Water Weekly
For the week of 10/19/20

Water conditions
The latest drought map shows slow expansion of drought for the third straight week. Extreme or worse drought is now impacting 14 percent of the state, similar to early September 2020 when it covered its largest area since August 2018.

Drought conditions
- 36% now
- 33% a week ago
- 32% three months ago
- 50% a year ago

U.S. seasonal drought outlook
La Niña conditions (below average sea surface temperatures in the eastern equatorial Pacific) are in place and bringing hotter and drier-than-average conditions to the southern U.S. By the end of January, the National Weather Service expects drought to expand to cover most of Texas and 13 other western states.

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