



**SOUTHWESTERN TRAVIS COUNTY
GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Current Declared Stage: D1 Moderate Drought
Drought Update – August 20, 2026

SWTCGCD % at or above each drought stage.

 **Hamilton Pool Management Zone**

 **D0+ Abnormally Dry: 100%**

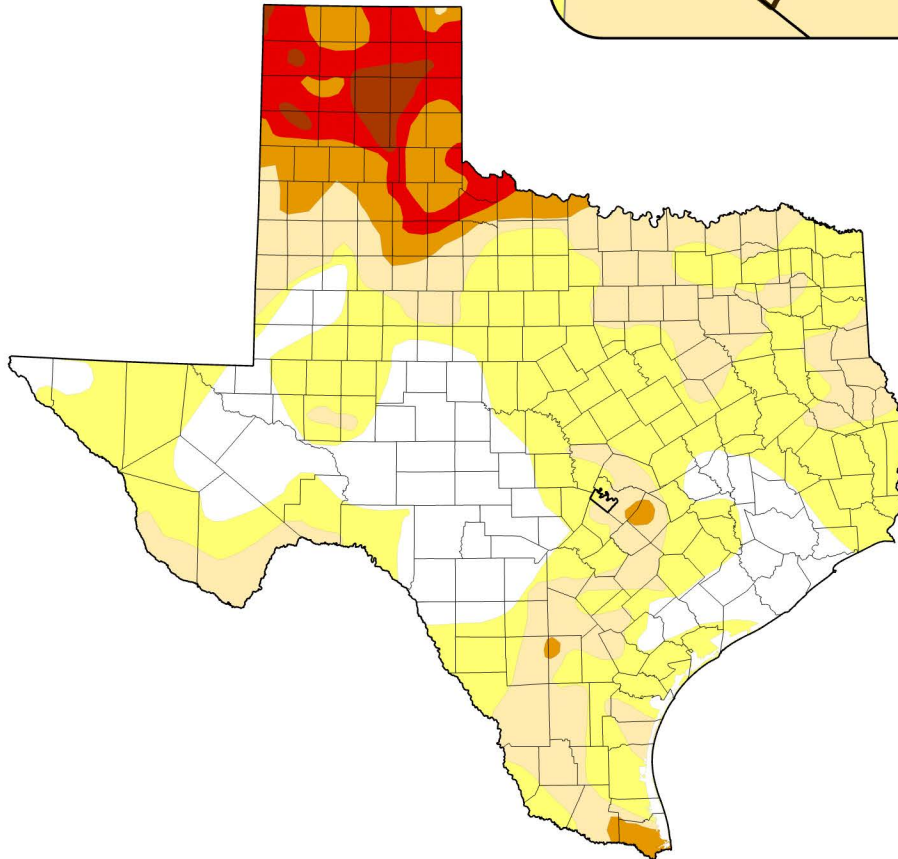
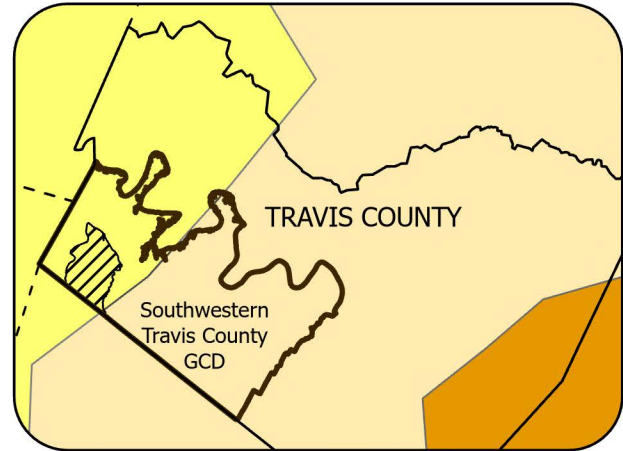
 **D1+ Moderate Drought: 67%**

 **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 August 20, 2026 (map date August 18, 2026), drought conditions in the District have intensified compared to the previous four weeks, with 33% of the District classified as Abnormally Dry (D-0) and 67% classified as Moderate Drought (D-1). The District reduced its drought stage from D-2 Severe Drought to D-1 Moderate Drought on 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>