

# Water Weekly

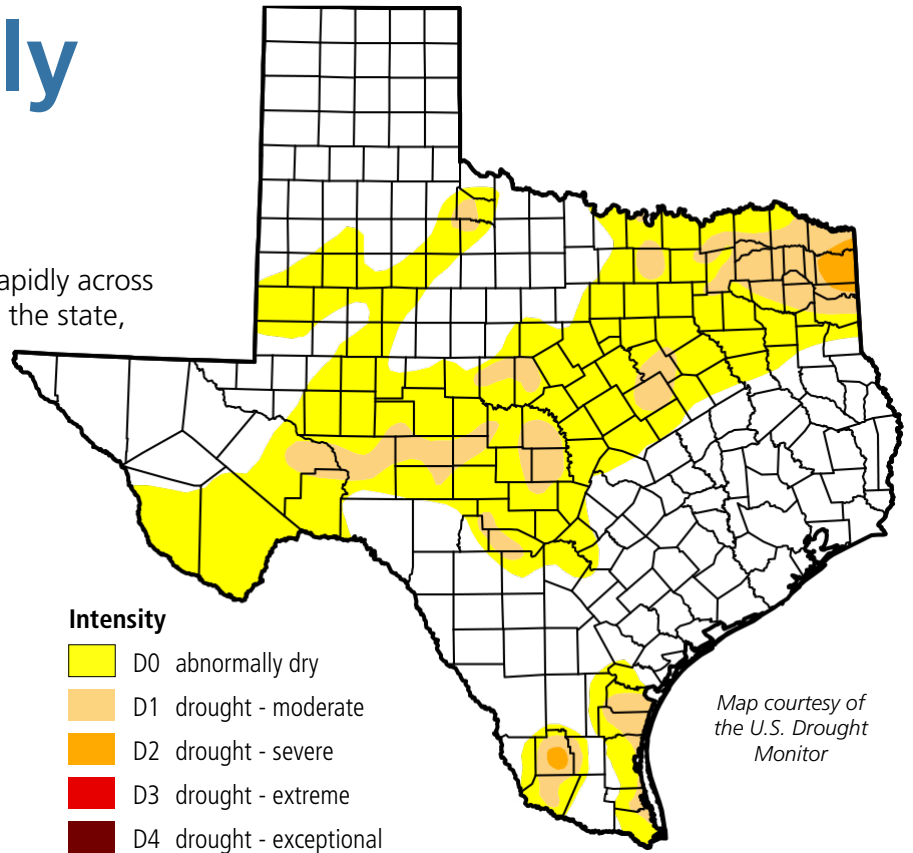
For the week of 11/20/17

## Water conditions

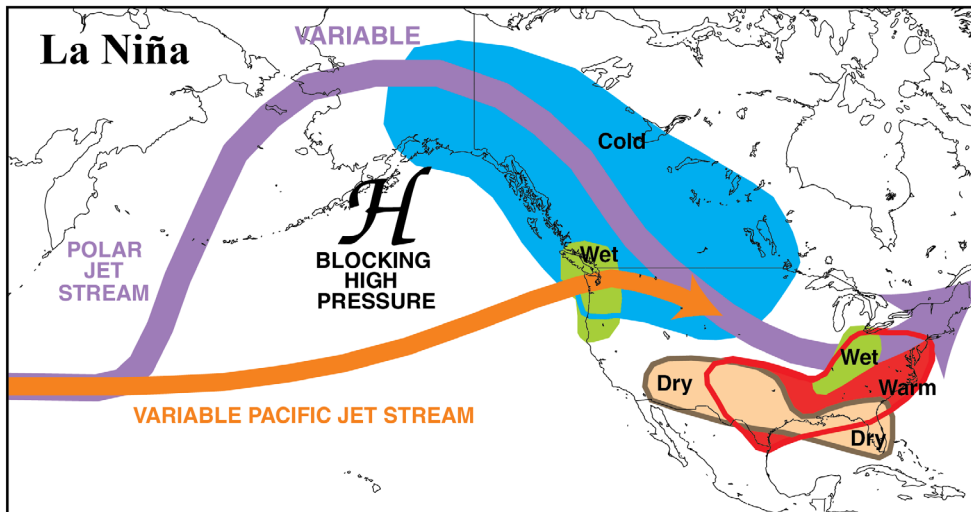
Drought continues to intensify and expand rapidly across the state. Drought now covers 15 percent of the state, including 1 percent of the state impacted by severe drought. Nearly a third of the state is abnormally dry and in danger of slipping into drought in the next few weeks.

## Drought conditions

- ◆ 15% now
- ◆ 9% a week ago
- ◆ 1% three months ago
- ◆ 16% a year ago



## Typical La Niña winter



Scientists have declared weak La Niña conditions (below average sea surface temperatures across the central and eastern Pacific Ocean) are present and expected to continue through the winter. For Texas, this means increased chances of warm and dry conditions, which could contribute to continued drought expansion and intensification.

Written by **Dr. Mark Wentzel** — Dr. Mark Wentzel is a hydrologist in the TWDB's Office of Water Science and Conservation.

**Tulsi Oberbeck, Governmental Relations** | [tulsi.oberbeck@twdb.texas.gov](mailto:tulsi.oberbeck@twdb.texas.gov) | 512-463-4864  
**Kimberly Leggett, Media Relations** | [kimberly.leggett@twdb.texas.gov](mailto:kimberly.leggett@twdb.texas.gov) | 512-463-5129