

San Antonio Bay - Guadalupe Estuary

Drought Watch

February 11, 2021



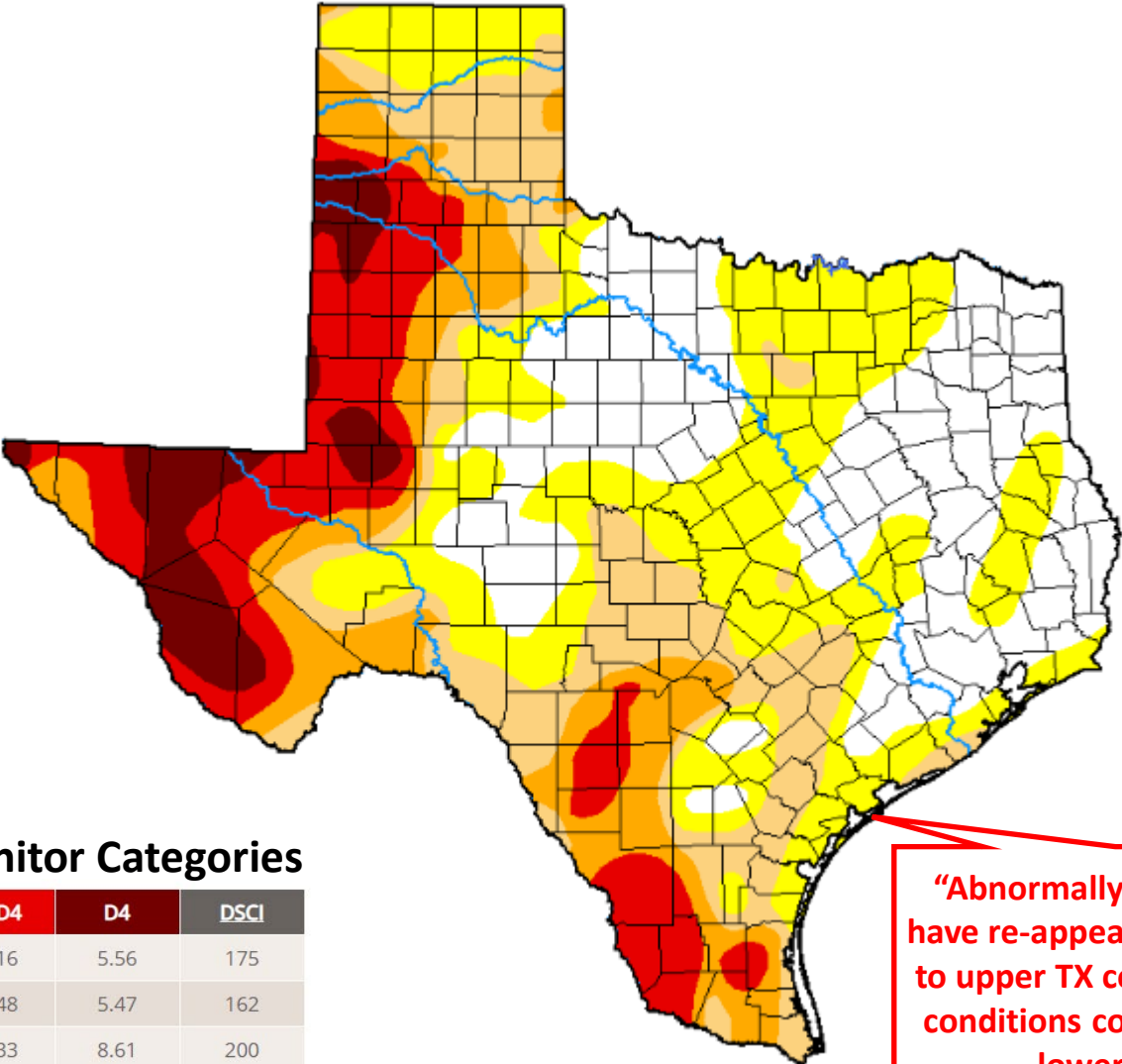
Current Meteorological Drought Conditions in Texas

Map Released: February 11, 2021

Data Valid: February 9, 2021

Intensity:

- None
- D0 (Abnormally Dry)
- D1 (Moderate Drought)
- D2 (Severe Drought)
- D3 (Extreme Drought)
- D4 (Exceptional Drought)
- No Data



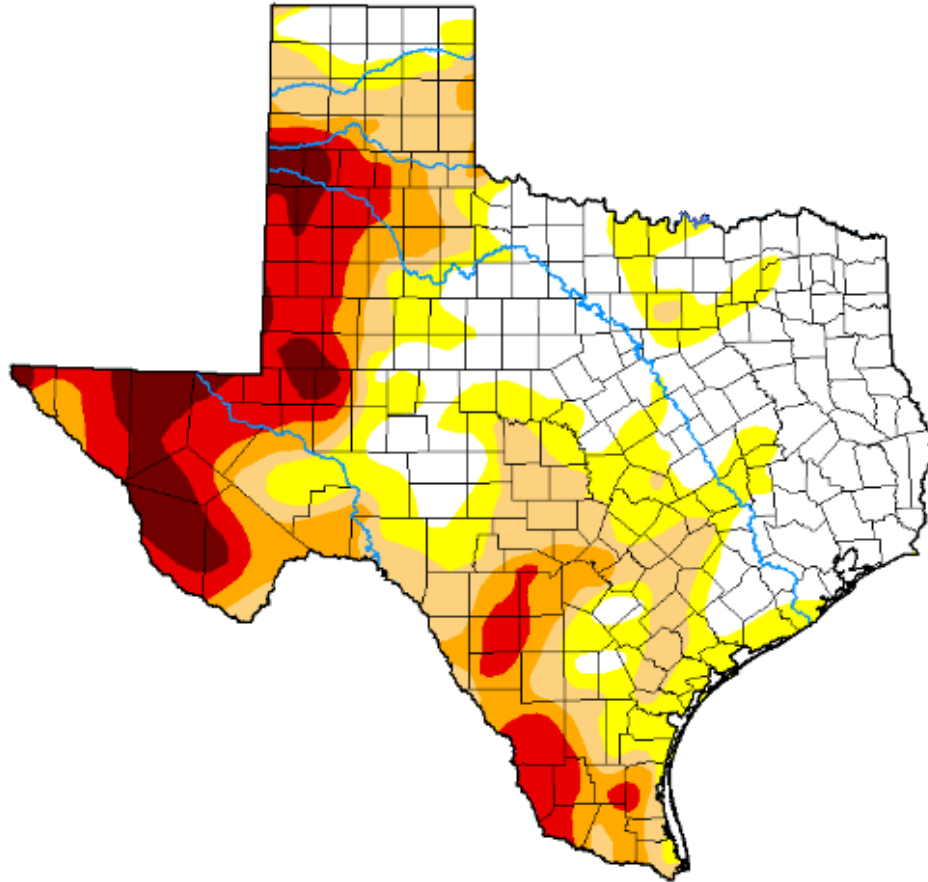
“Abnormally dry” conditions have re-appeared along the mid to upper TX coast, and drought conditions continue along the lower Tx coast.

