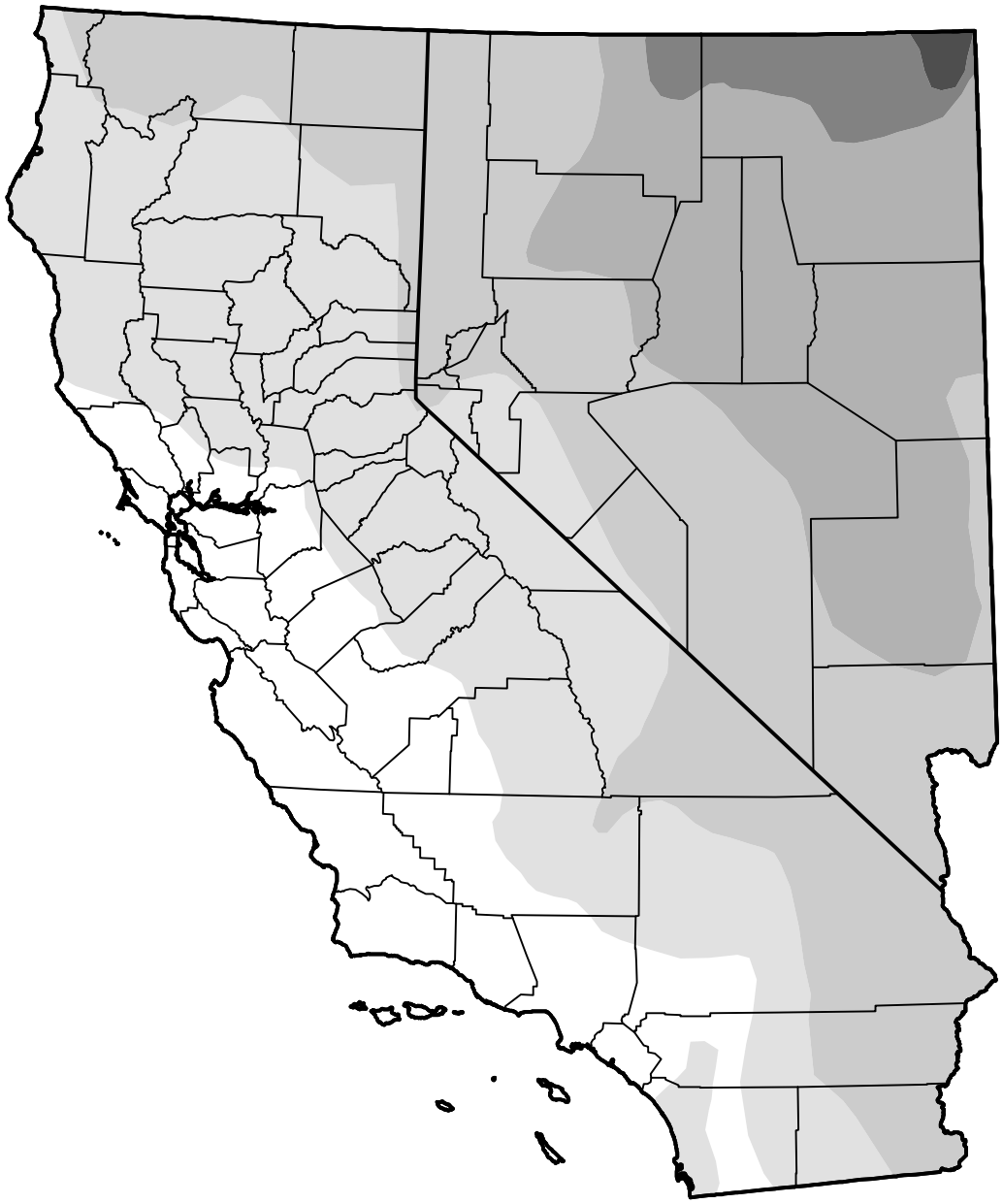
U.S. Drought Monitor

California-Nevada DEWS



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	16.41	30.50	31.38	18.81	2.60	0.30
Last Week *10-13-2026*	16.41	30.50	31.38	18.81	2.60	0.30
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	23.30	42.37	15.22	12.65	5.53	0.93
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	82.94	7.46	8.46	1.04	0.10	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	16.41	30.50	28.64	21.55	2.60	0.30
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	34.46	26.25	22.33	13.65	3.32	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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