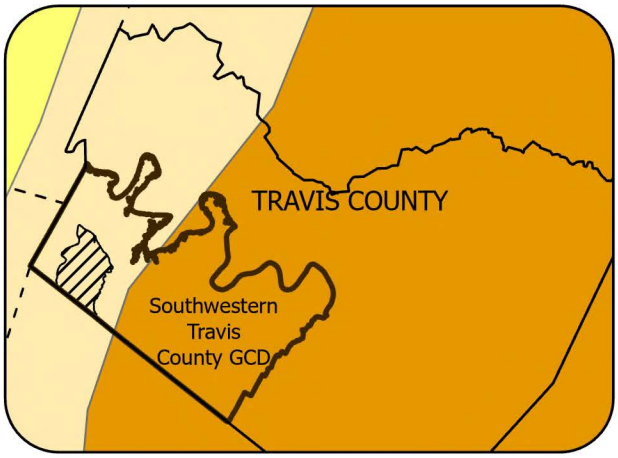
SOUTHWESTERN TRAVIS COUNTY
GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

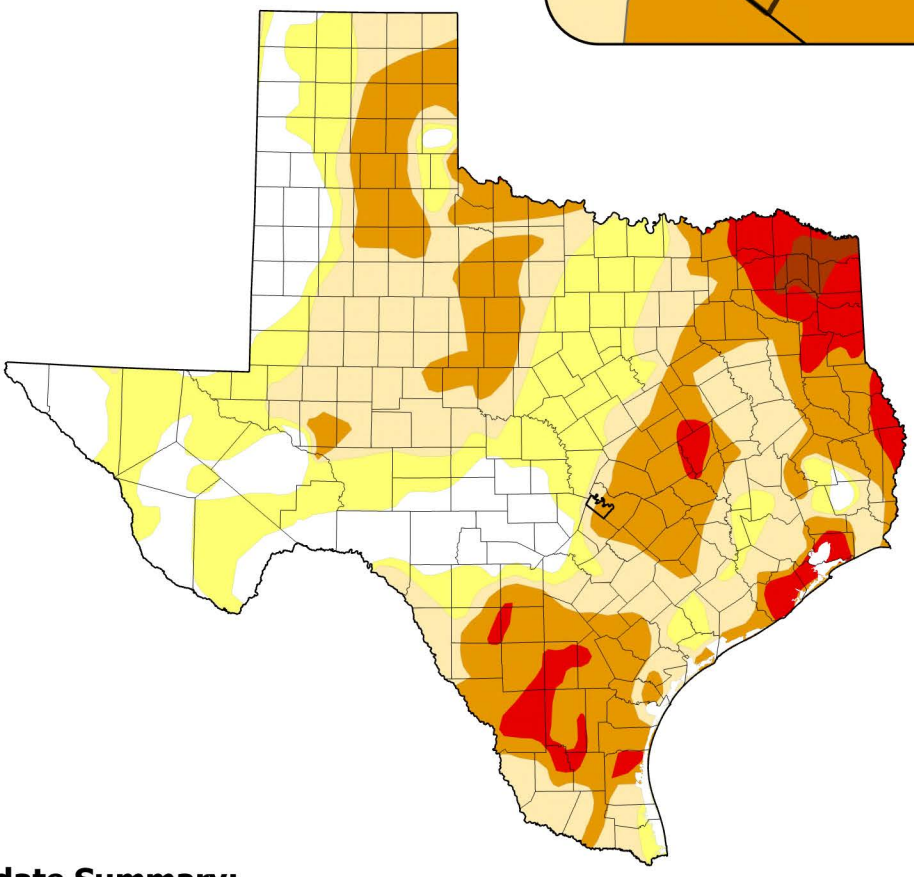
Current Declared Stage: D2 Severe Drought

Drought Update – November 3, 2026

SWTCGCD % at or above each drought stage.

- Hamilton Pool Management Zone
- D0+ Abnormally Dry: 100%
- D1+ Moderate Drought: 100%
- D2+ Severe Drought: 66%
- D3+ Extreme Drought: 0%
- D4 Exceptional Drought 0%
- None: 0%





Drought Update Summary:

According to the most recent U.S. Drought Monitor map released November 5, 2026 (map date November 3, 2026), drought conditions in the District slightly improved following recent rains. However, conditions remain more severe than in July and August, with 34% of the District classified as Moderate Drought (D-1) and 66% classified as Severe Drought (D-2). 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: National Drought Mitigation Center (NDMC), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/DmData/GISData.aspx