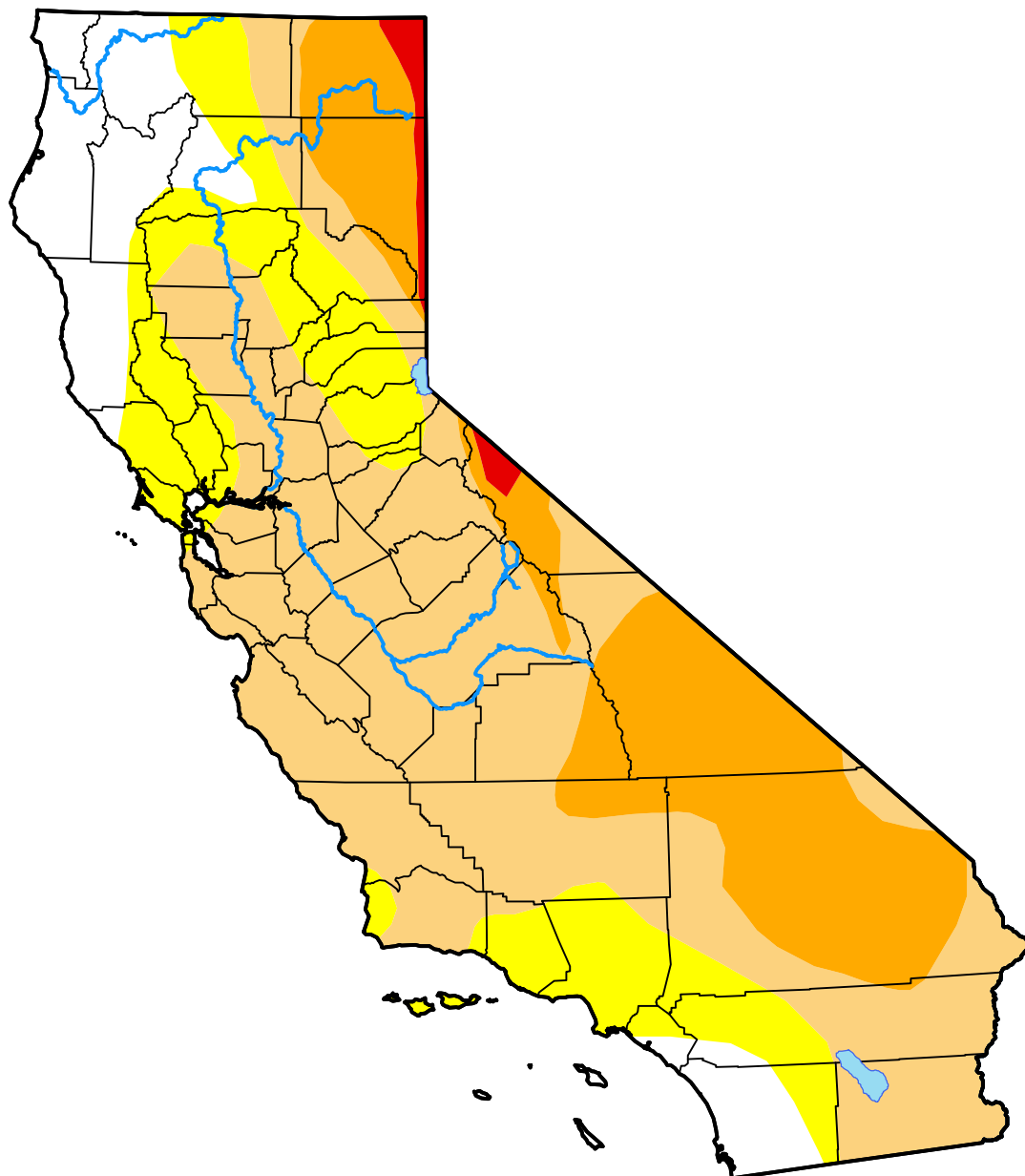


# U.S. Drought Monitor California

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                        | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4   |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                         | 11.95 | 18.97 | 46.82 | 21.12 | 1.14 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>09-13-2012</i>                  | 11.74 | 19.13 | 46.82 | 21.17 | 1.14 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>06-21-2012</i>               | 15.89 | 24.60 | 36.91 | 22.60 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of<br/>Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-05-2012</i> | 29.91 | 23.75 | 46.34 | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of<br/>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>09-22-2011</i>               | 89.14 | 10.86 | 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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