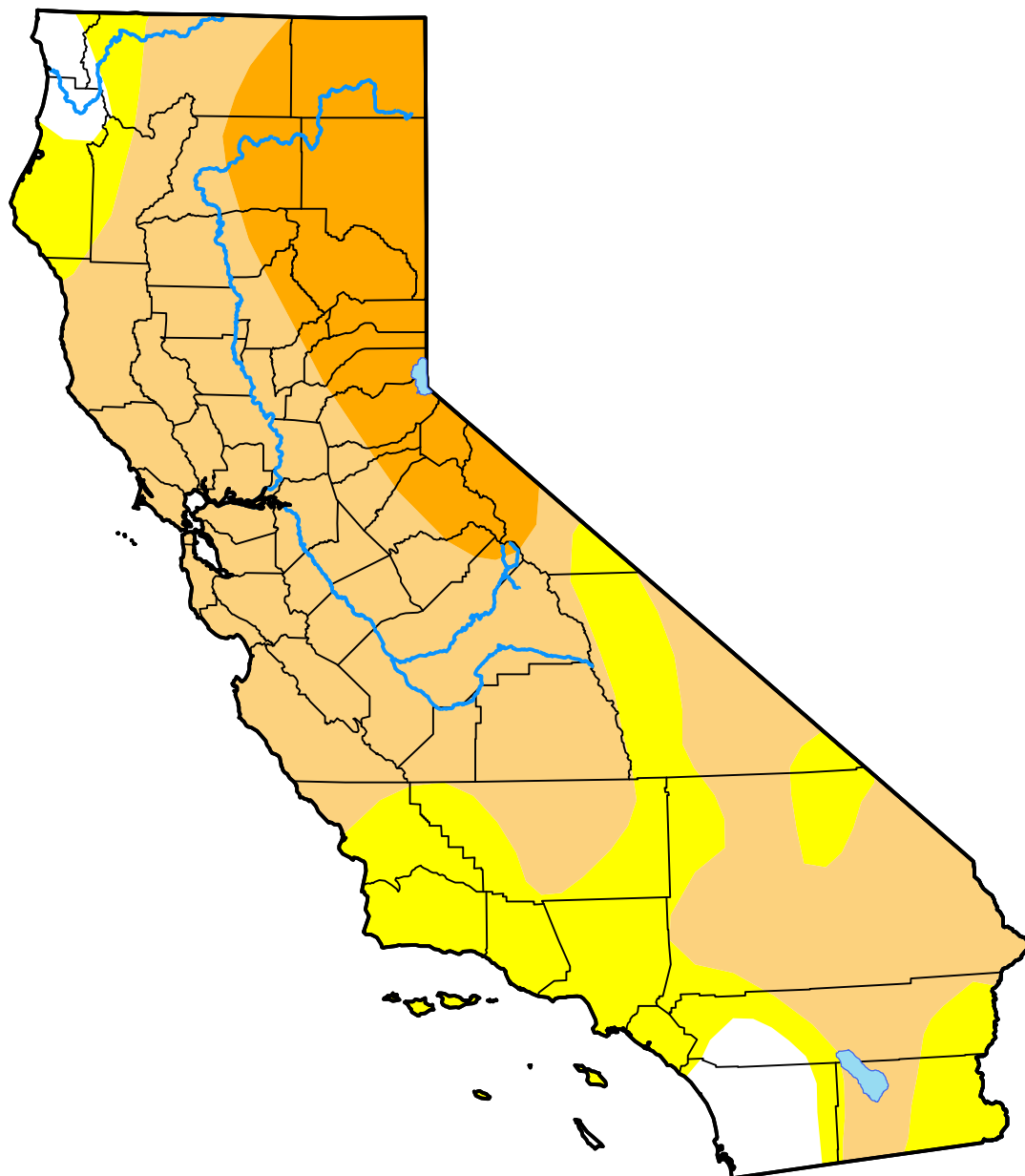


# U.S. Drought Monitor California

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## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                 | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                  | 4.39  | 95.61 | 72.09 | 16.02 | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>02-23-2012                  | 4.77  | 95.23 | 67.76 | 5.06  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>12-01-2011               | 88.32 | 11.68 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of<br/>Calendar Year</b><br>01-05-2012 | 29.91 | 70.09 | 46.34 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of<br/>Water Year</b><br>09-29-2011    | 89.14 | 10.86 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>03-03-2011               | 99.94 | 0.06  | 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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