Statewide Statistics: Percent Area in Drought Monitor Categories

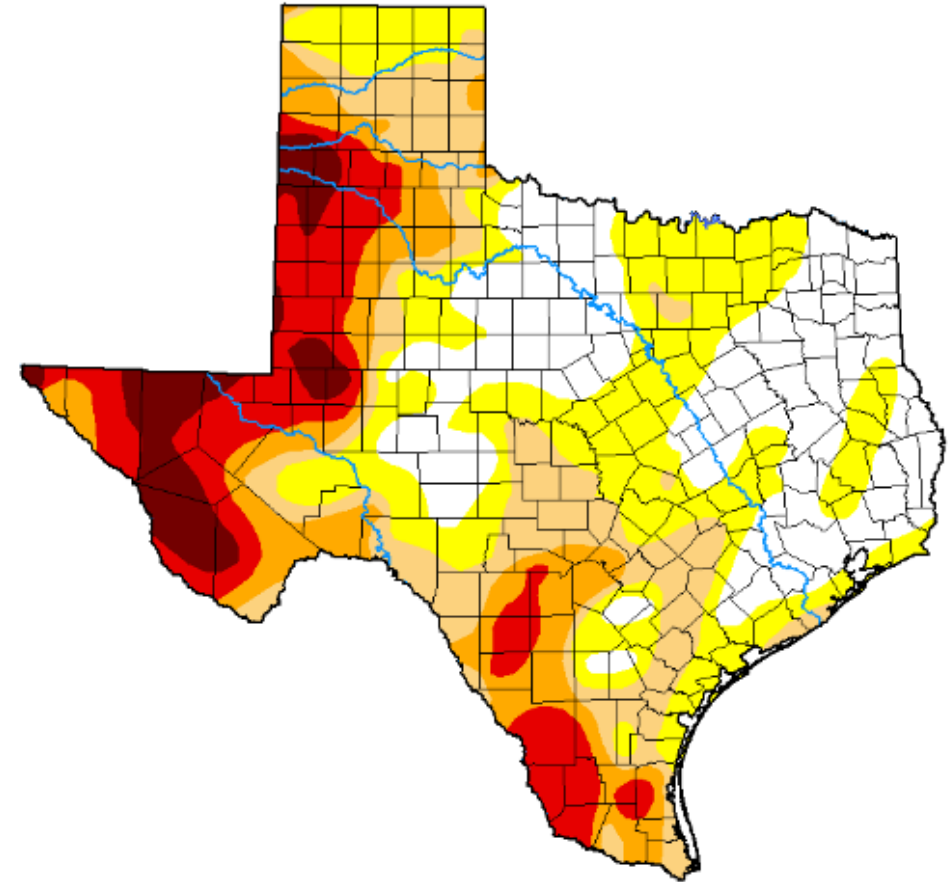
Week	Date	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4	DSCI
Current	2021-02-09	25.72	74.28	46.98	30.24	18.16	5.56	175
Last Week	2021-02-02	34.91	65.09	44.90	28.73	17.48	5.47	162
3 Months Ago	2020-11-10	15.71	84.29	56.86	30.67	19.33	8.61	200
Start of Calendar Year	2020-12-29	8.80	91.20	81.10	50.33	30.09	13.03	266
Start of Water Year	2020-09-29	57.35	42.65	31.96	20.91	12.02	3.29	111
One Year Ago	2020-02-11	52.03	47.97	32.68	13.95	1.87	0.00	96

“Abnormally Dry” Conditions Return Along the Upper Tx Coast While the Mid to Lower Texas Coast and Contributing Watersheds Remain Much the Same

February 2021 2nd vs February 9th 2021



February 2, 2021



February 9, 2021

Drought Classification

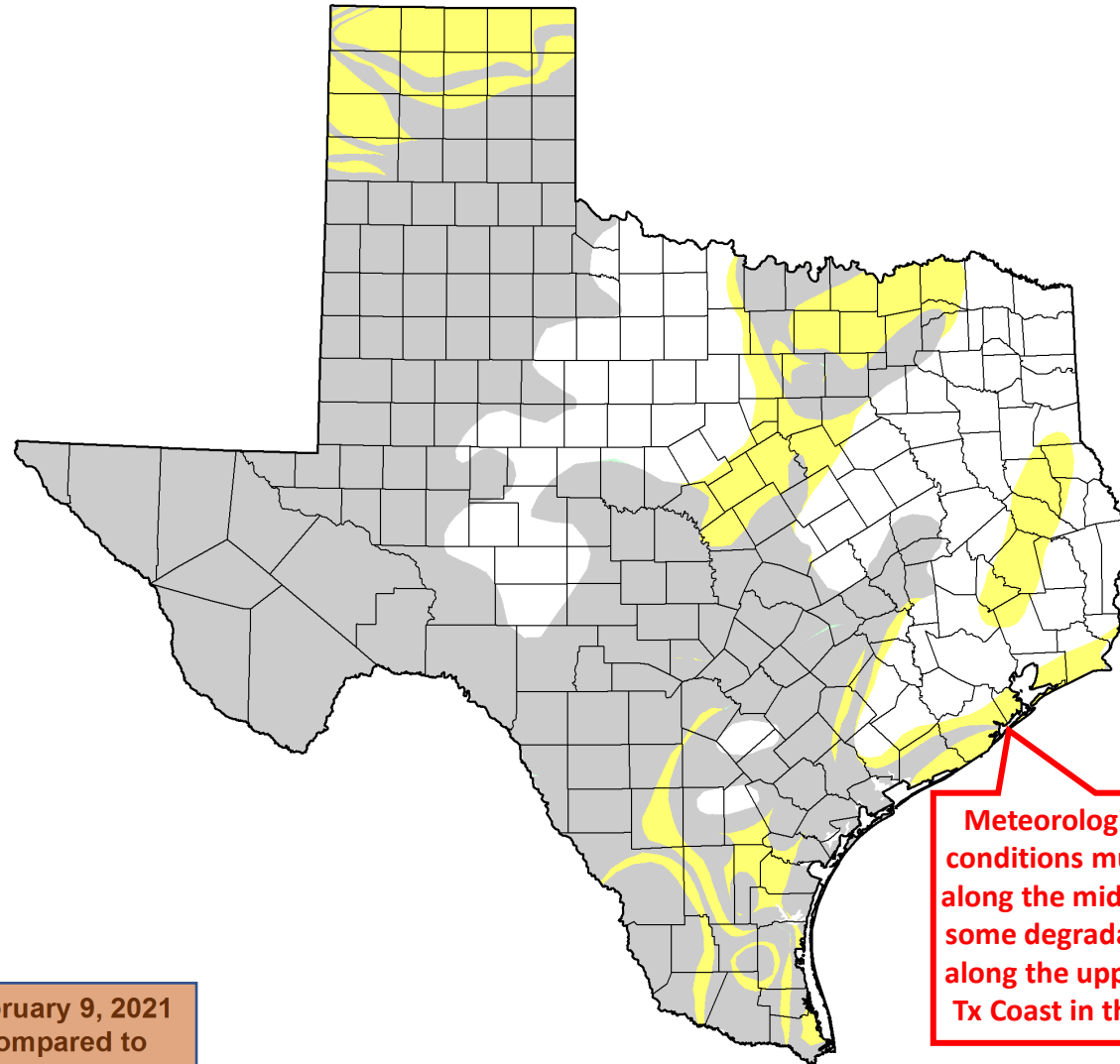


<https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Maps/CompareTwoWeeks.aspx>

