



**SOUTHWESTERN TRAVIS COUNTY
GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Current Declared Stage: D1 Moderate Drought
Drought Update – July 30, 2026

SWTCGCD % at or above each drought stage.

 **Hamilton Pool Management Zone**

 **D0+ Abnormally Dry: 100%**

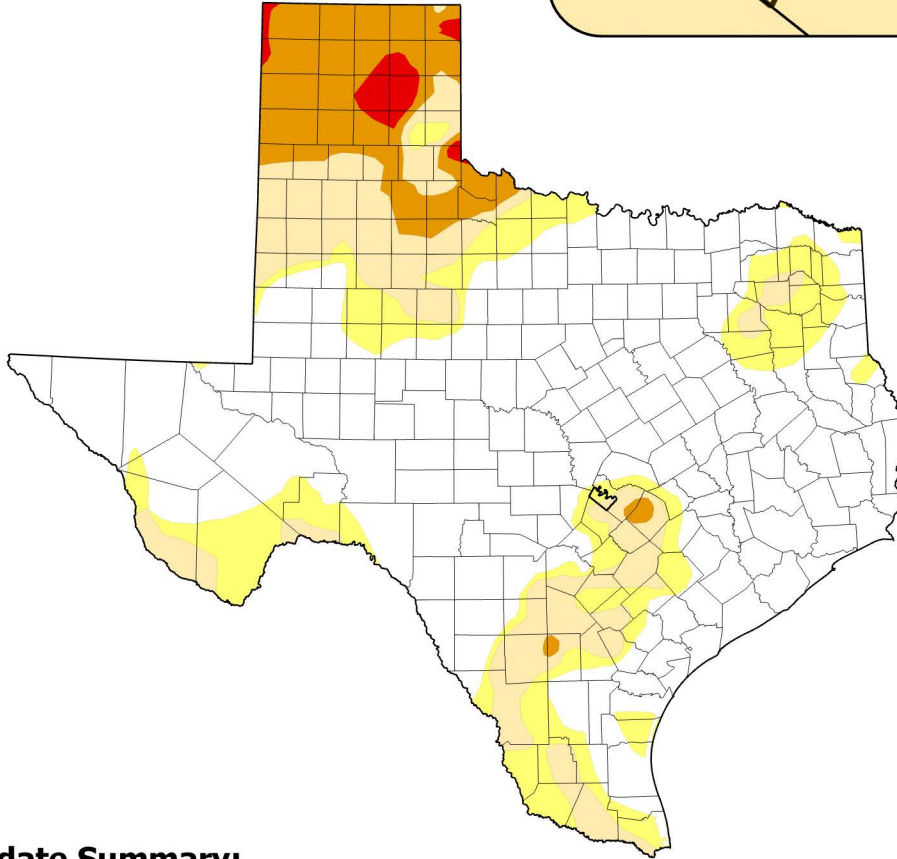
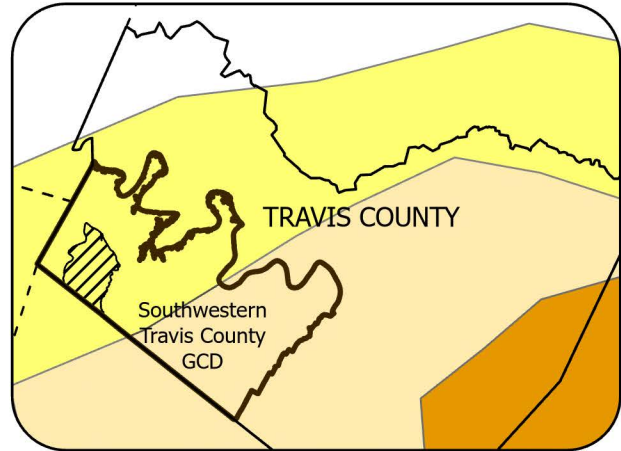
 **D1+ Moderate Drought: 46%**

 **D2+ Severe Drought: 0%**

 **D3+ Extreme Drought: 0%**

 **D4 Exceptional Drought 0%**

 **None: 0%**



Drought Update Summary:

According to the most recent U.S. Drought Monitor map released July 30, 2026 (map date July 28, 2026), 54% of the District is classified as Abnormally Dry (D-0) and the remaining 46% as Moderate Drought (D-1). This marks the fifth consecutive week that more than half of the District has been classified at or below D-1 Moderate Drought, satisfying the threshold in the District's drought rules for reducing the drought stage from D-2 Severe Drought to D-1 Moderate Drought, effective July 30, 2026. <https://swtcgcd.com/district-map>

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>