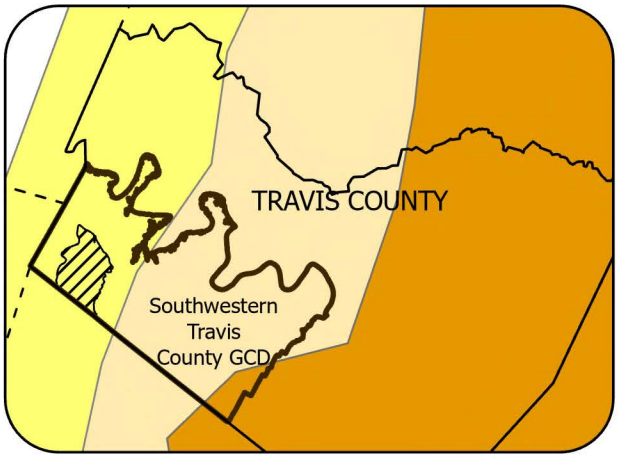
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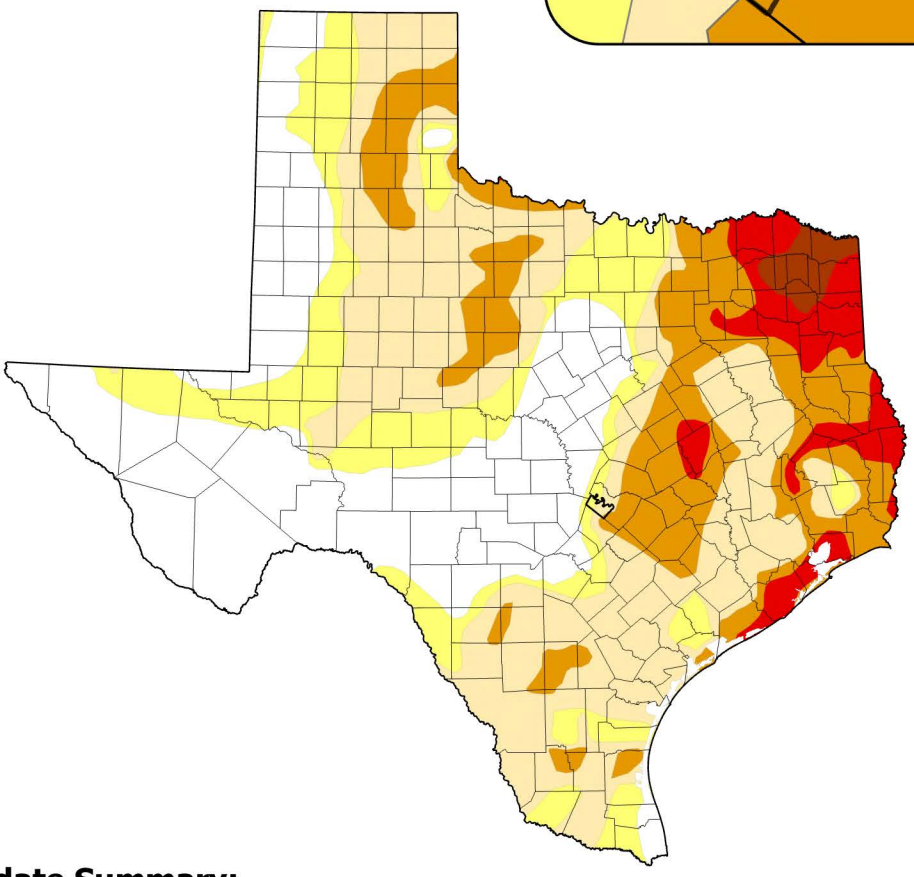
Current Declared Stage: D2 Severe Drought

Drought Update – November 10, 2026

SWTCGCD % at or above each drought stage.

- Hamilton Pool Management Zone
- D0+ Abnormally Dry: 34%
- D1+ Moderate Drought: 62%
- D2+ Severe Drought: 4%
- D3+ Extreme Drought: 0%
- D4 Exceptional Drought: 0%
- None:





Drought Update Summary:

According to the most recent U.S. Drought Monitor map released November 12, 2026, (map date November 10, 2026), drought conditions in the District improved following recent rains, with 34% of the District classified as Abnormally Dry (D-0), 62% classified as Moderate Drought (D-1) and 4% 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