Water Weekly
For the week of 01/14/19

Water conditions
The latest drought map shows a small increase in drought conditions in South Texas. The area of the state impacted by moderate or worse drought remains relatively low at 2 percent.

Drought conditions
- 2% now
- 1% a week ago
- 12% three months ago
- 37% a year ago

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

Map courtesy of the U.S. Drought Monitor

U.S. seasonal drought outlook
The latest seasonal drought outlook, released in late 2018, anticipated pockets of drought persisting in the Panhandle and West Texas through the end of March. Unfortunately, January 2019 has been drier than expected in South Texas, leading to unexpected drought development in that part of the state.

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