For Drought Monitor Time-Series Animation , click [here](#), then choose Area Type: State; Area: Texas

U.S. Drought Monitor Class Change - Texas

1 Week



February 9, 2021
compared to
February 2, 2021

**Meteorological drought
conditions much the same
along the mid-Tx coast, but
some degradation in areas
along the upper and lower
Tx Coast in the past week**



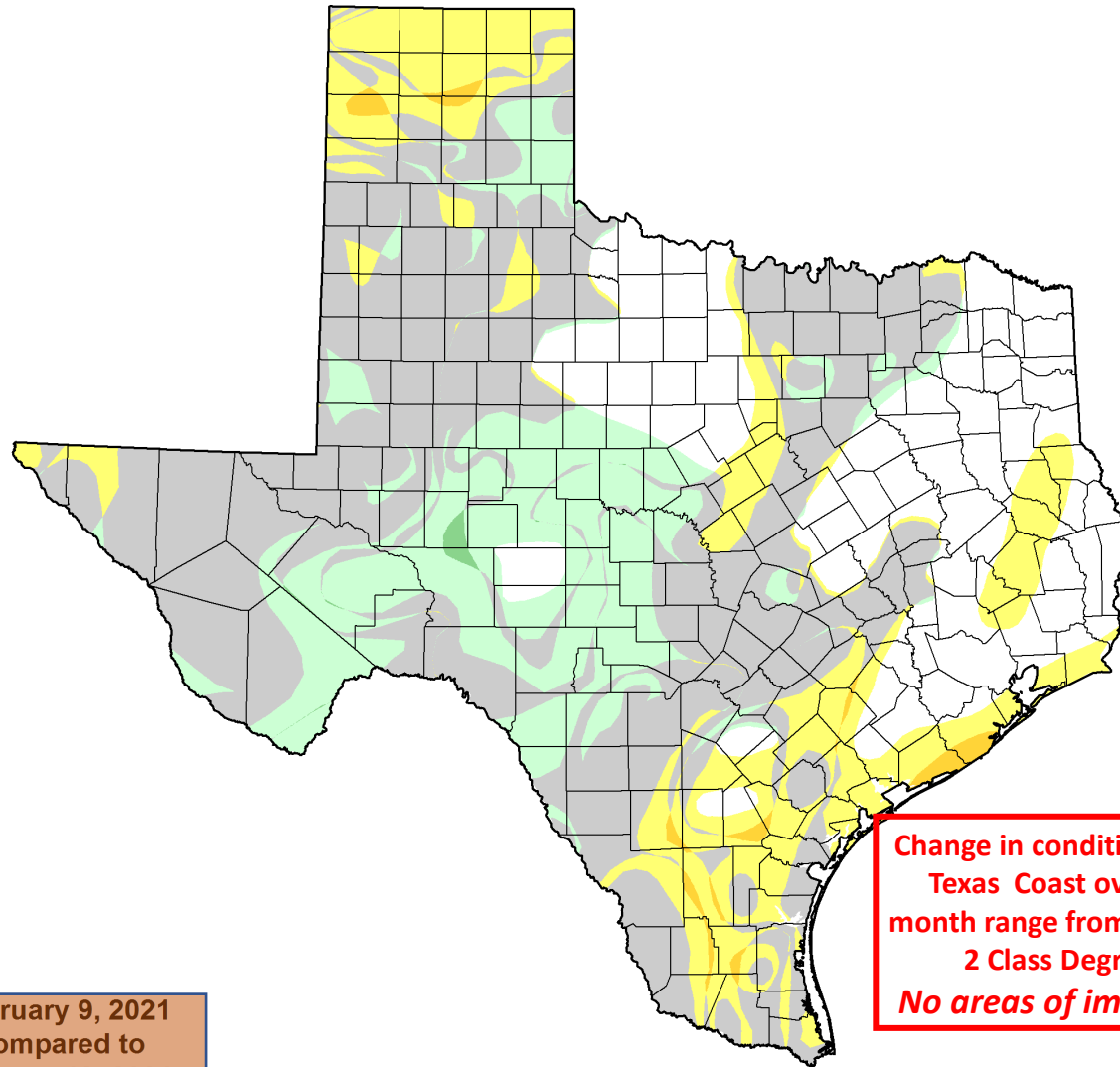
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- 4 Class Degradation
- 3 Class Degradation
- 2 Class Degradation
- 1 Class Degradation
- No Change
- 1 Class Improvement
- 2 Class Improvement
- 3 Class Improvement
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U.S. Drought Monitor Class Change - Texas

