# **BASIN CONDITIONS UPDATE**

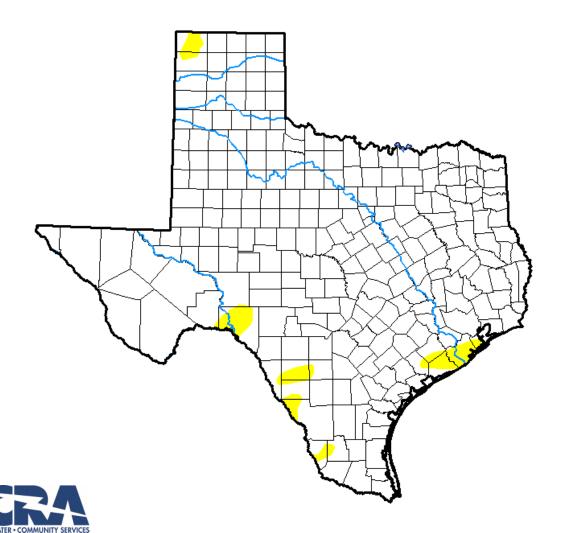
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## **U.S. Drought Monitor**

### **Texas**

May 7, 2019



#### Intensity:

D0 Abnormally Dry

D1 Moderate Drought

D2 Severe Drought

D3 Extreme Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

D4 Exceptional Drought

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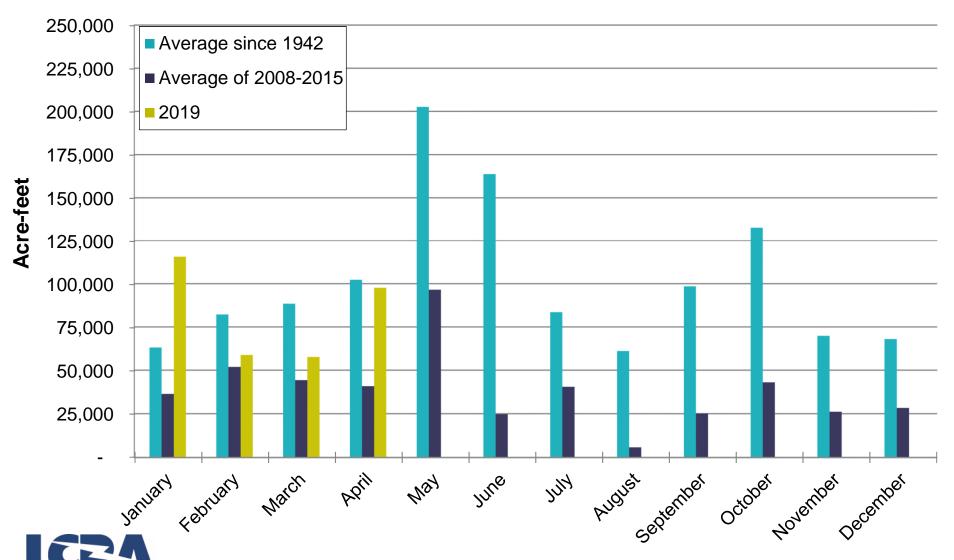




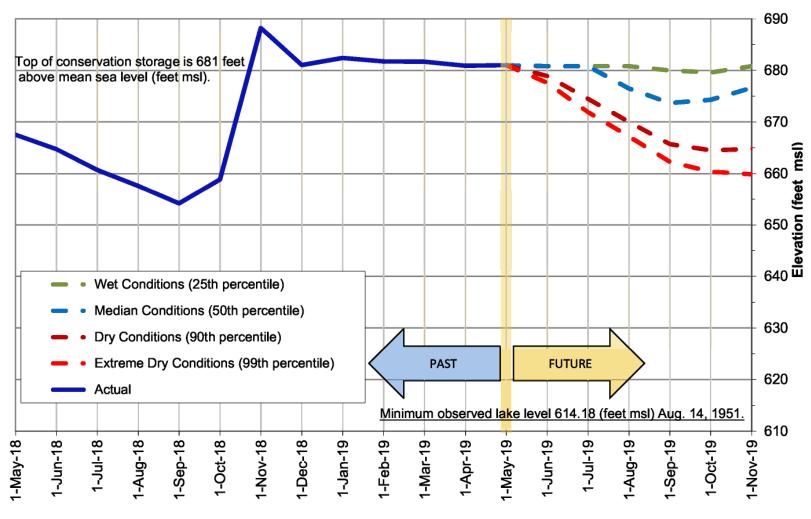


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# Water Flowing Into the Highland Lakes



