

162 drought maps reveal just how thirsty California has become

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Much of California is mired in extreme and exceptional drought. (Los Angeles Times)

It doesn't take much to understand why California is so worried about drought. [Reservoirs are ever-dwindling](#). Rainfall is sporadic at best. And let's not forget about the [millions of gallons of precious water recently flooding](#) the streets of Brentwood.

Nearly 80% of California is experiencing extreme to exceptional drought, according to the [U.S. Drought Monitor](#), and the state's condition isn't expected to improve in the near future.

The Drought Monitor, which collects data from [50 different weather indicators](#), have shown an increasingly red California since 2011, the last time the drought map was clear.

Watch the 6-second snap-shot [here](#).

Abnormally Dry

Moderate Drought

Severe Drought

Extreme Drought

Exceptional Drought

2011

Drought starts

Dec. 27

2012

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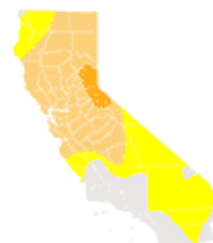
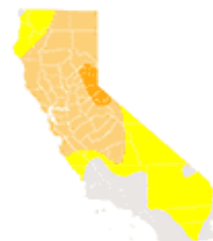
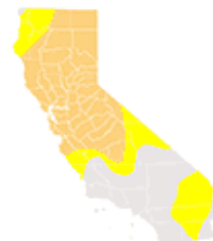
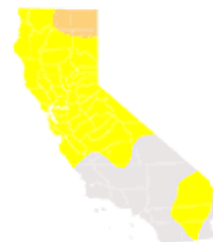
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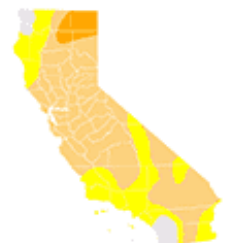
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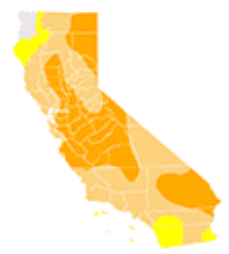
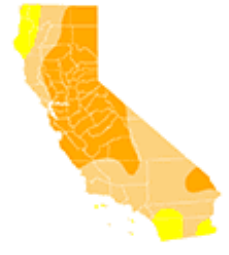


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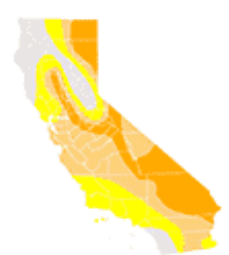
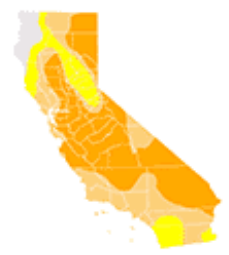
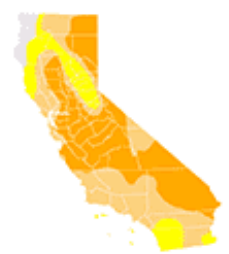
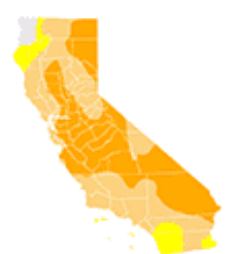
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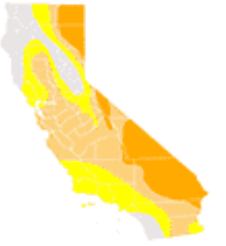
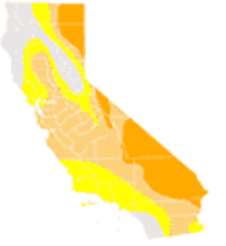
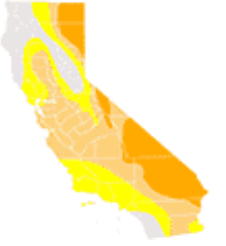
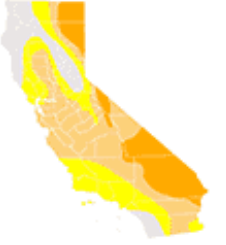
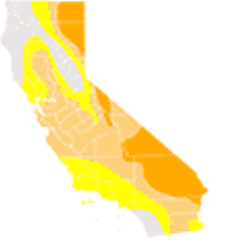
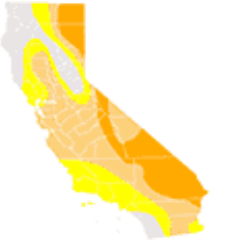
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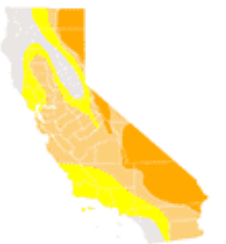
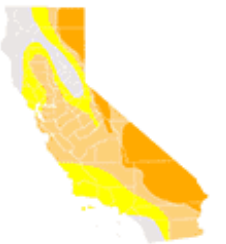
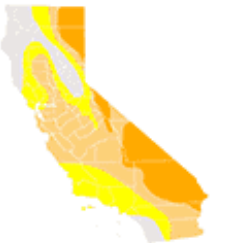
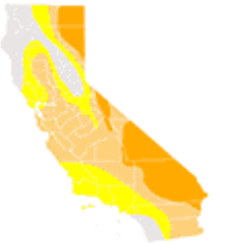
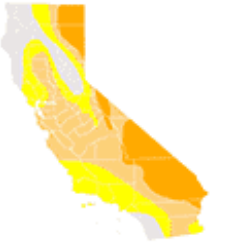
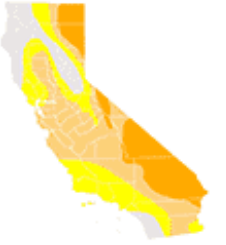