1 Month



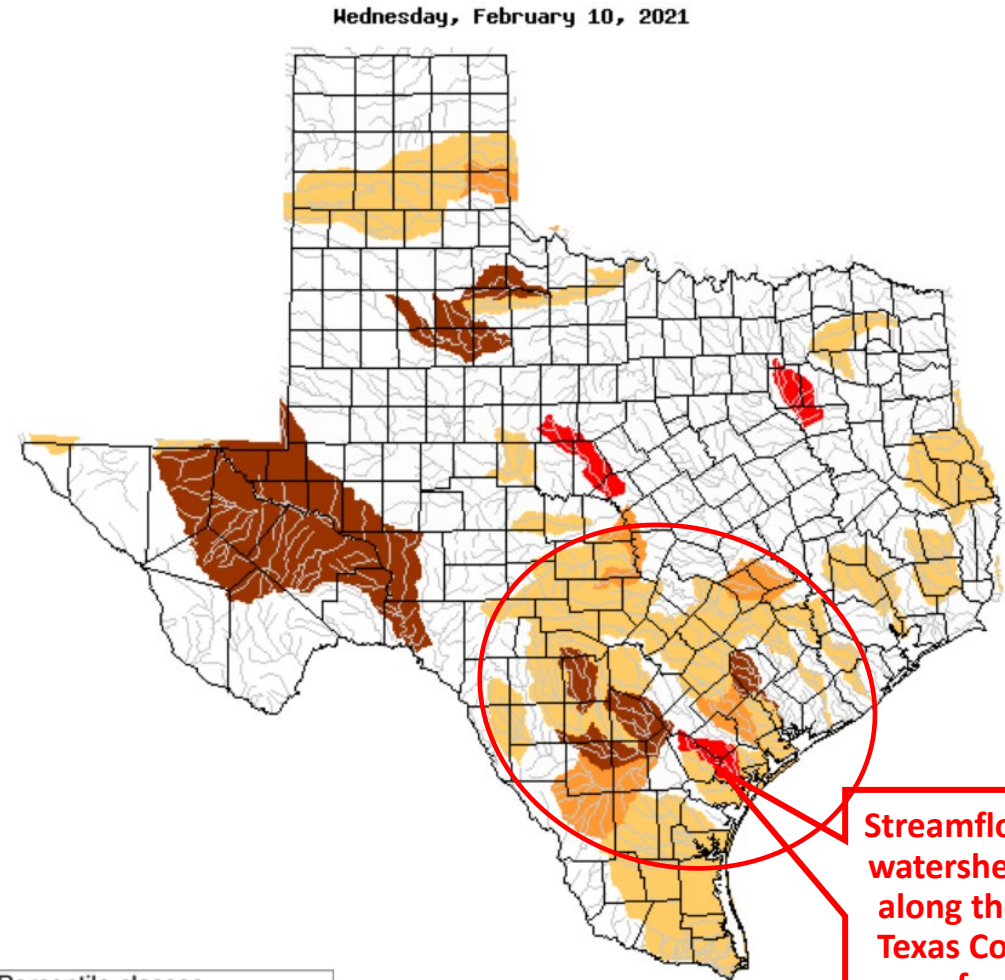
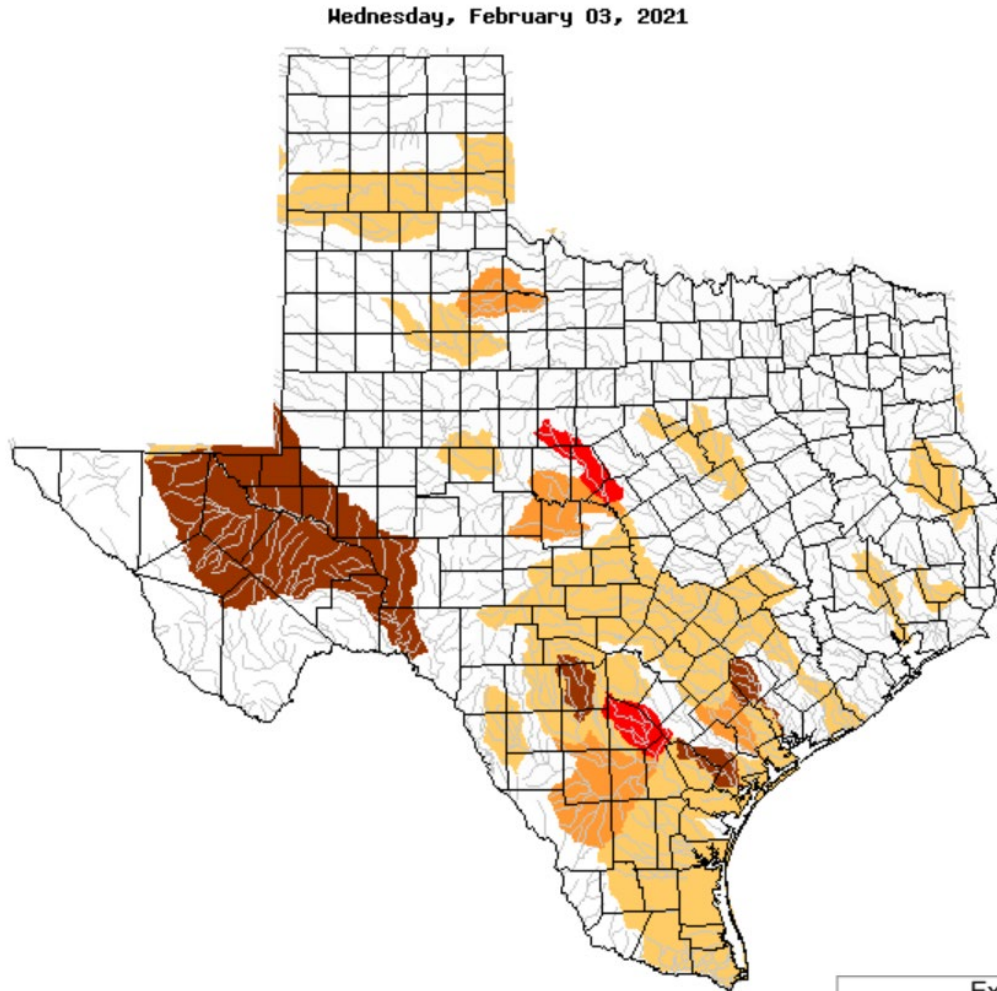
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Change in conditions along the Texas Coast over the past month range from no change to 2 Class Degradation.
No areas of improvement.

February 9, 2021
compared to
January 12, 2021

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Map of below normal 7-day average streamflow compared to historical streamflow for the day of year

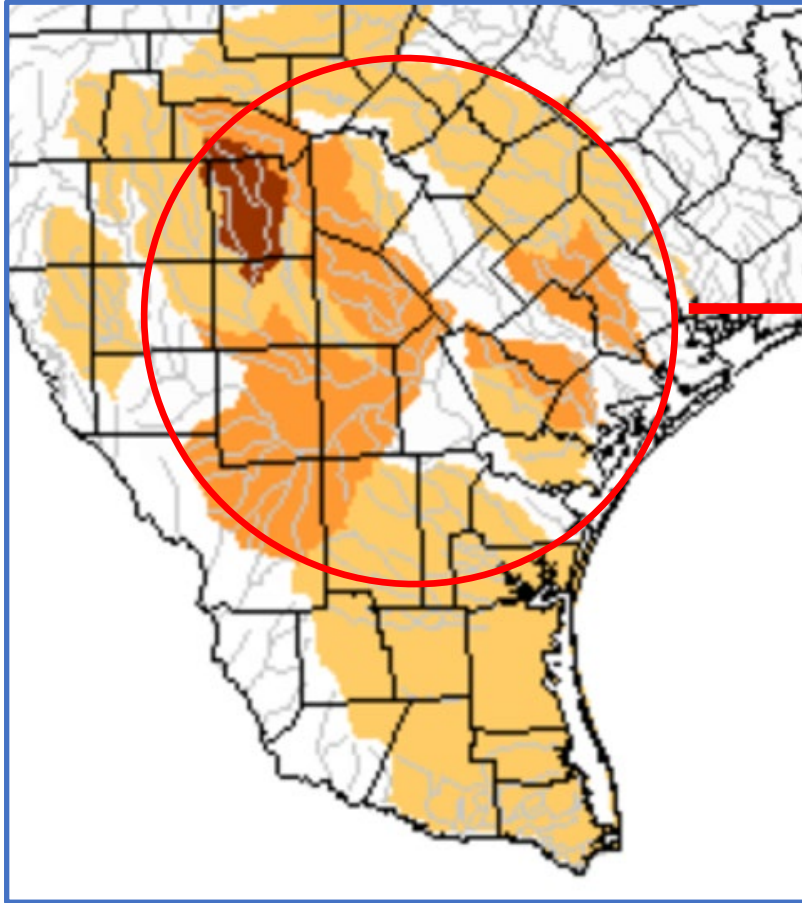


Streamflow conditions in watersheds feeding bays along the Mid to Lower Texas Coast continue to range from below normal to extreme hydrologic drought

