

Status of Drought Briefing: April 2020

Maps:

Below are the latest maps including the *US Drought Monitor* map for Texas and the *Palmer Hydrological Drought Index* map. The US Drought Monitor map indicates that our District is within drought condition “D0 Abnormally Dry” and the Palmer Hydrological Drought Index indicates “Moderate Drought” conditions. These maps have been collected and will be part of the District’s 2020 Annual Report.

District Drought Triggers:

The Pedernales River drought trigger indicates 0 consecutive days of discharge flows below the drought stage ‘Alarm’, and the Blanco River drought stage trigger indicates 18 consecutive days of discharge flows below the drought stage ‘Alarm’ as of March 26th, 2020. To move into drought stage ‘Alarm’, both rivers must have 30 consecutive days of flow within drought stage ‘Alarm’. The District’s third trigger, the Palmer Drought Index, shows “Moderate Drought” conditions.

Recommended Drought Stage:

The drought recommendation for western Hays County is to remain in Drought Stage 1 “No Drought – Voluntary Conservation” until further notice.

