**Water Weekly**

*For the week of 08/24/20*

**Water conditions**

Last week’s drought monitor map showed a seven percentage point increase in drought from the previous week. This week’s map continues that trend with another eight percentage point increase in drought. In addition, exceptional drought appeared in the state for the first time since September 2018.

**Drought conditions**

- 48% now
- 40% a week ago
- 11% three months ago
- 32% a year ago

![Drought map](Map courtesy of the U.S. Drought Monitor)

**U.S. seasonal drought outlook**

The latest seasonal drought outlook from the National Weather Service anticipates that most of Texas will be in drought by the end of November. One wild card: tropical storm activity is expected to be enhanced over this time period, which could blunt drought expansion in our state.

![Drought map](Map courtesy of NOAA)

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