Water Weekly
For the week of 05/03/21

Water conditions
The latest drought map for conditions as of April 27 shows improvement for the second consecutive week, the first time that’s happened since the start of the year. With additional rainfall across much of the state since April 27, we can expect additional improvements on next week’s map.

Drought conditions
- 65% now
- 67% a week ago
- 44% three months ago
- 16% a year ago

April precipitation
April brought significant rainfall to some parts of the state impacted by drought. Midland received 2.2 inches, more than the previous six months combined. Other areas weren’t as fortunate. Alpine, about 150 miles to the southwest, received less than half an inch of precipitation for the seventh consecutive month.

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