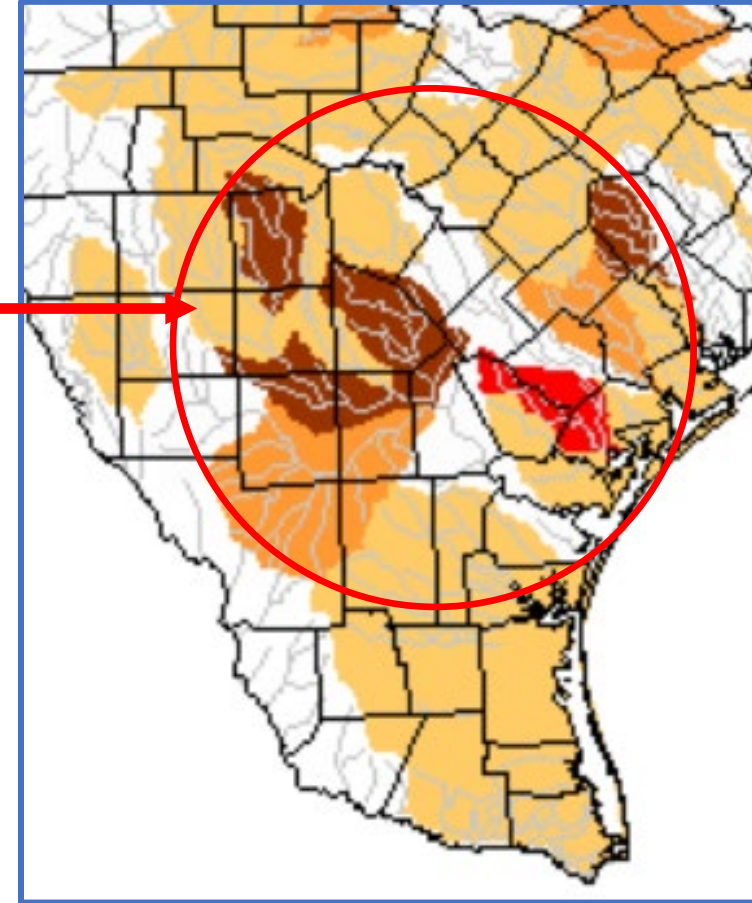
Explanation - Percentile classes			
Low	<=5	6-9	10-24
Extreme hydrologic drought	Severe hydrologic drought	Moderate hydrologic drought	Below normal

Map of below normal 7-day average streamflow
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Significant Degradation in South Texas Watersheds Over the Past Three Weeks

Wednesday, January 20, 2021



Wednesday, February 10, 2021

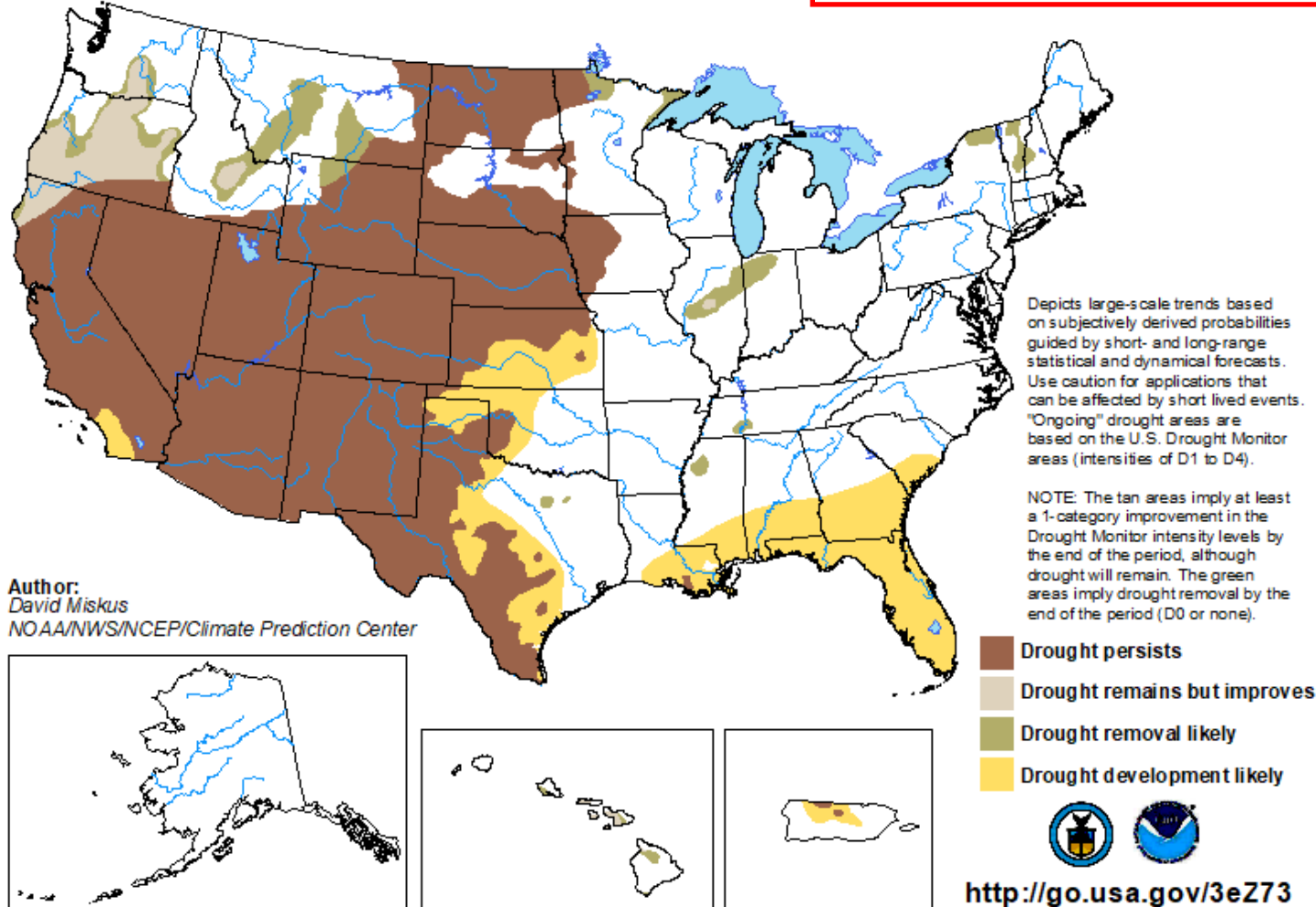


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Drought Outlook Thru April 2021 Indicates Drought Persisting/Developing Throughout Central and West Texas

U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for January 21 - April 30, 2021
Released January 21