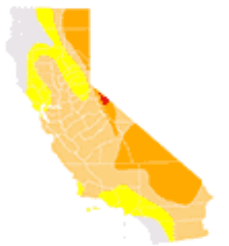
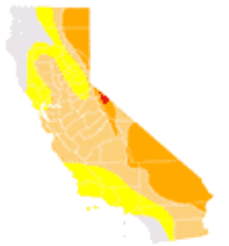
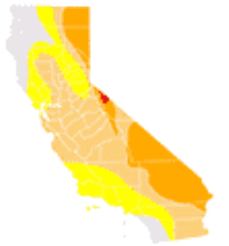
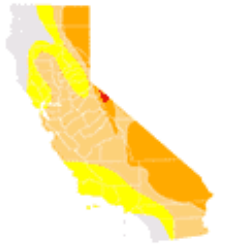
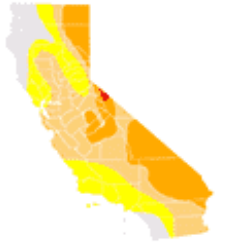
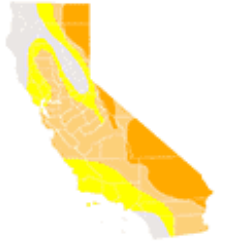
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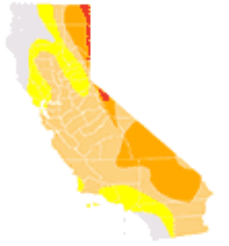
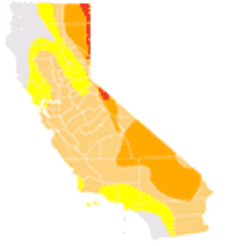
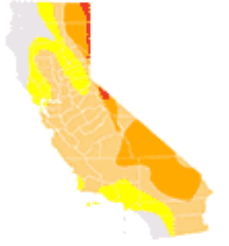
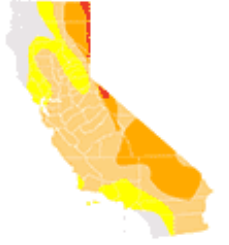
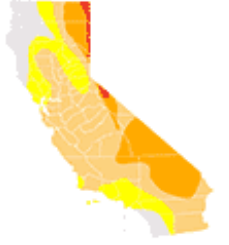
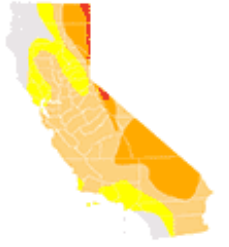
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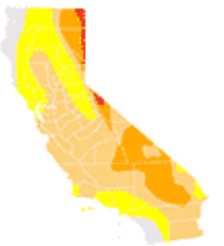
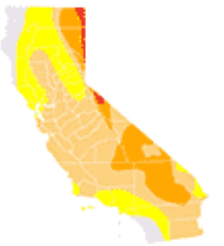
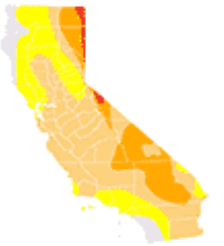
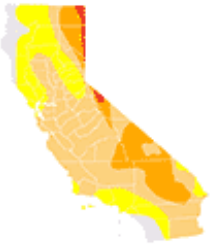
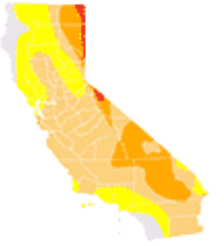
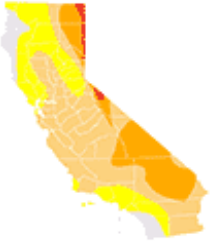


