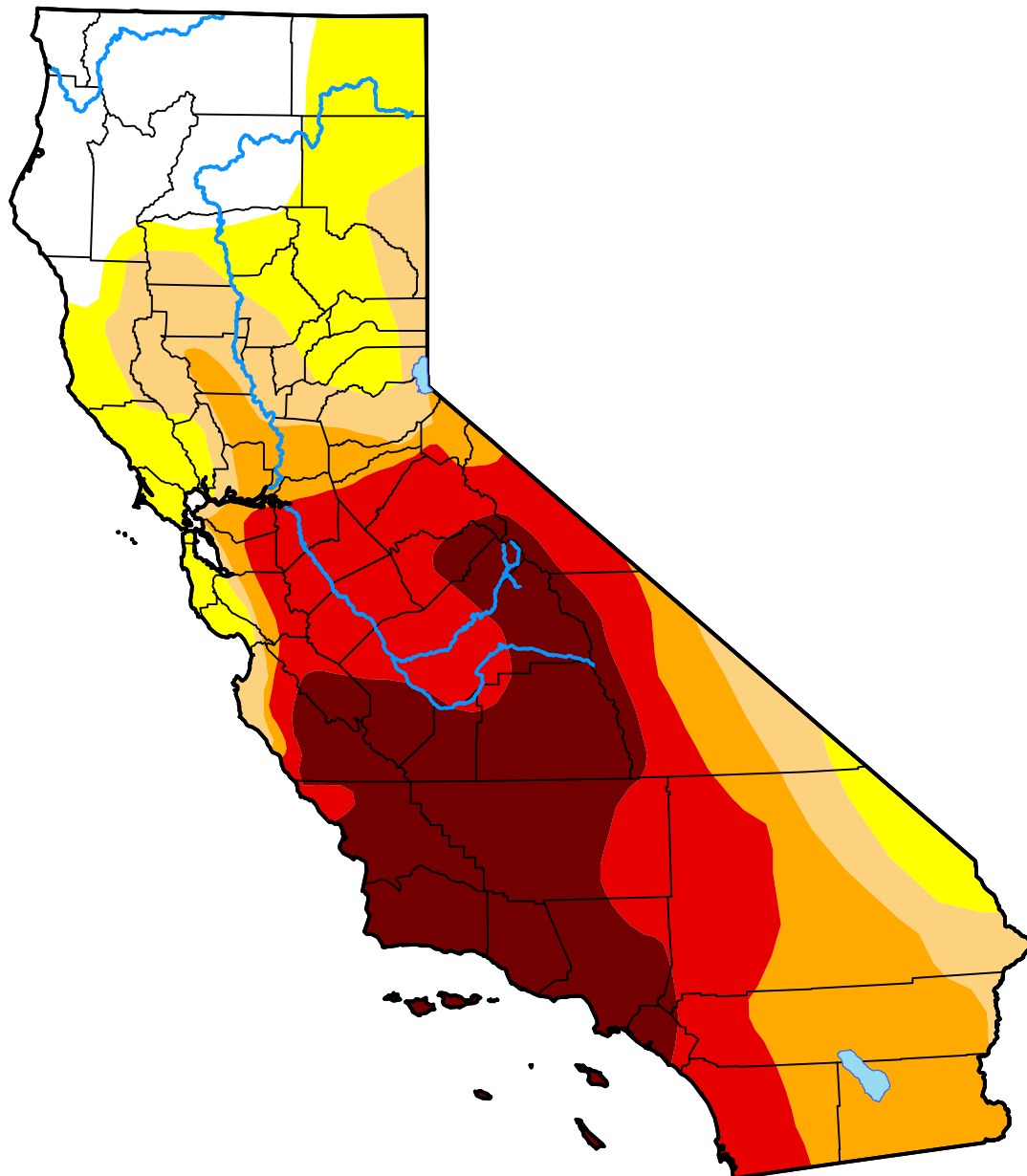


# U.S. Drought Monitor California

**December 13, 2016**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                        | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4    |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                         | 12.16 | 14.80 | 12.77 | 17.47 | 21.76 | 21.04 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-08-2016</i>                  | 12.03 | 14.93 | 12.77 | 17.47 | 21.76 | 21.04 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-15-2016</i>               | 0.00  | 16.41 | 21.31 | 19.47 | 21.76 | 21.04 |
| <b>Start of<br/>Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2015</i> | 0.00  | 2.67  | 9.78  | 18.49 | 24.22 | 44.84 |
| <b>Start of<br/>Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2016</i>    | 0.00  | 16.41 | 21.31 | 19.47 | 21.76 | 21.04 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-17-2015</i>               | 0.14  | 2.53  | 6.70  | 21.55 | 24.24 | 44.84 |

**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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