

# U.S. Drought Monitor California Watershed

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## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                 | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                  | 31.31 | 68.69 | 56.48 | 27.37 | 0.16  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>12-13-2012                  | 31.31 | 68.69 | 57.21 | 27.81 | 0.16  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>09-20-2012               | 12.36 | 87.64 | 67.88 | 22.93 | 1.34  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of<br/>Calendar Year</b><br>01-05-2012 | 27.96 | 72.04 | 47.30 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of<br/>Water Year</b><br>09-27-2012    | 12.36 | 87.64 | 68.20 | 22.93 | 1.34  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>12-22-2011               | 70.27 | 29.73 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 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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