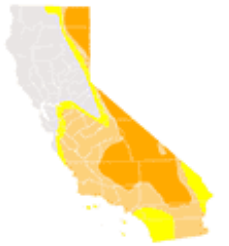
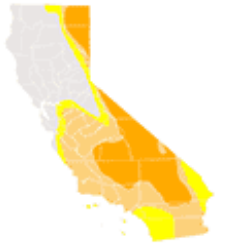
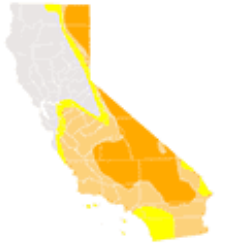
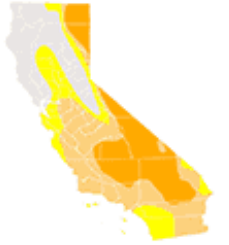
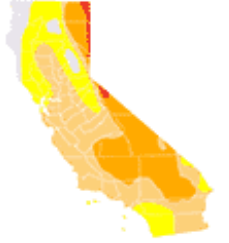
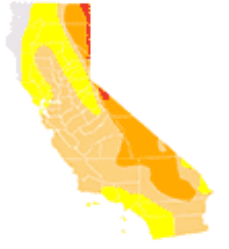


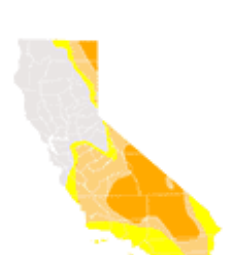
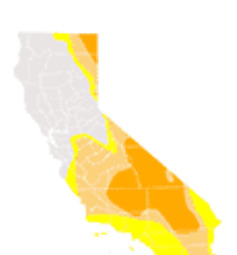
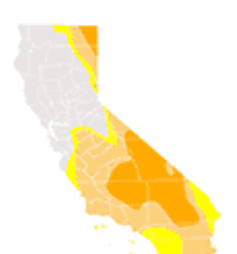
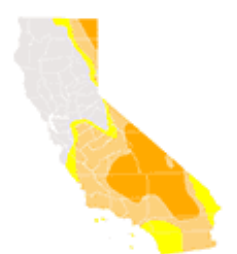
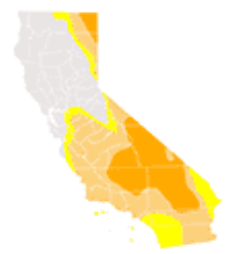
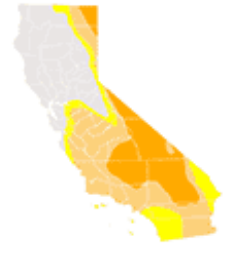


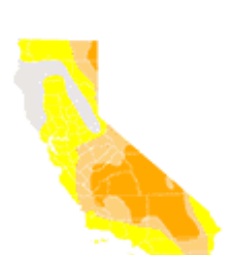
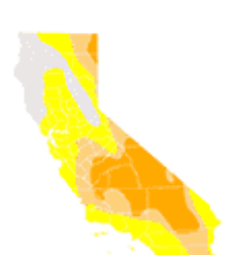
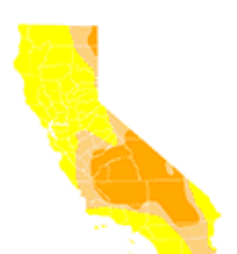
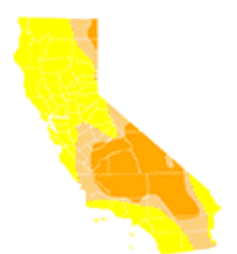
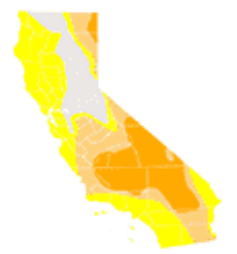
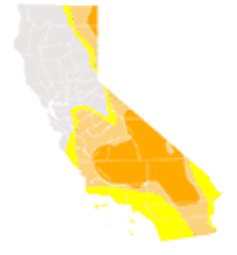


