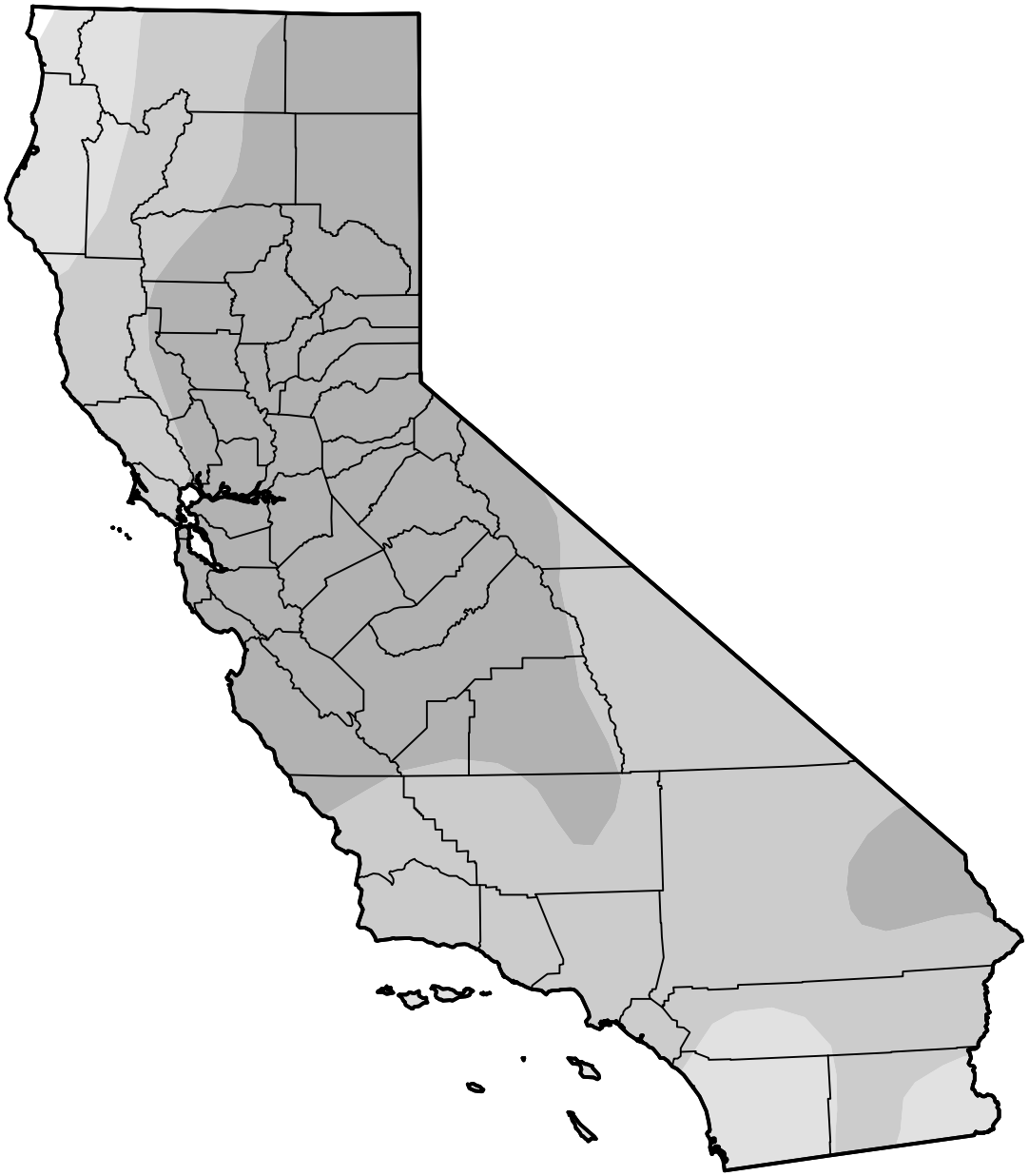
# *U.S. Drought Monitor*

# California



## March 13, 2012

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**Valid 8 a.m. EDT**

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

| | None | D0 | D1 | D2 | D3 | D4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Current** | 0.11 | 9.75 | 44.42 | 45.73 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| **Last Week** *03-08-2012* | 4.39 | 20.38 | 59.22 | 16.02 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| **3 Months Ago** *12-15-2011* | 74.32 | 25.68 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| **Start of Calendar Year** *01-05-2012* | 29.91 | 23.75 | 46.34 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| **Start of Water Year** *09-29-2011* | 89.14 | 10.86 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| **One Year Ago** *03-17-2011* | 94.20 | 5.80 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

*Intensity:*

- None
- 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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx*

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