Water Weekly
For the week of 02/28/22

Water conditions
The latest drought map for conditions as of February 22 shows an increase in the area of the state impacted by drought, the first week-over-week increase in four weeks. In comparison to a year ago, as we suffered through a similar La Niña winter, 51 percent of the state was in drought.

Drought conditions
- 79% now
- 78% a week ago
- 40% three months ago
- 51% a year ago

Oceanic Niño Index
Last year, a La Niña winter contributed to drought in Texas, but a transition to neutral conditions by late spring helped significantly reduce drought by early summer. This year, projections vary but favor a transition to neutral conditions by May-July (56 percent chance).

Data courtesy of NOAA

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