Drought Conditions

Lots of news in the press lately about drought in California, a broader drought that stretches north into Washington State and east into Texas and Louisiana. Over the past week there’s been a slight increase in reservoir levels but a slight worsening of drought conditions in Texas with the latest drought outlook suggesting continued and developing drought in West Texas and continued drought in parts of the Gulf Coast area.

Current drought statistics
- 52% of state currently in drought
- 49% a week ago
- 50% three months ago
- 77% a year ago

Statewide reservoir statistics
- Currently 64% full
- 63% three months ago
- 67% a year ago
- Normally 82% at this time

A Wider View of the Drought

Every once in a while we take a peek at the North American Drought Monitor to see what’s happening in southern Colorado (the source of much of the water in Elephant Butte Reservoir, which is used as a source for the El Paso area) and in the Pecos River Basin in New Mexico (the source of water to Red Bluff Reservoir).

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