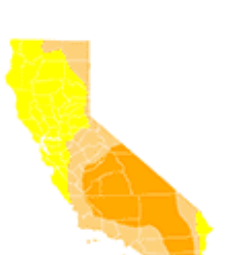
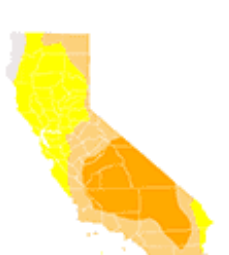
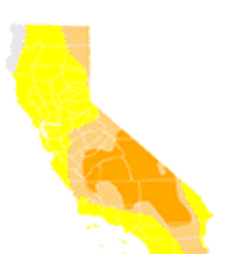
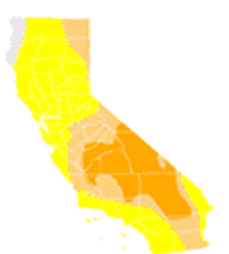
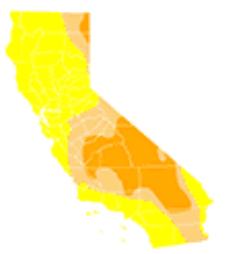
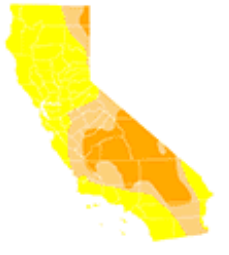








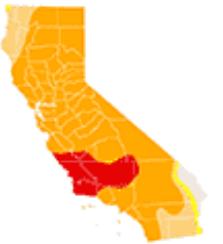
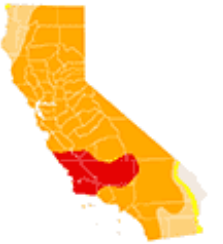
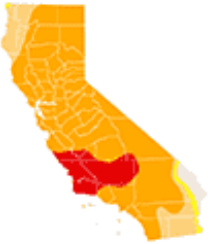
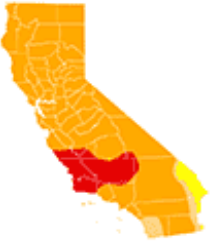


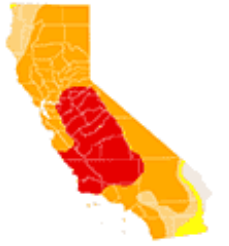
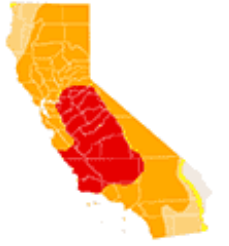


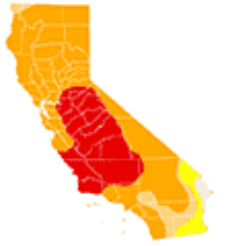
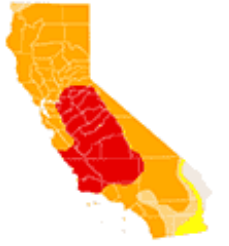
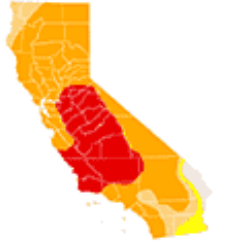
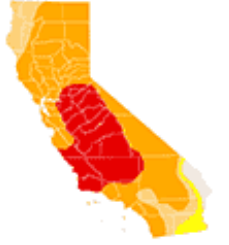
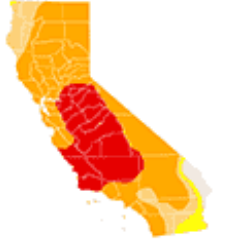
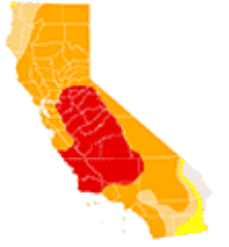