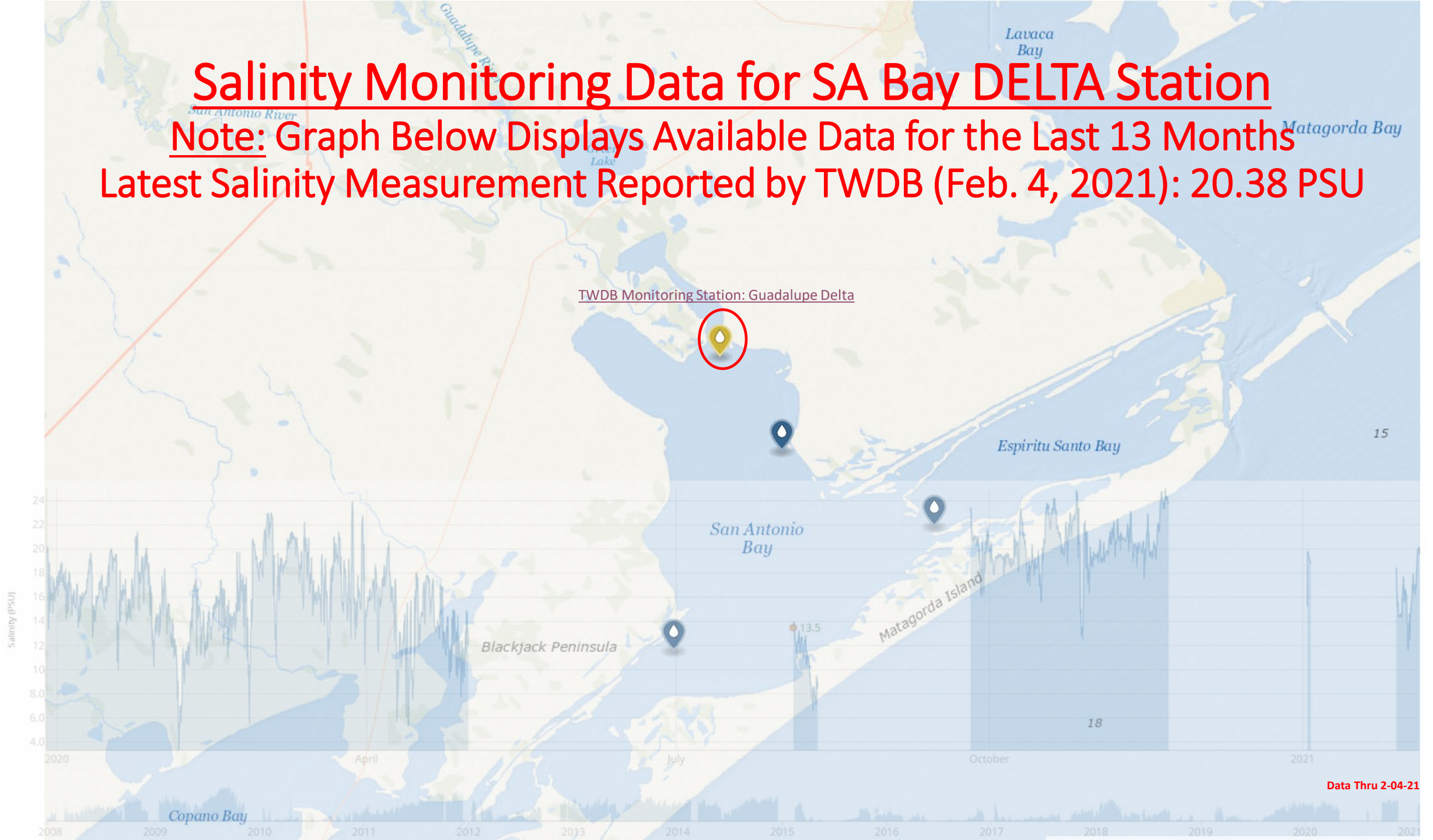


Note: Next U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook to be issued **Feb. 18, 2021**

Salinity Monitoring Data for SA Bay DELTA Station

Note: Graph Below Displays Available Data for the Last 13 Months

Latest Salinity Measurement Reported by TWDB (Feb. 4, 2021): 20.38 PSU



Resources For More Information

- [National Integrated Drought Information System](#)
- [USGS WaterWatch – Drought](#)
- [TWDB -- Texas Bays & Estuaries Continuous Water Quality Monitoring Stations](#)
- [TCEQ Basin and Bay Stakeholder Committees and Expert Science Teams](#)
 - [Colorado and Lavaca Rivers and Matagorda and Lavaca Bays](#)
 - [Guadalupe, San Antonio, Mission, and Aransas Rivers and Mission, Copano, Aransas, and San Antonio Bays](#)
 - [Nueces River and Corpus Christi and Baffin Bays](#)

