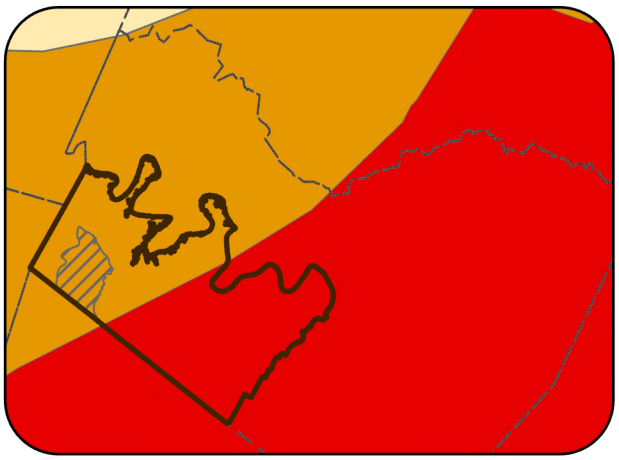
SOUTHWESTERN TRAVIS COUNTY
GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Drought Update – February 10, 2026

Current Declared Stage: D-2 Moderate Drought

SWTCGCD % at or above each drought stage.

- Hamilton Pool Management Zone
- D0+ Abnormally Dry: 100%
- D1+ Moderate Drought: 100%
- D2+ Severe Drought: 100%
- D3+ Extreme Drought: 53%
- D4 Exceptional Drought 0%
- None: 0%



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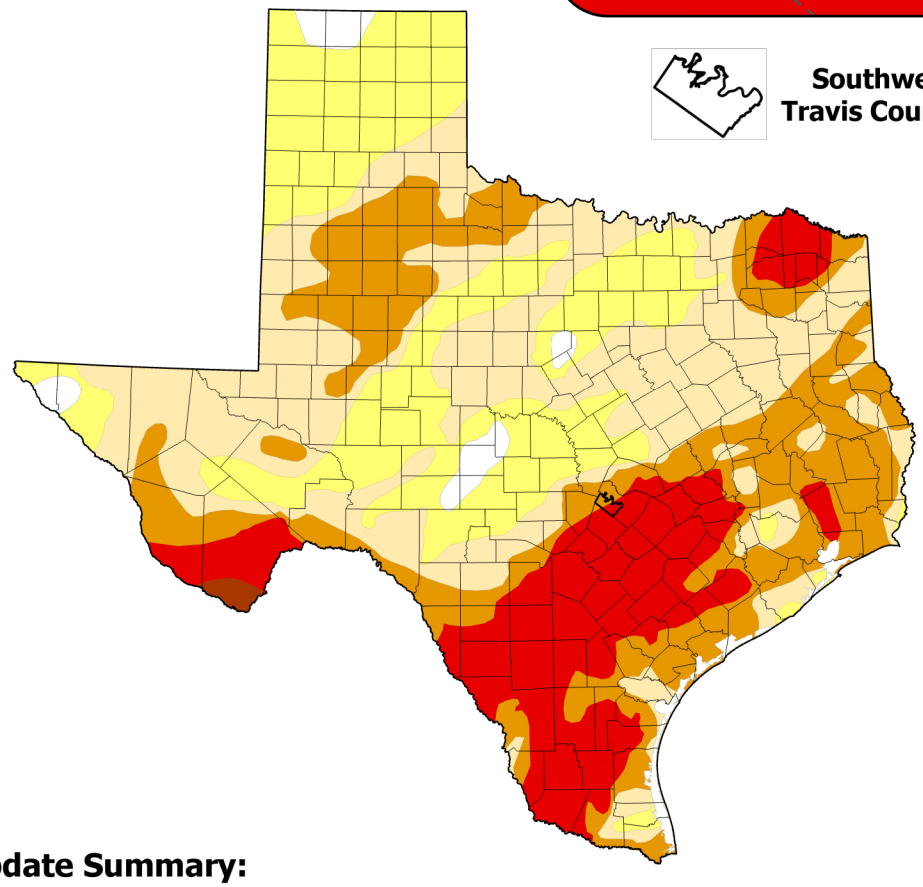

Drought Update Summary:

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor map released February 12, 2026 (map date: February 10, 2026), 53% of the District is classified as extreme drought (D3), with the remaining 47% classified as severe drought (D2). This is the fifth consecutive week in which more than 50% of the District has been classified as D3. As the minimum threshold for declaring a higher stage has been met (see below), the District Board will consider declaring D3 Extreme Drought Stage at its February 19, 2026 meeting.

Drought Thresholds:

Under District Rule 5.2, at least 50% of the District must be at a higher drought intensity for two consecutive weeks to declare a higher stage. To lower the stage, the reduced intensity must cover at least 50% of the District for four consecutive weeks. The Board may also consider other relevant factors when declaring drought stages.

Source: U.S. Drought Monitor GIS Data https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/DmData/GISData.aspx