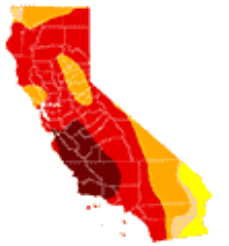
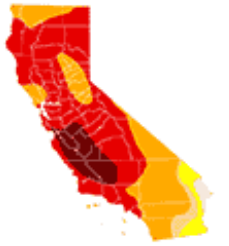
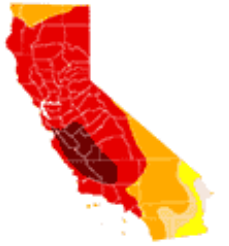
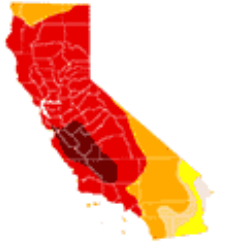
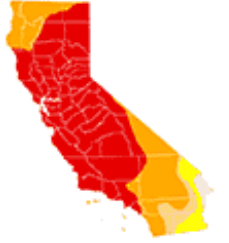
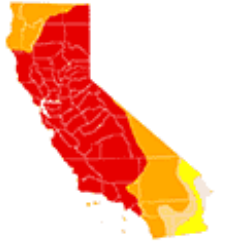


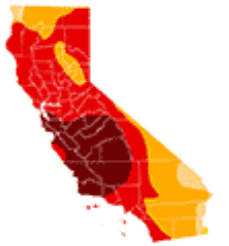
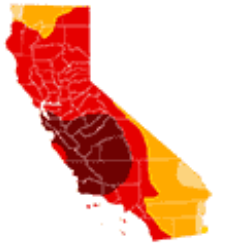
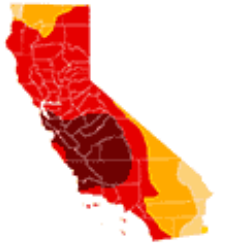
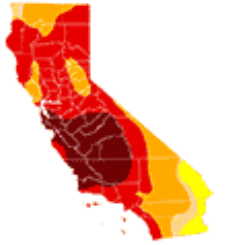
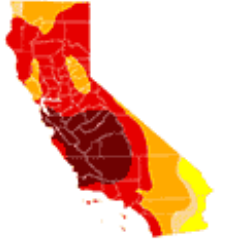
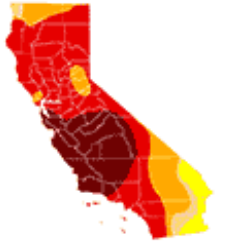


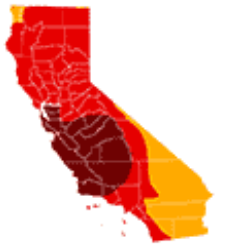
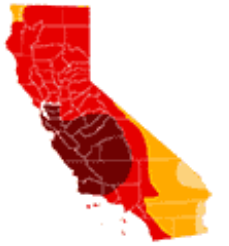
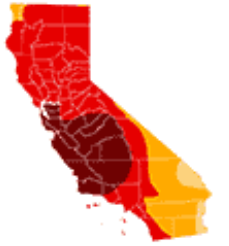
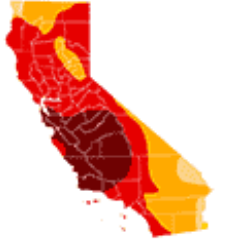
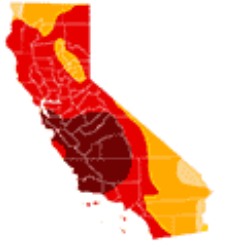


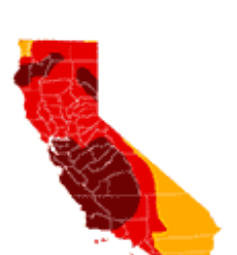
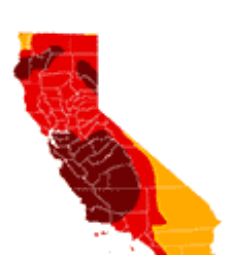
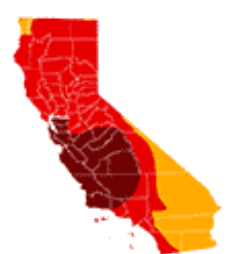
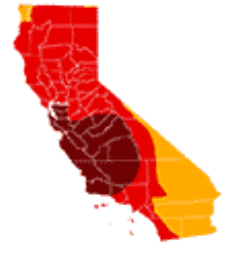


