

Texas Drought Preparedness Council

Updating and Evaluating
the Texas Drought Plan



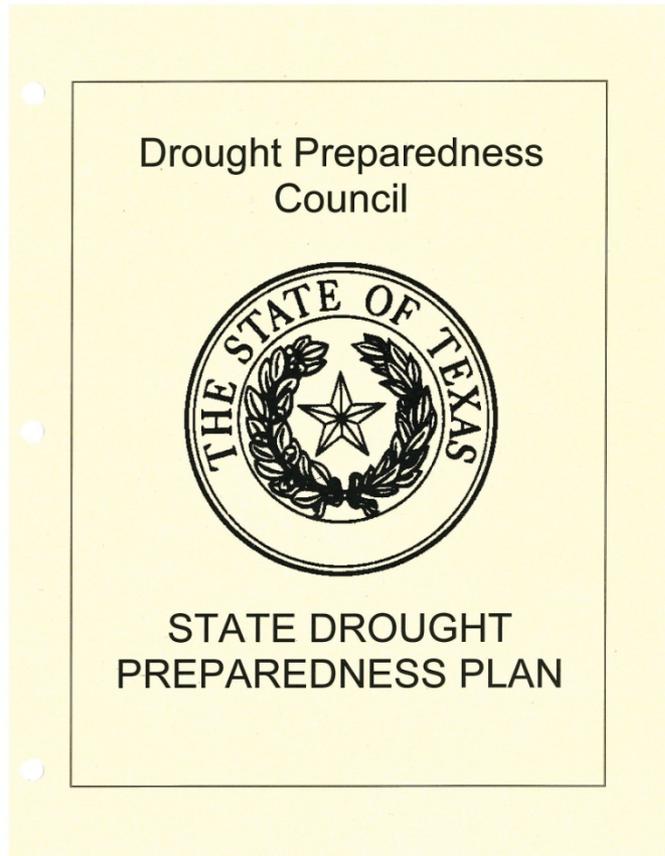
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History

- ✦ The Drought Preparedness Council was authorized and established by the 76th legislature and signed into law by Governor George W. Bush in the month of May 1999.
- ✦ Identified the 12 agencies that would become members of the council.
- ✦ Required that the council develop a comprehensive State Drought Preparedness Plan



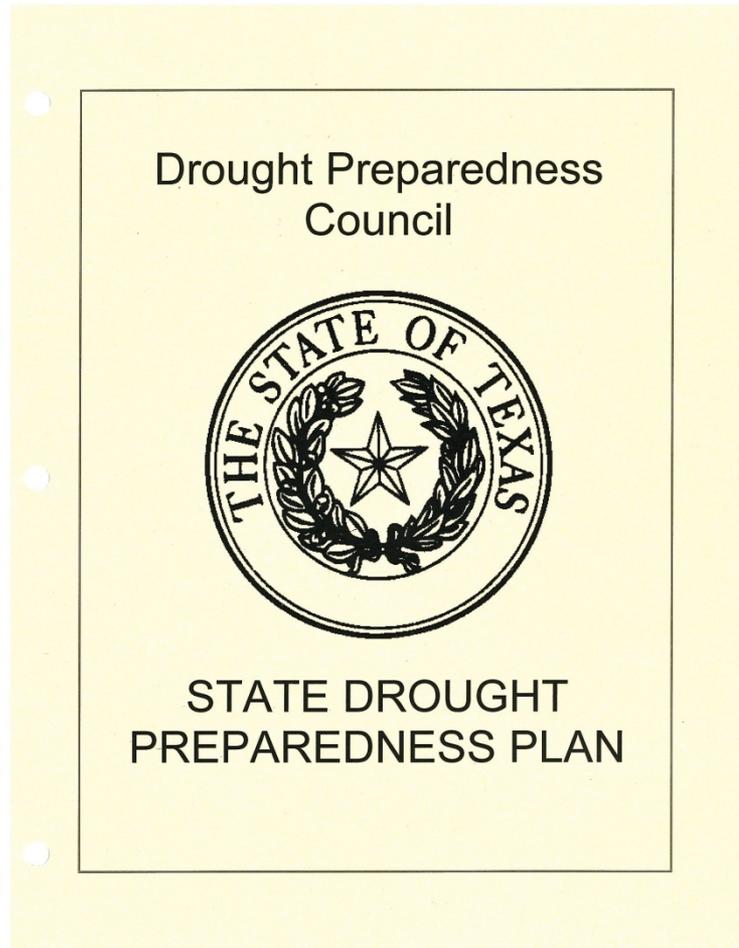
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- ✦ State Drought Preparedness Plan provides for
 1. Systematic data collection, analysis, and dissemination of drought-related information
 2. An organizational structure that defines the duties and responsibilities and assures information flow among all levels of government
 3. An inventory of state and federal programs related to drought emergencies



