

Ashley Braswell made a motion to nominate Ryan Webb for the Coke County Appraisal Board of Directors and was seconded by Scott Snyder. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0, with Ryan Webb abstaining.

A First Rate hearing is scheduled for December 13 at 5:30 pm with the regular board meeting to immediately follow. A special meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 27, at 3:30 pm.

There was no correspondance.

Scott Snyder made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Lynsey Coalson seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

November 27, 2023 Special Meeting

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a special meeting on November 27, 2023, at 3:30 pm. Those in attendance included board members Josh Schoenfield, Lynsey Coalson, Ashley Braswell, and Blaine Dyess; and administration member Tim Siler.

A quorum was established at 3:33 pm with four members present.

There were no audience items.

Lynsey Coalson made a motion to notify, with written document, the District SHAC the Board intent on requesting a waiver of the Summer Feeding Program Requirement, due to the lack of qualified staff during the summer months to operate a full feeding program. Ashley Braswell seconded and the motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.

Ashley Braswell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Blaine Dyess. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 and the meeting adjourned at 3:37 pm.

### Spring Wild Turkey Season Shaping Up to be a Great Season

With the early spring green-up and mild winter weather, spring wild turkey season is shaping up to be very productive for hunters.

Most of Texas experienced a bump in production and recruitment in 2023 following fall 2022, which had lots of acorns across central and east Texas, and early green up coupled with warm late winter conditions across most of the Rio Grande wild turkey range. Hunters can expect to see many young birds this spring, with a large number of jakes setting the stage for an increase in male harvest in 2025 and beyond.

The 2022 drought means hunters can expect to see fewer two-year-old males – the most frequently harvested wild turkey cohort – on the landscape this spring. Fortunately, Texas has a low harvest rate (13 percent of males harvested annually) relative to most of the country. Texas has a large amount of older age-class males due to these low harvest rates. Males

that survive their second birthday are wiser and often harder to hunt.

“Don’t just limit yourself to the early season,” said Jason Hardin, TPWD Wild Turkey Program leader. “The middle and later portions of the season usually have fewer hunters in the woods, and you never know when you will strike a tom in the mood to strut and gobble. Go early and go often.”

Ten counties in the Oaks and Prairies ecoregion of Central Texas (Bastrop, Caldwell, Colorado, Fayette, Jackson, Lavaca, Lee, Matagorda, Milam and Wharton) offer a spring season from April 1–30.

Historically, a low number of turkeys in the region has resulted in spring-only seasons. Hunters are allowed a one-bird bag limit

per county. All wild turkeys harvested in these counties have mandatory harvest reporting requirements and must be reported within 24 hours through the My Texas Hunt Harvest app or online.

Twelve counties in east Texas make up the East Turkey Zone including Bowie, Cass, Fannin, Grayson, Jasper, Lamar, Marion, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Red River and Sabine. There is a one-gobbler bag limit for the entire East Turkey Zone and mandatory harvest reporting is required.

Hunters who purchased a digital Super Combo license have a digital tagging option. All hunters who chose to use the digital tagging option must report their wild turkey at the time of harvest. Rules and

guidance associated with the new digital tagging option can be found on the TPWD website.

The data obtained from these harvest reports helps TPWD better manage this population. TPWD encourages turkey hunters to learn about and share these new rules with fellow turkey hunters and landowners in the region to help TPWD keep tabs on these populations.

TPWD reminds hunters to review the Outdoor Annual before opening day to ensure they are hunting during a legal season. Hunters can check the TPWD website for exact season dates for the county where they plan to hunt. Hunters must possess an Upland Game Bird Stamp Endorsement to hunt wild turkeys in Texas.

The spring season dates are as

follows:

#### Youth Only

Rio Grande: North Zone — March 23 — 24; May 18 — 19

Rio Grande: South Zone — March 9 — 10; May 4 — 5

#### Spring Regular Season

Rio Grande: North Zone — March 30 — May 12

Rio Grande: South Zone — March 16 — Apr.28

Rio Grande: Special One Turkey Bag Limit — April 1 — 30

Eastern Turkey: April 22 — May 14

Additional information about harvest reporting, bag limits and more can be found in the Outdoor Annual or via the Outdoor Annual app. Apps are available for free download from Google Play or the App Store.