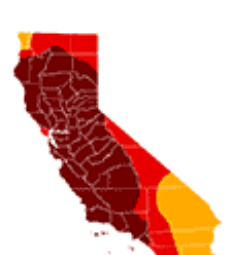
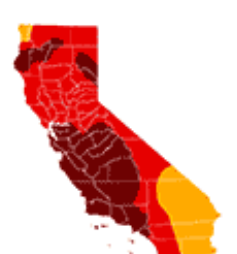
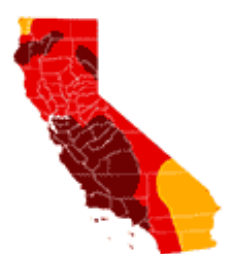
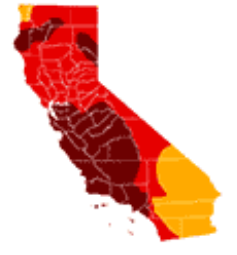


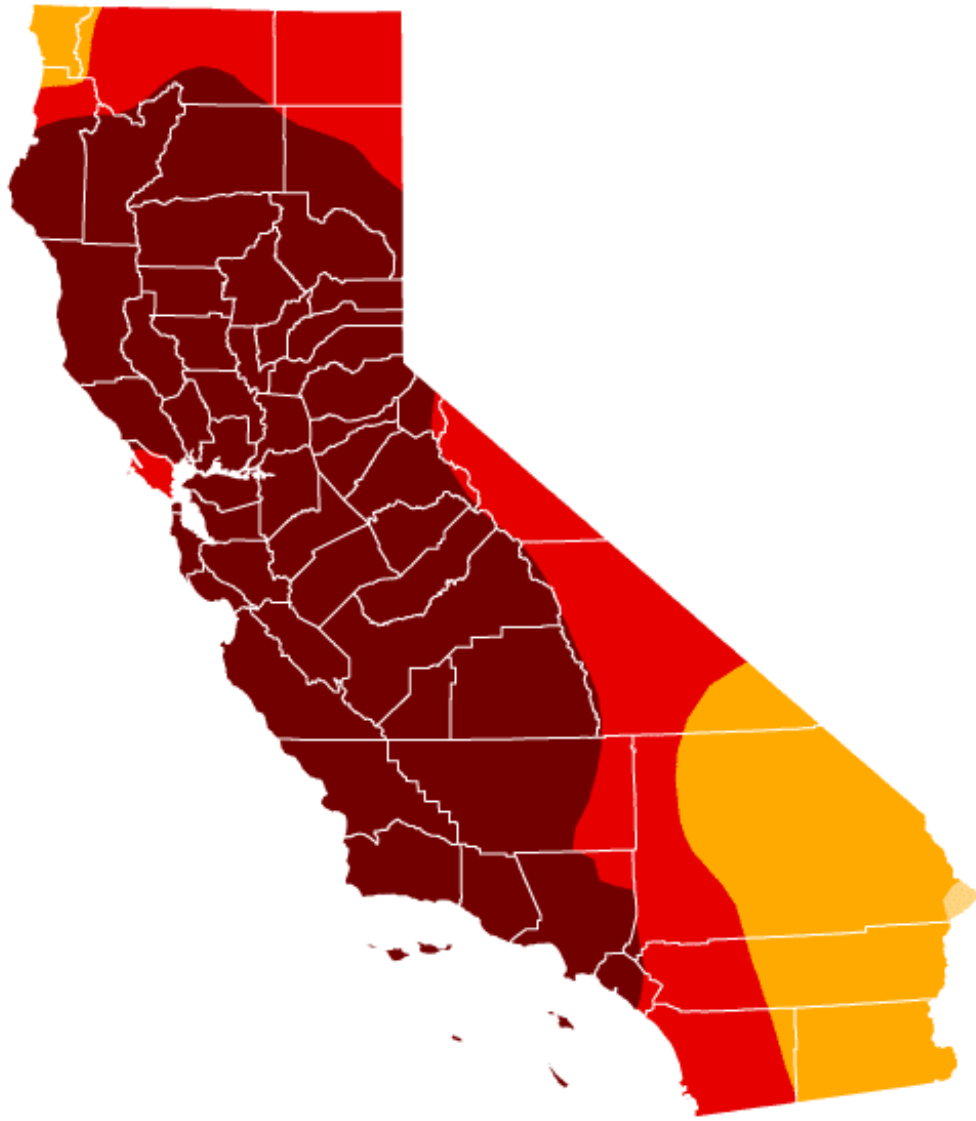




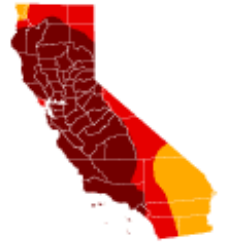




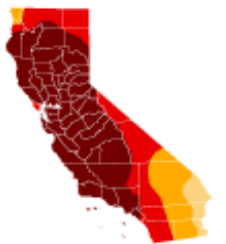
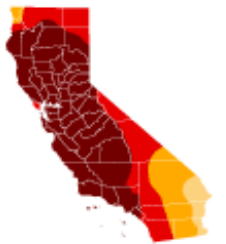
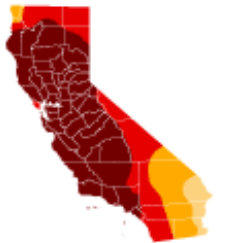