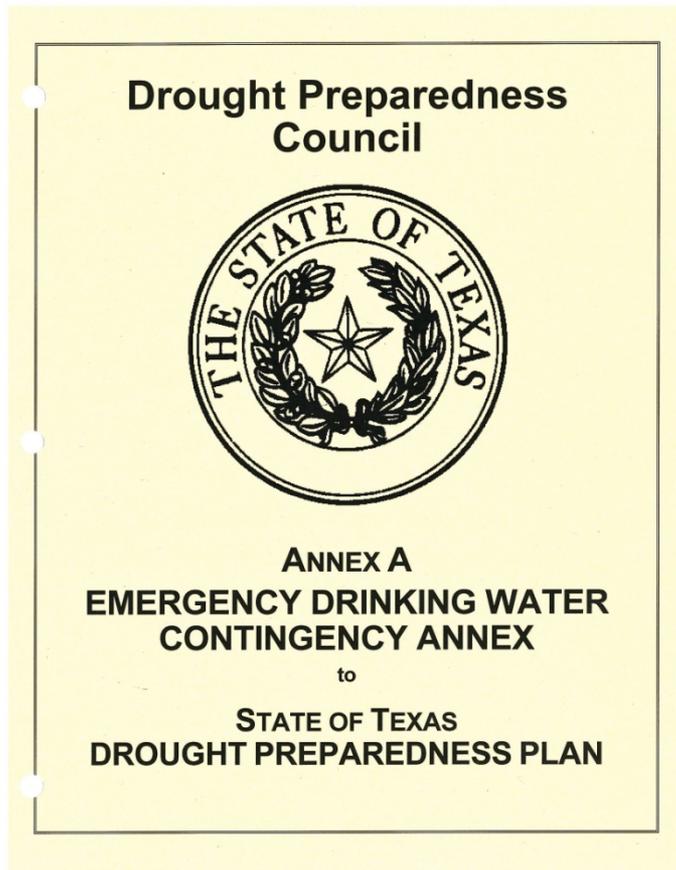
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4. A mechanism to improve the timely and accurate assessment of drought impact
5. Provision of accurate and timely information to the media.



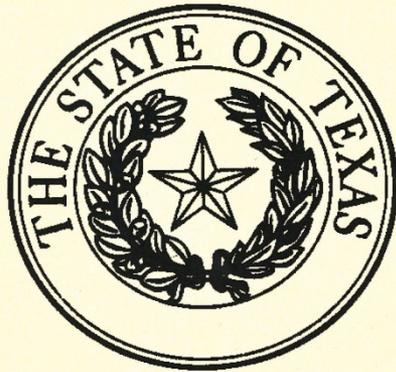
Emergency Drinking Water Annex



- ✦ Purpose:
 - ✦ This annex defines the organization, operational concepts, responsibilities, and procedures for providing immediate and long-term emergency assistance to private and public entities for obtaining, transporting, and distributing potable drinking water to those in need



Drought Assistance Directory



**Drought Assistance Directory
for
Public Officials
and
Drinking Water Utilities**

- ✦ **Purpose**
 - ✦ This document was developed in coordination with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Texas Water Development Board, and the Texas Division of Emergency Management to assist chief elected officials, water utilities, and emergency management coordinators in their efforts to prevent, mitigate, and respond to drought-related public water supply problems in their respective communities.