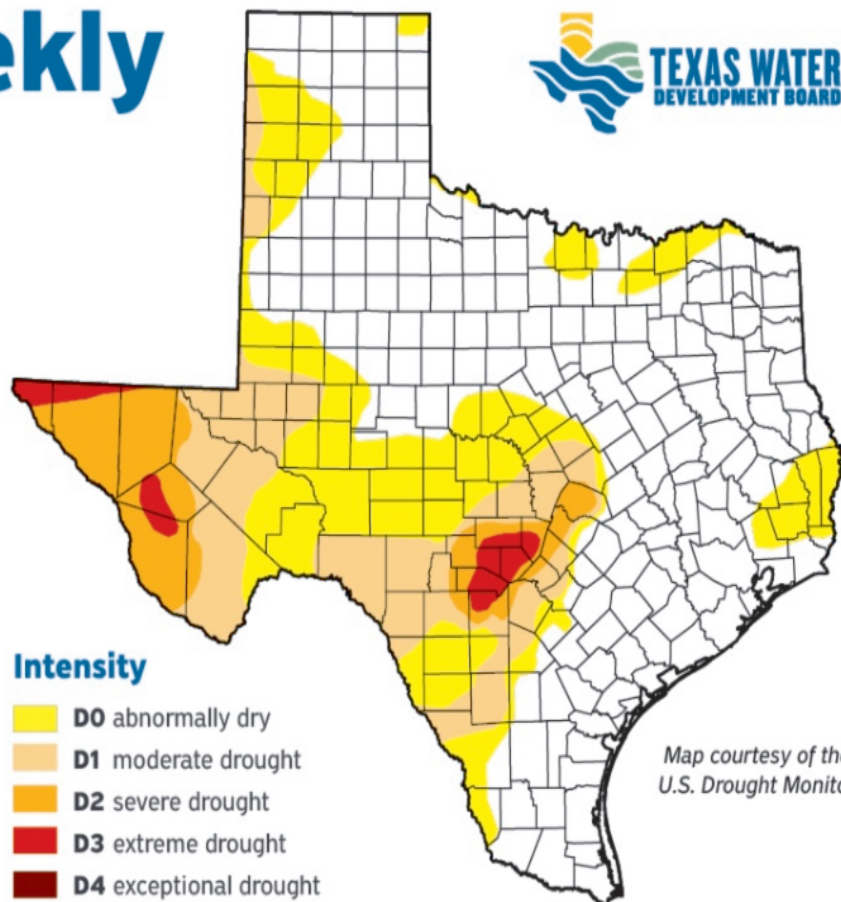
# Water Weekly

For the week of 03/11/24



## Water conditions

This is the latest drought map for conditions as of March 5. For the second consecutive week, the area of the state impacted by drought was unchanged while the area considered susceptible to drought in the next few weeks, shown in yellow on the map, expanded a few percentage points.



## Drought conditions

23% now

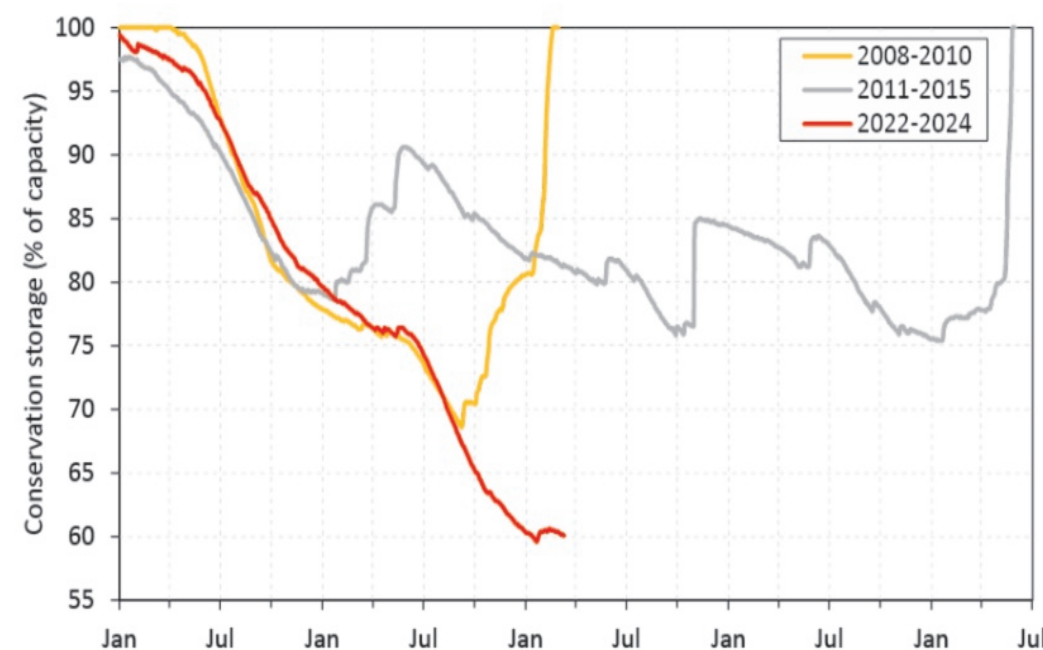
23% a week ago

43% three months ago

64% a year ago

## Intensity

- D0 abnormally dry
- D1 moderate drought
- D2 severe drought
- D3 extreme drought
- D4 exceptional drought



## Canyon Lake storage

Since 1990, Canyon Lake on the Guadalupe River has experienced three extended low-storage periods. Conservation storage reached a low of 68.6 percent of capacity in September 2009, 75.4 percent in January 2015, and current storage is hovering around 60 percent.

Data courtesy of NOAA

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