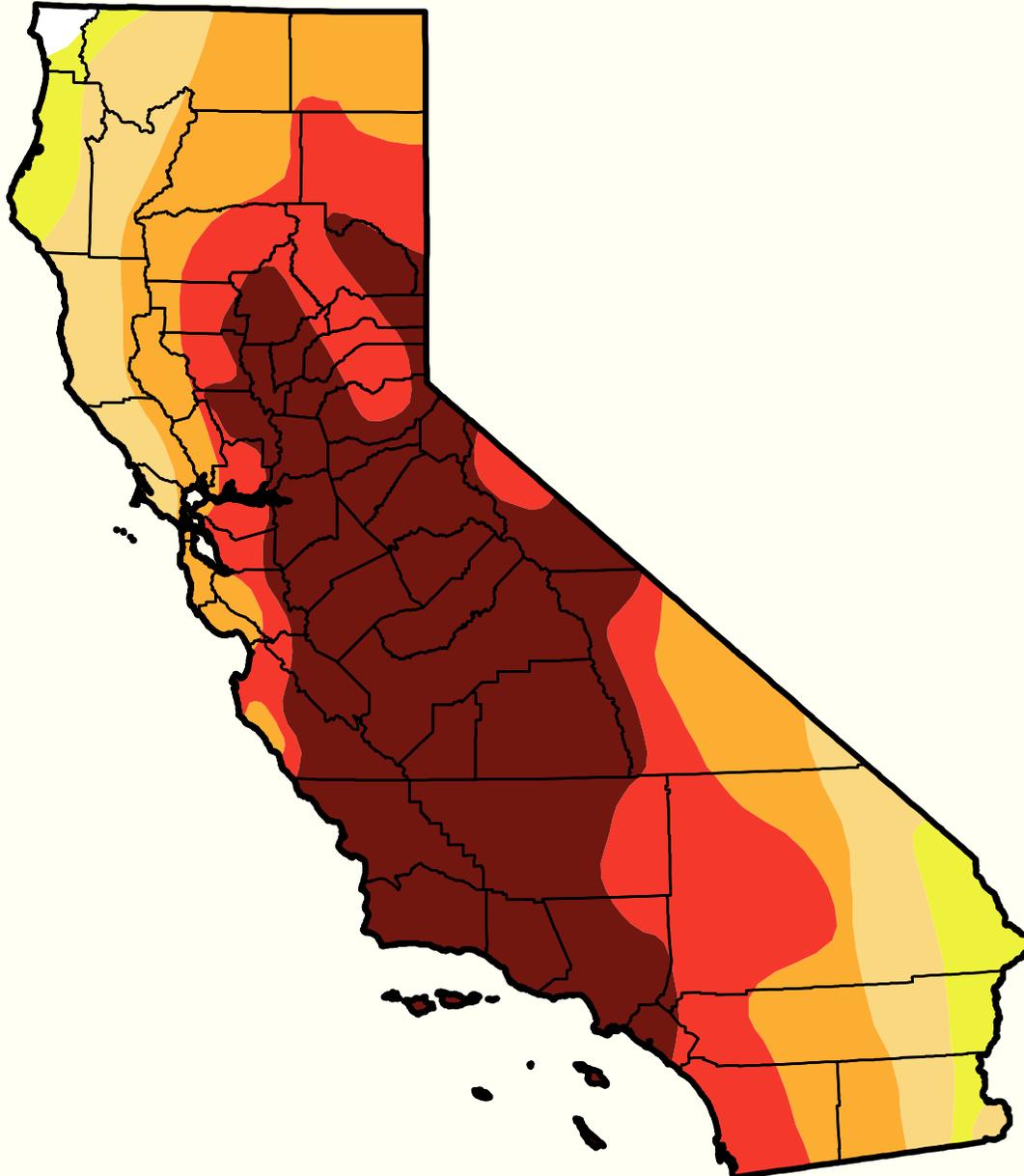


# U.S. Drought Monitor California

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	0.43	99.57	94.38	81.82	60.86	38.48
<b>Last Week</b> <i>2/16/2016</i>	0.29	99.71	94.69	81.82	61.40	38.48
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>11/24/2015</i>	0.14	99.86	97.33	92.26	70.55	44.84
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12/29/2015</i>	0.00	100.00	97.33	87.55	69.07	44.84
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>9/29/2015</i>	0.14	99.86	97.33	92.36	71.08	46.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>2/24/2015</i>	0.16	99.84	98.10	93.44	67.46	39.92

**Intensity:**

- 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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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