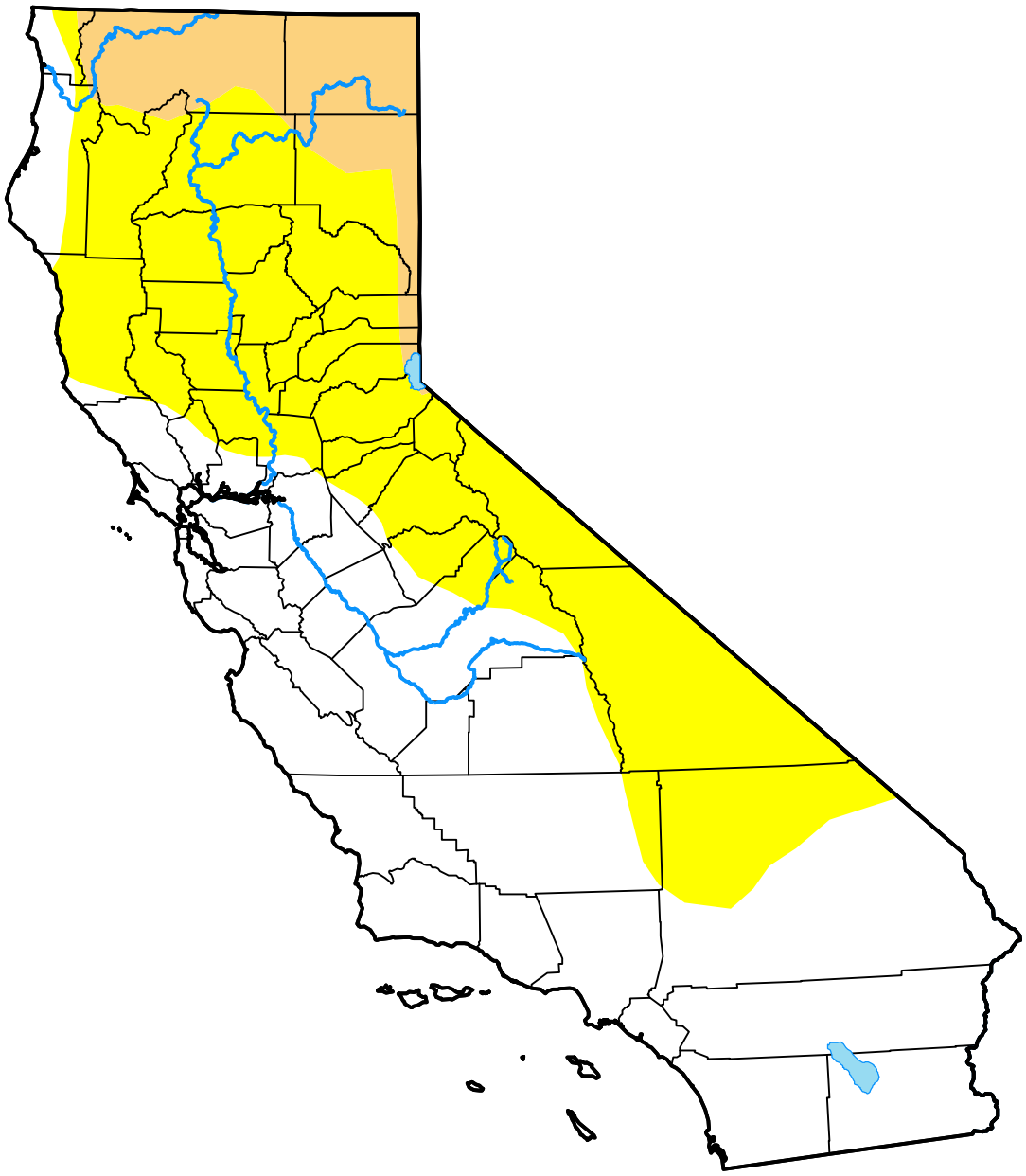
U.S. Drought Monitor

California



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	52.33	39.02	8.65	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week *11-10-2026*	27.88	63.26	8.87	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago *08-18-2026*	34.73	57.87	6.70	0.70	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	27.88	48.87	23.26	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago *11-18-2025*	70.12	15.02	14.16	0.69	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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