

Status Update on Emergency Regulatory Action



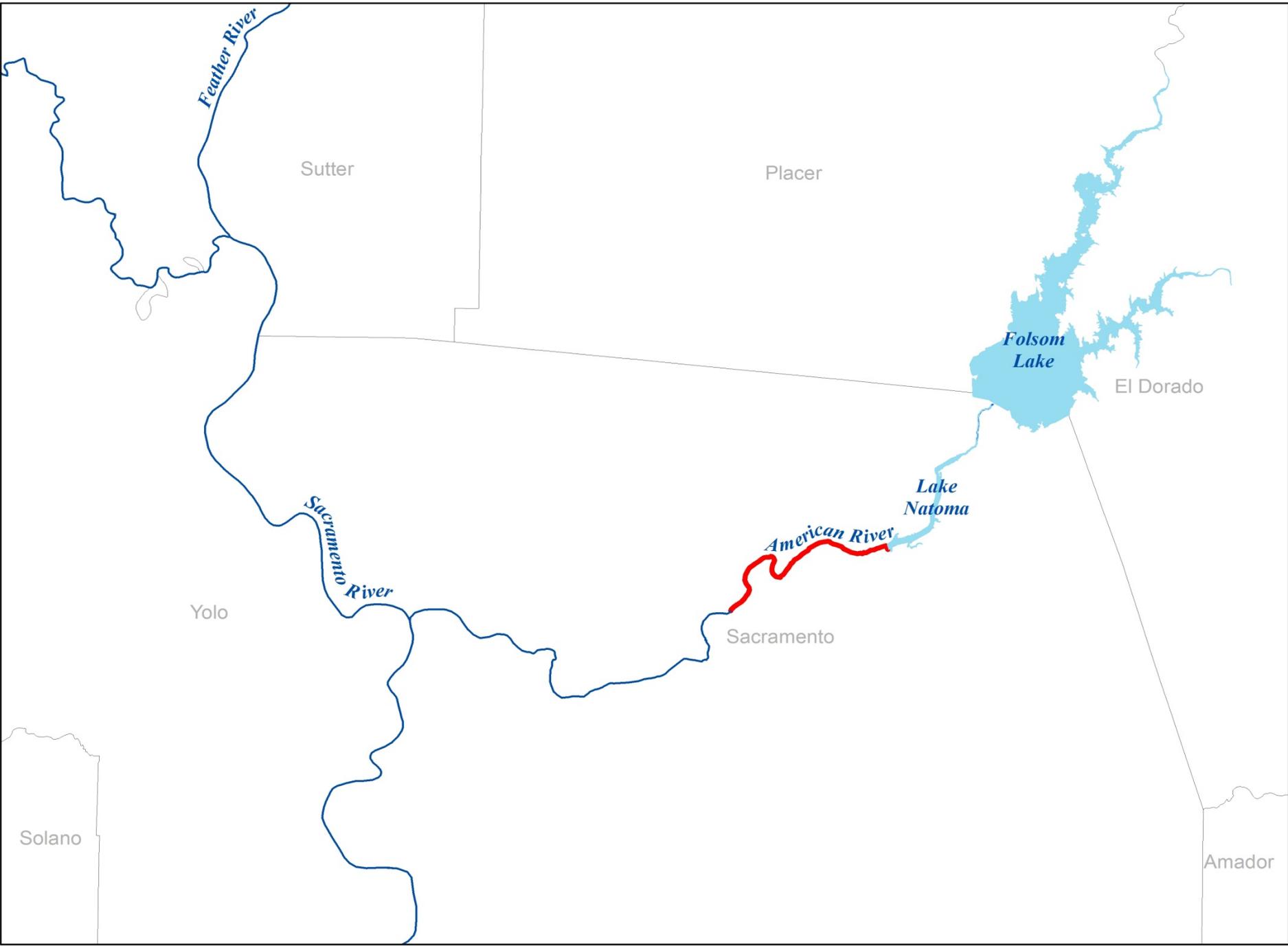
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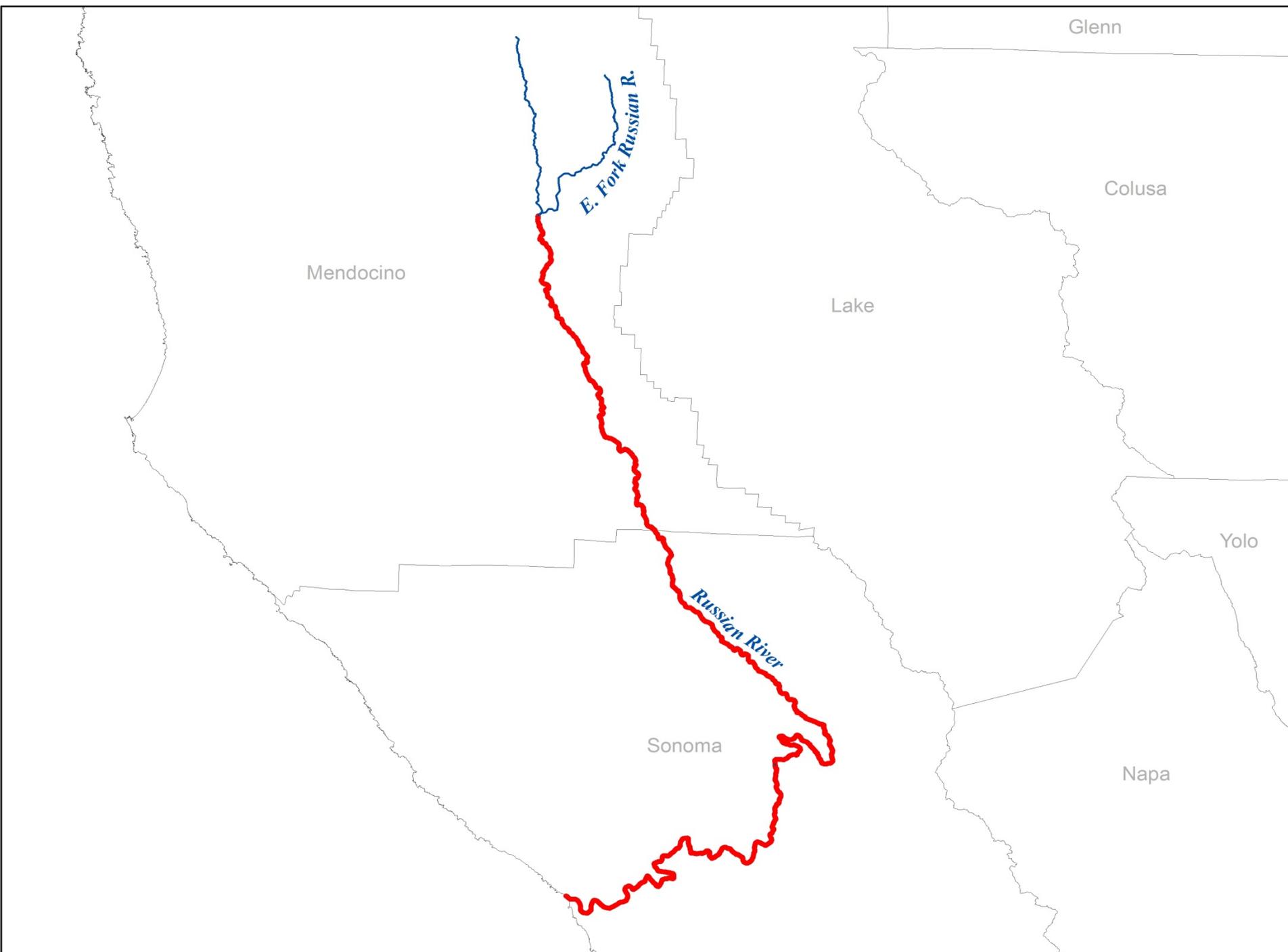




Current Angling Closures

- American River: from Nimbus Dam to the SMUD power line crossing at the southwest boundary of Ancil Hoffman Park until April 30
- Russian River: main stem below the confluence of the East Branch of the Russian River until April 30





Glenn

Colusa

Mendocino

Lake

Yolo

Russian River

Sonoma

Napa

E. Fork Russian R.

Low Flow Closures Update

- North Coast streams: since February 19, all northern streams controlled by low flow closures have remained open to fishing due to sufficient flow conditions
- Central Coast streams: since February 19, central coast streams have been subject to 2 one-week fishing closures due to insufficient flow conditions

**North and Central Coast
Low Flow Restrictions
Title 14, Sections 8.00 (a) and (b)**



River Conditions Update: American River

- Flow has been steady at 500 cfs
- Water temp remain suitable
- Number of redds has decreased
- Majority of spawning steelhead have left the system
- No need to extend fishing closure

River Conditions Update: Russian River

- Flow conditions anticipated to remain very low
- Dam releases are set at “Critically Dry Condition” releases
- Return of adult hatchery steelhead (50% of normal)
- Fishing will not impact salmonids after April 30

Questions / Thank You

