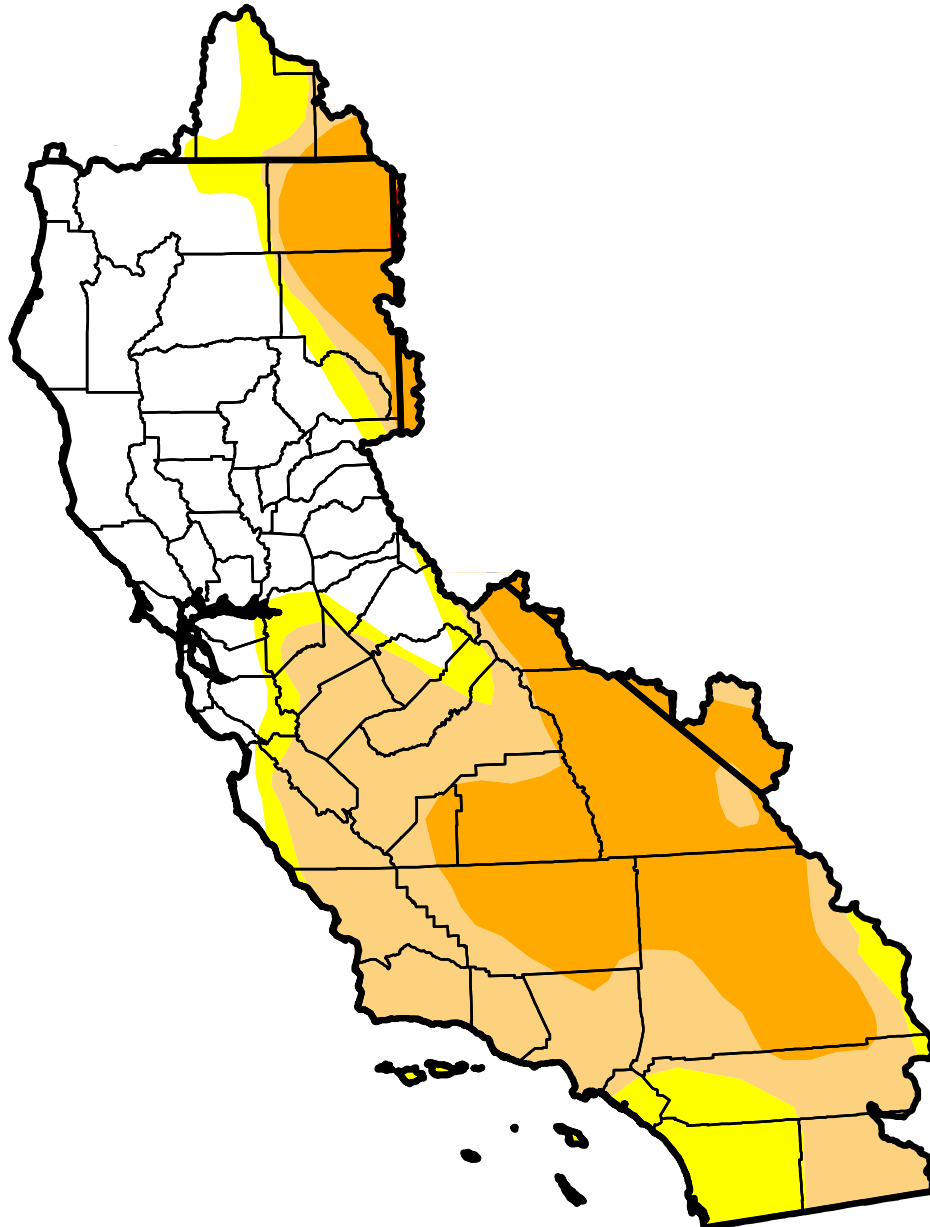


# U.S. Drought Monitor California Watershed

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	31.36	12.18	29.05	27.24	0.17	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12/11/2012</i>	31.36	11.46	29.33	27.69	0.17	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>9/18/2012</i>	12.41	19.75	44.90	21.59	1.35	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>1/3/2012</i>	27.94	24.79	47.28	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>9/25/2012</i>	12.41	19.43	45.22	21.59	1.35	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12/20/2011</i>	70.29	29.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

***Intensity:***

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

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