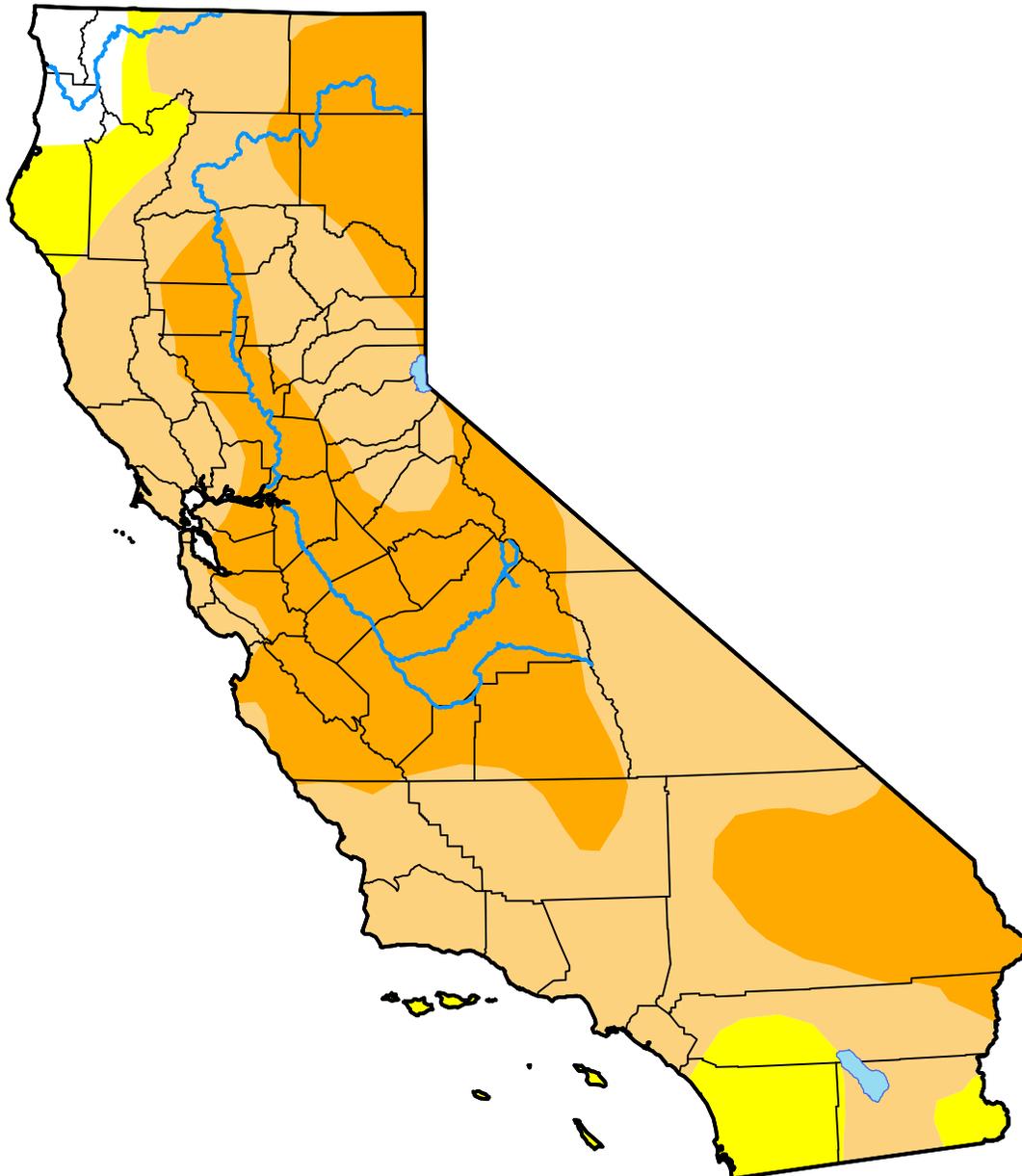


# U.S. Drought Monitor California

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|  | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4   |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 2.22  | 8.17  | 49.47 | 40.14 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-15-2012</i>              | 0.11  | 9.75  | 44.42 | 45.73 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-22-2011</i>           | 71.58 | 28.42 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-05-2012</i> | 29.91 | 23.75 | 46.34 | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2011</i>    | 89.14 | 10.86 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-24-2011</i>           | 96.87 | 3.13  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00 |

*Intensity:*



*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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