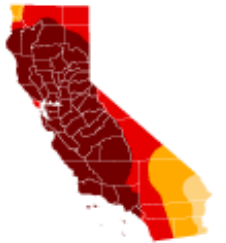
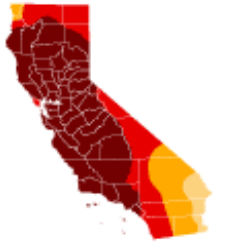
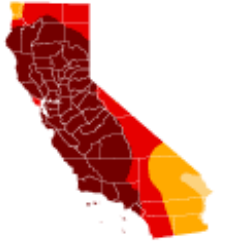


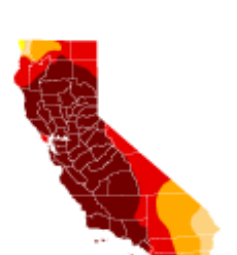
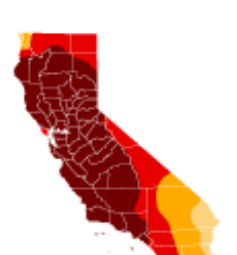
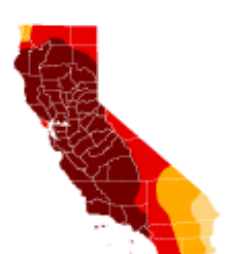
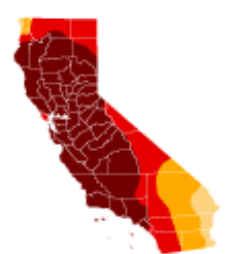
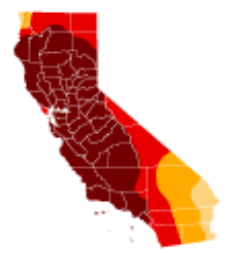
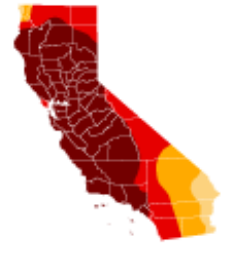