#### **Lake Travis Level Forecast\***



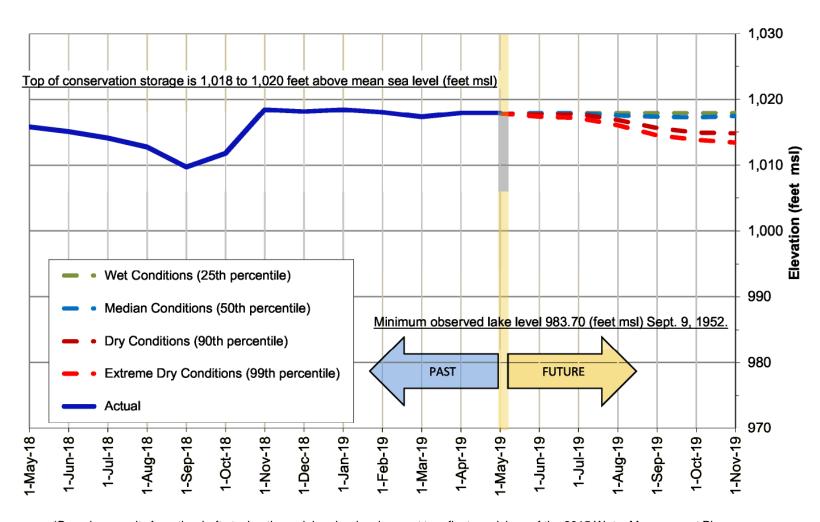
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Average for May: Historic Low (1951):

669.68 feet msl 614.18 feet msl

#### Lake Buchanan Level Forecast\*



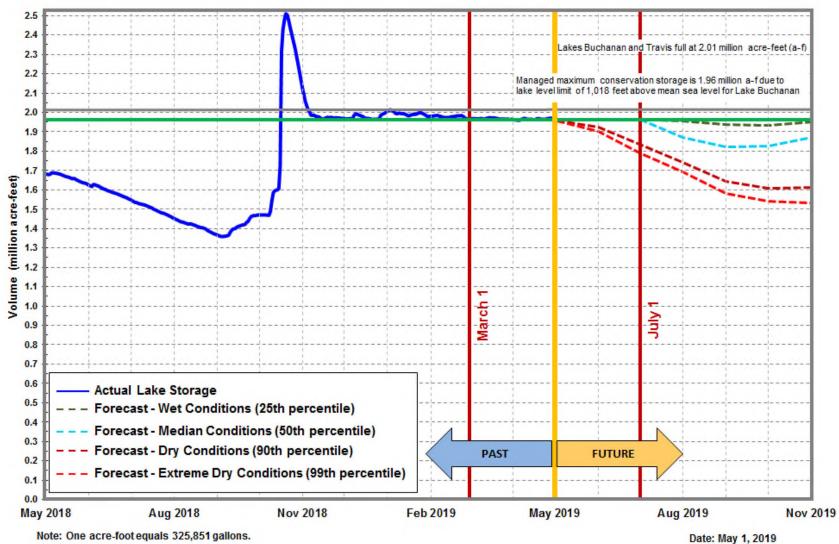
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Average for May: Historic Low (1952):

1,012.76 feet msl 983.70 feet msl

#### Lakes Buchanan and Travis Total Combined Storage Projections



Note: One acre-foot equals 325,851 gallons.





	May 1, 2018	May 1, 2019
Lake Travis	667.48 feet msl	680.94 feet msl
Lake Buchanan	1,015.77 feet msl	1,017.94 feet msl
Combined Storage	1,680,959 acre-feet	1,962,943 acre-feet

\*For purposes of the 2015 Water Management Plan, the combined storage is defined as the total of the daily average volume of water in Lake Buchanan (excluding any water above the maximum managed elevation of 1,018 feet msl) and the daily average volume of water in Lake Travis (excluding any water above the maximum conservation elevation of 681 feet msl).