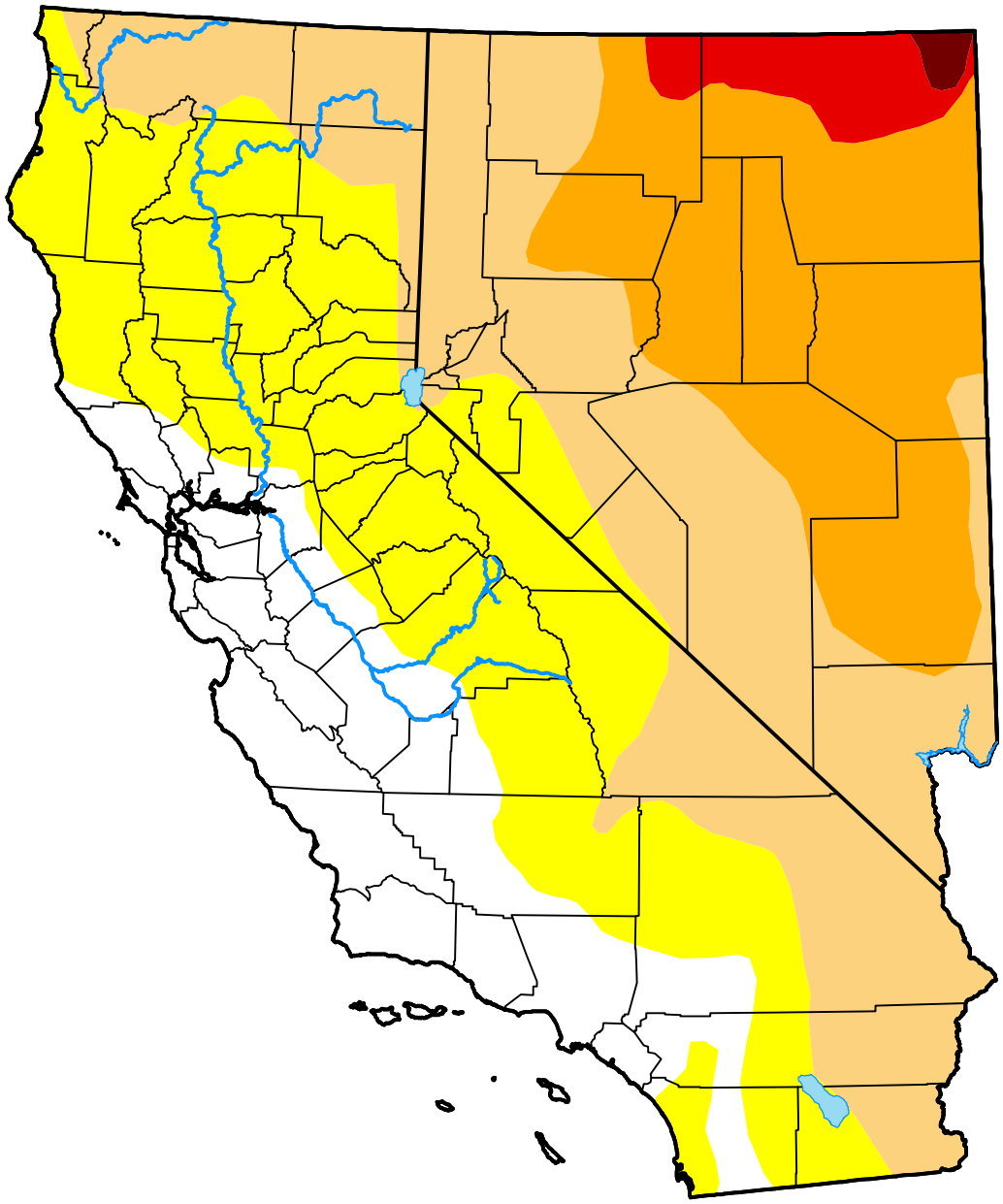
U.S. Drought Monitor

California-Nevada DEWS



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	16.41	83.59	53.09	21.70	2.90	0.30
Last Week *10-13-2026*	16.41	83.59	53.09	21.70	2.90	0.30
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	23.30	76.70	34.33	19.11	6.46	0.93
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	82.94	17.06	9.60	1.14	0.10	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	16.41	83.59	53.09	24.45	2.90	0.30
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	34.46	65.54	39.29	16.96	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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