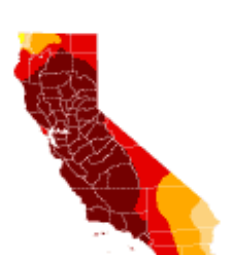
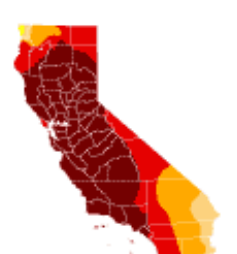
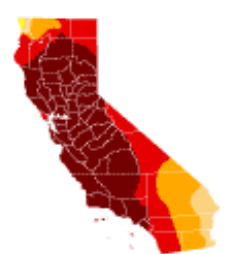
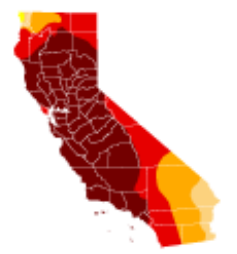
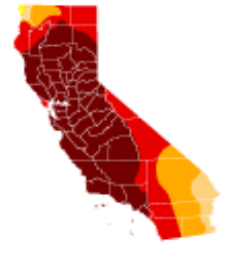
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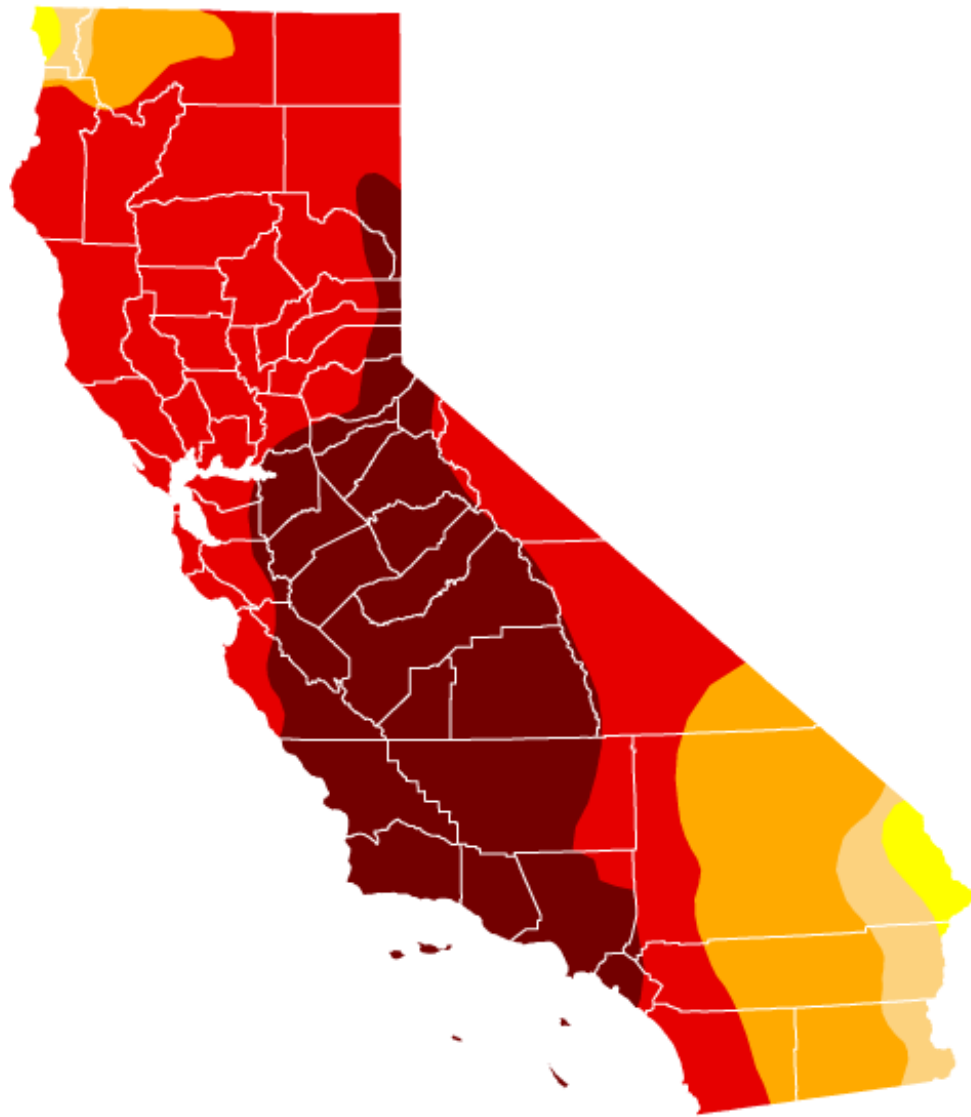


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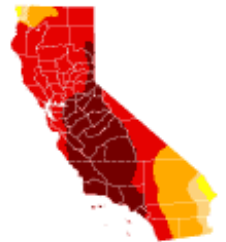
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Abnormally Dry

Moderate Drought

Severe Drought

Extreme Drought



Exceptional Drought

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