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Potential Drought Relief Programs



Potential Drought Relief Programs

- ✦ Purpose
 - ✦ The Guide contains basic information about programs that local jurisdictions may find beneficial in relieving the effects of a drought. Many of the programs have a very specific eligibility requirements.



State Drought Assistance Policy



Drought Assistance Reference Guide for State Agencies

✦ Purpose

- ✦ This guide serves as reference to state agencies currently associated with the Drought Preparedness Council. It includes mission statements, drought related resources, and contact information for each agency.



Situational Reports



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FROM: Assistant Director Nim Kidd, Texas Division of Emergency Management

SUBJECT: Statewide Drought Situation Report

Nim Kidd, Chairman Texas Division of Emergency Mgmt	John Sutton, Member Texas Water Development Board	Richard Egg, Member State Soil & Water Conservation Board
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1. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

June 9th, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. DPS Headquarters



Contains

- ✚ General Conditions
- ✚ Overall Statewide Drought Conditions
- ✚ Water Utility Status
- ✚ Water Rights-Statewide
- ✚ Wildlife Concerns
- ✚ Agricultural Concerns
- ✚ Wildfire Concerns
- ✚ Map of Counties with Extreme to High Fire Danger



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Biennium Reports



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FROM: Chief Nim Kidd, Chairman, Drought Preparedness Council

SUBJECT: Statewide Drought Situation Report

SUBJECT: Drought Preparedness Council Biennium Report 2009 - 2010

On behalf of the State Drought Preparedness Council, I forward the attached report for your information. This report provides an overview of the Council's organization and responsibilities and summarizes its accomplishments during 2009 and 2010 with respect to coordination, technical assistance, direct assistance, and public outreach. A summary of projected Council activity and various drought indices that reflect the level of drought experienced during 2009 and 2010 is included.

I extend thanks to all members of the Council for their ongoing work regarding drought mitigation and response activities. A listing of Council members with appropriate contact information is also included.

Sincerely,

Nim Kidd, Chairman, Drought Preparedness Council



Contains



Council Accomplishments

- ✦ Coordination Activities
- ✦ Technical Assistance Activities
- ✦ Direct Assistance Activities
- ✦ Public Outreach Activities



Impact Assessments

- ✦ Agricultural
- ✦ Wildfire
- ✦ Water Utilities
- ✦ Reservoirs
- ✦ Wildlife
- ✦ Groundwater
- ✦ Roadways



Council Projections



Updating the Plan-Challenges

- ✦ Based on a 5 year planning cycle
- ✦ New laws, statues and codes have not been incorporated
- ✦ Does not resemble current structure of the organization
- ✦ Turnover in agencies
 - ✦ Information and knowledge has been lost
 - ✦ Agency representative has changed
 - ✦ "I didn't even know we were on it"
- ✦ Agencies roles have changed
- ✦ Availability of resources has shifted
- ✦ Lack of testing



Planning ahead

- ✦ The plan and all related documents are now on a 1 year planning cycle
- ✦ More defined roles are in development for council members
- ✦ Developing a concept of operations with response agencies
- ✦ User friendly website in development for both jurisdictions and the general public



Website

TxDPS TDEM State Drought Preparedness Council - Microsoft Internet Explorer provided by Tx DPS

http://www.bxdps.state.tx.us/dem/droughtCouncil/stateDroughtPrepCouncil.htm

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- Drought Preparedness Council Overview (PDF)
- State Drought Preparedness Plan (PDF)
- Drought Preparedness Council 2009 Annual Report (PDF)

Situation Reports And Supporting Documents

Month (2011)	Situation Report	Additional Documents
April		
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Thank you

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