Historical Freshwater Inflows for Mid-Texas Estuaries: see following pages



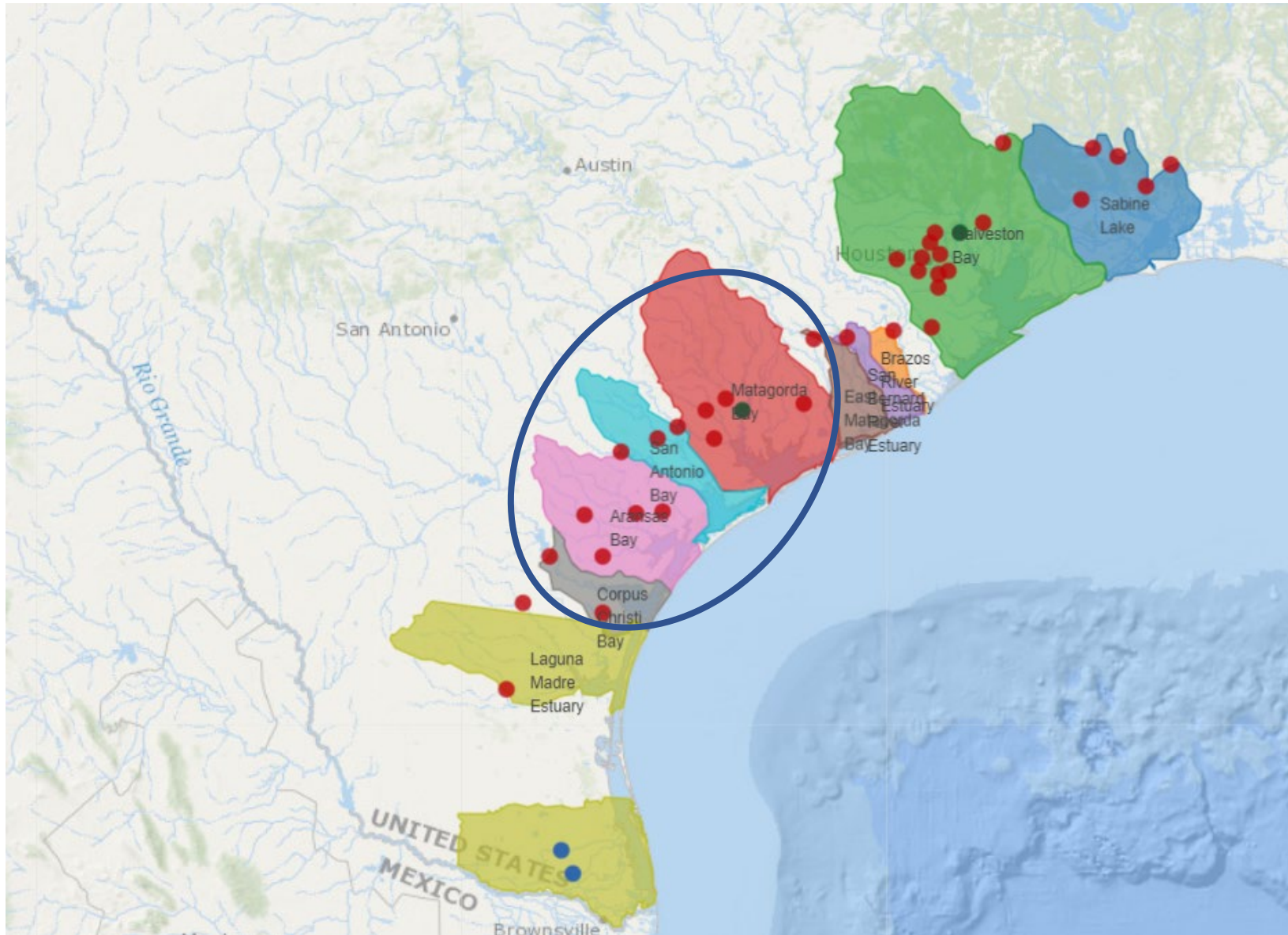
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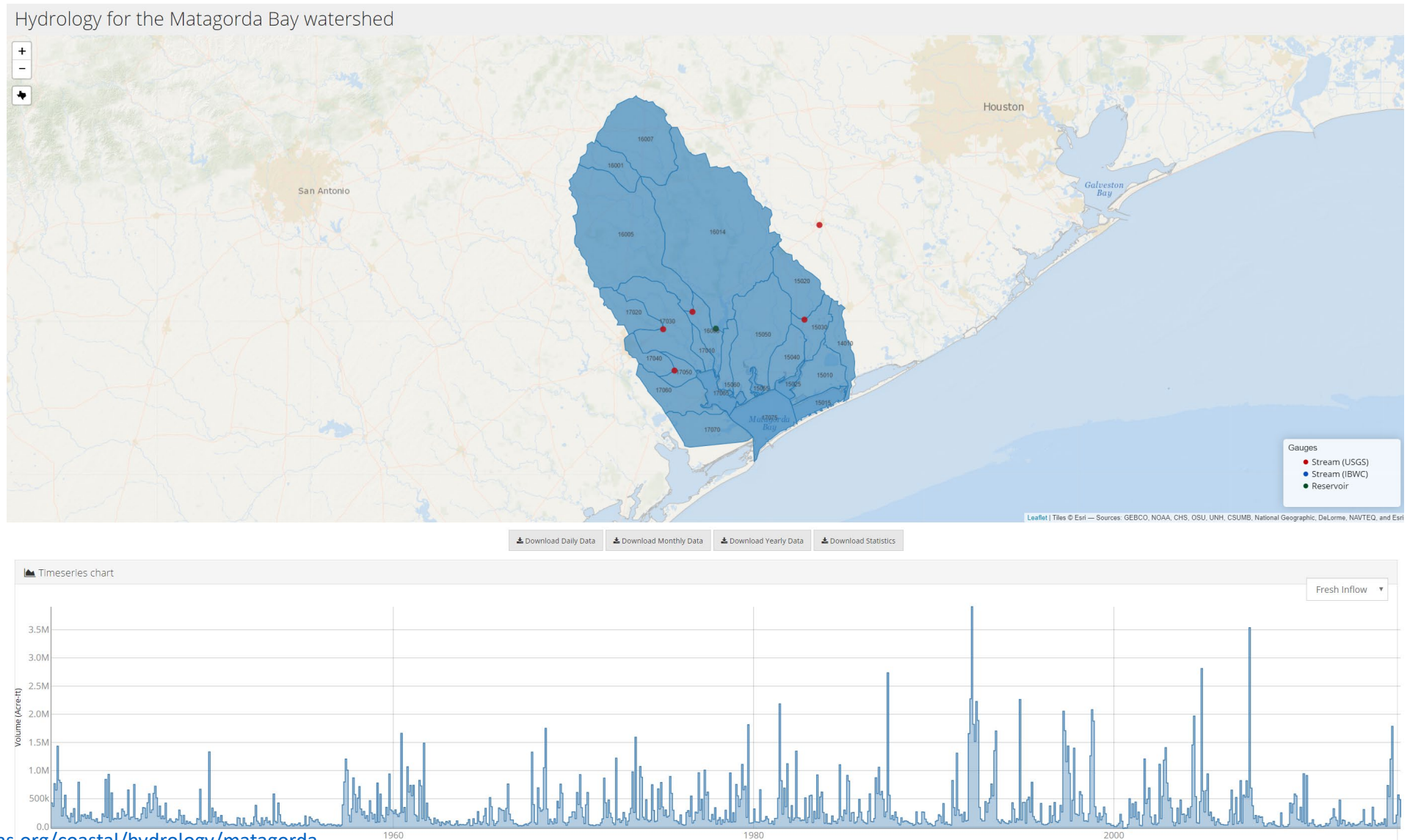
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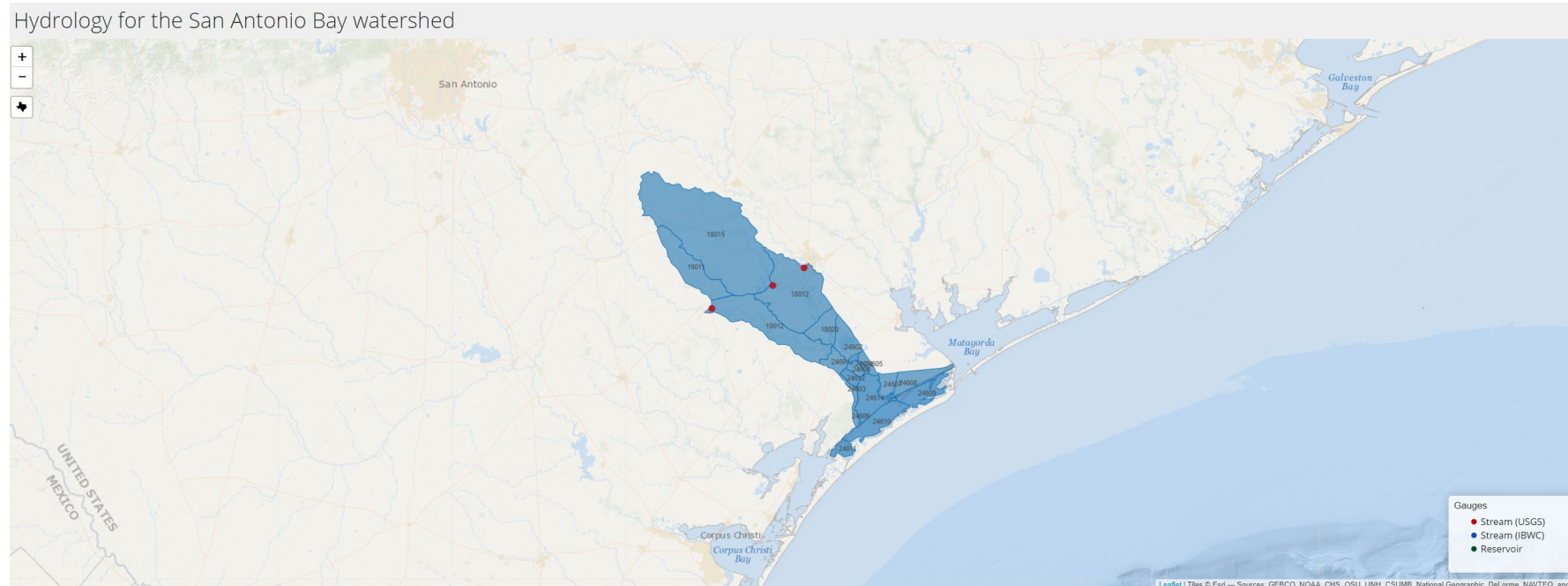
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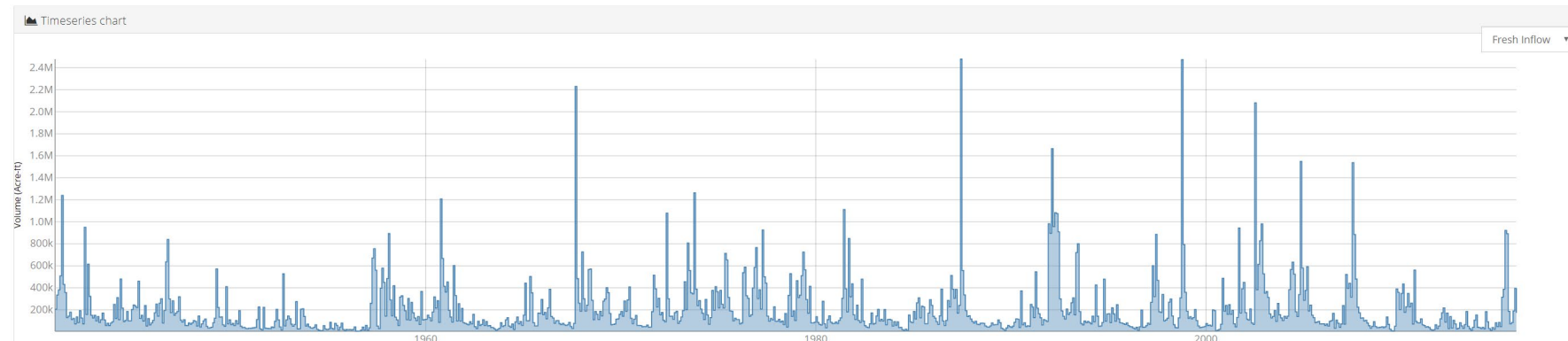
Historical Freshwater Inflows for Mid-Texas Estuaries: Matagorda Bay System



