

Upcoming Meetings and Events for January 2026:

Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District, Brooks

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 27, 2026.

At 9:30 A.M., located at 732 W. Rice St.
Falfurrias, Texas 78355

Duval County Groundwater Conservation District

Regular and Meeting

Thursday, January 22, 2026.

At 6:00 P.M., located at 231 E. Railroad Ave.
Benavides, Texas 78341

Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District

Regular Meeting

Thursday, January 22, 2026.

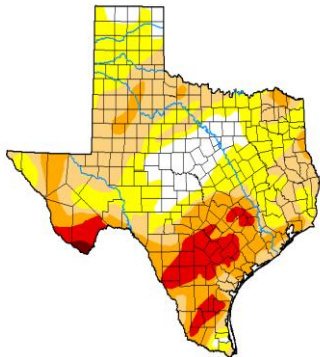
At 9:00 A.M., located at 151
North Mallory St.
Sarita, Texas 78385

GMA -16 Meeting

Tuesday, January 27, 2026.

At 1:00 P.M., located at 732 W. Rice St.
Falfurrias, Texas 78355

U.S. Drought Monitor
Texas



January 6, 2026
(Released Thursday, Jan. 8, 2026)
Valid 7 a.m. EST

| | Drought Conditions (Percent Area) | | | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
| Current | 11.86 | 88.34 | 57.31 | 27.77 | 9.33 | 0.36 |
| Last Week | 20.04 | 79.96 | 53.49 | 23.11 | 9.33 | 0.36 |
| 3 Months Ago | 25.14 | 74.86 | 26.40 | 13.00 | 3.81 | 0.29 |
| Start of Calendar Year | 11.98 | 88.34 | 57.31 | 27.77 | 9.33 | 0.36 |
| Start of Water Year | 37.15 | 62.85 | 23.67 | 13.00 | 3.33 | 0.29 |
| One Year Ago | 36.81 | 63.19 | 43.63 | 21.45 | 13.26 | 1.30 |

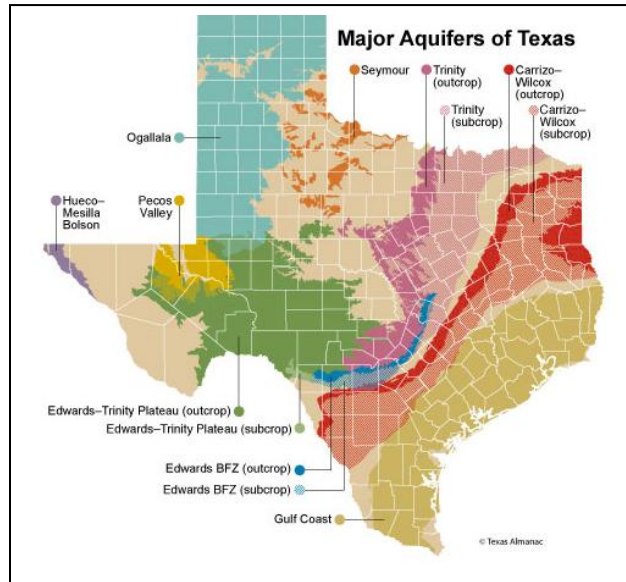
Intensity:
None
D0 Abnormally Dry
D1 Moderate Drought
D2 Severe Drought
D3 Extreme Drought
D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/about.aspx>

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The Duval County Groundwater Conservation District is currently taking applications for their well plugging program. On January 23rd, 2018 the board hired a well plugging inspector and modified its rule amount not to exceed \$1,500 per well. Interested applicants may download applications from our web page at Duval GCD.com or may pick up applications at our office located at 231 East Railroad Avenue in Benavides.



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District Information: The district is a groundwater conservation district created under and essential to accomplish the purpose of Section 59, Article XVI of the Texas Constitution. It was created as a part of S.B. No 1847 passed by the Texas legislature in May of 2005 the district encompasses all of Duval County and is located within Groundwater Management Area 16 and Regional Water planning Group

Where does water come from and where does it go?



Amended Rule on Well Plugging Program:

Allows an assignment of rights to allow applicants easier access and eligibility into participation. For more information and details please contact the office.



The purpose of the district, as per Texas water code 36, Section 36.00.15, is to provide for the conservation, preservation, protection, recharging and prevention of waste of groundwater and of groundwater reservoirs or their subdivisions and to control subsidence caused by the withdrawal of water from those reservoirs. It has an obligation under Texas Water Code 36.107 to develop a groundwater management plan that will state how the district will meet that purpose. Under Texas Water Code 36C Section 36.101, the District has the authority to adopt and enforce rules that the district feels are needed to carry out that purpose.



The Duval County Groundwater Conservation District is currently taking applications for their water well testing pilot program. Interested applicants should contact general manager Jorge (George) L. Gonzalez for more details or visit at our office located at 231 East Railroad Avenue in Benavides.