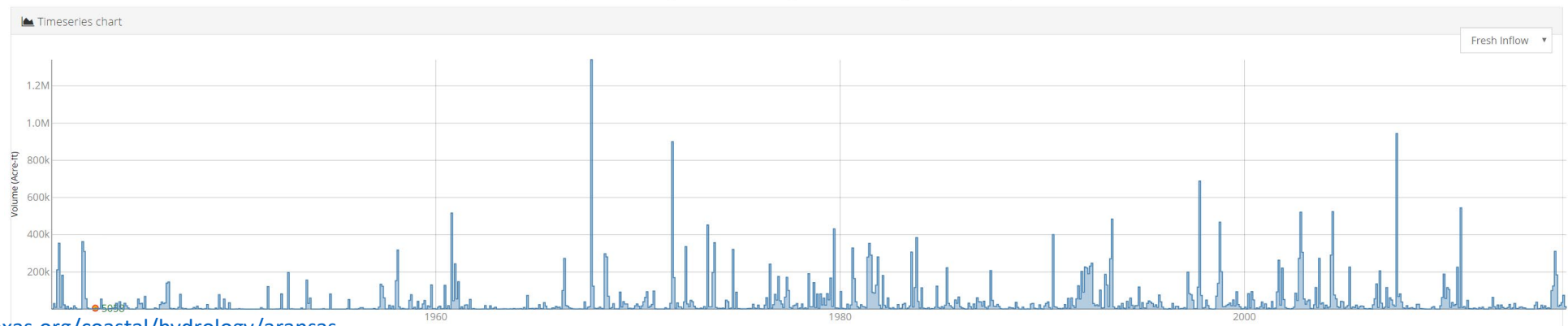
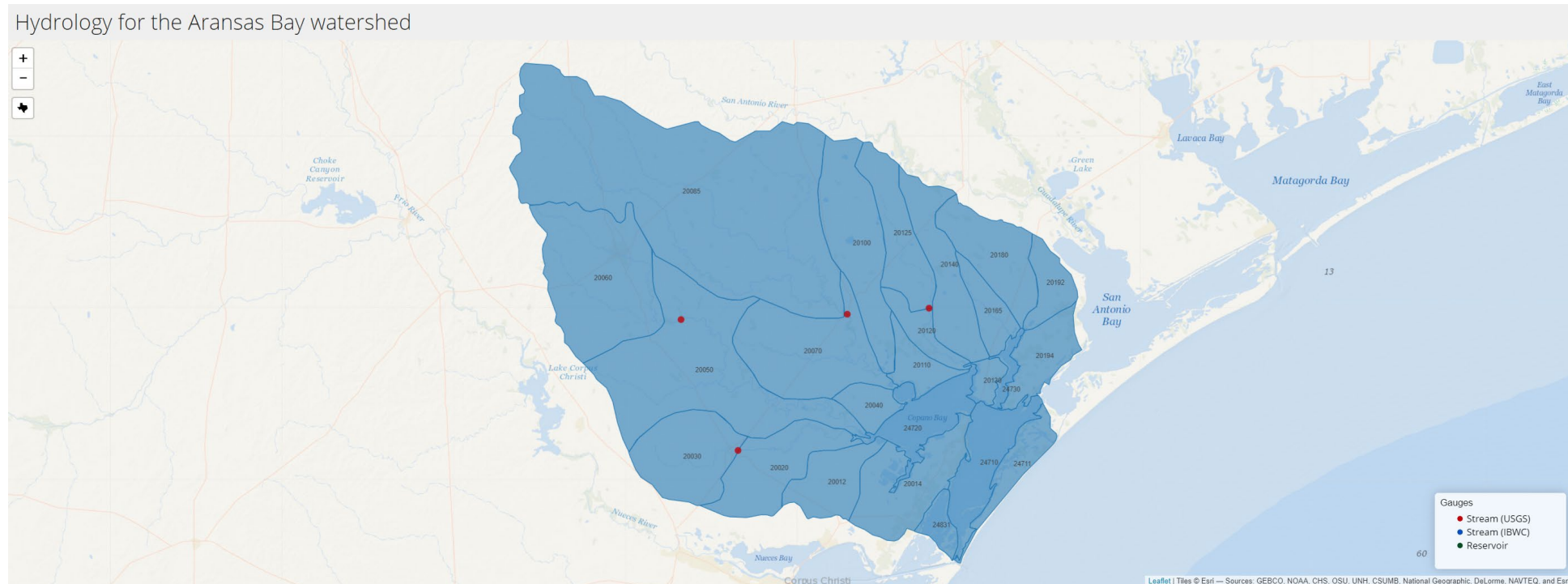
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Historical Freshwater Inflows for Mid-Texas Estuaries: Aransas Bay System



Historical Freshwater Inflows for Mid-Texas Estuaries: Corpus Christi Bay – Nueces Estuary

