

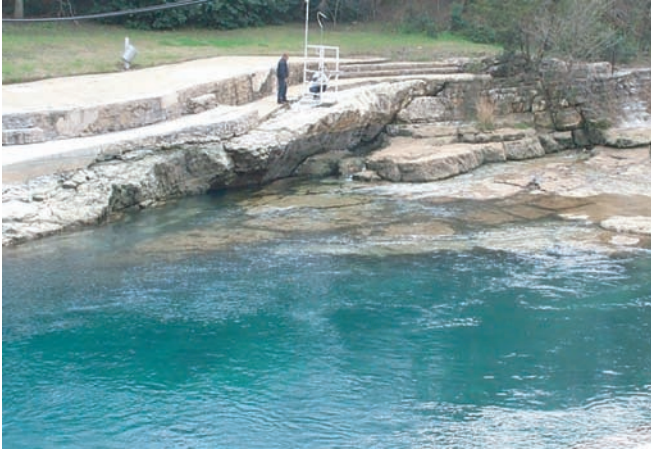


Drought Status Chart

Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District



CRITICAL STAGE III



January 25, 2012

Synopsis:

-Could approach Exceptional Stage IV in the spring; we are experiencing La Niña conditions, and they are expected to continue through the Spring of 2012.

-Critical Stage III was declared on 9/8/11

-Alarm Stage declared on 4/28/11



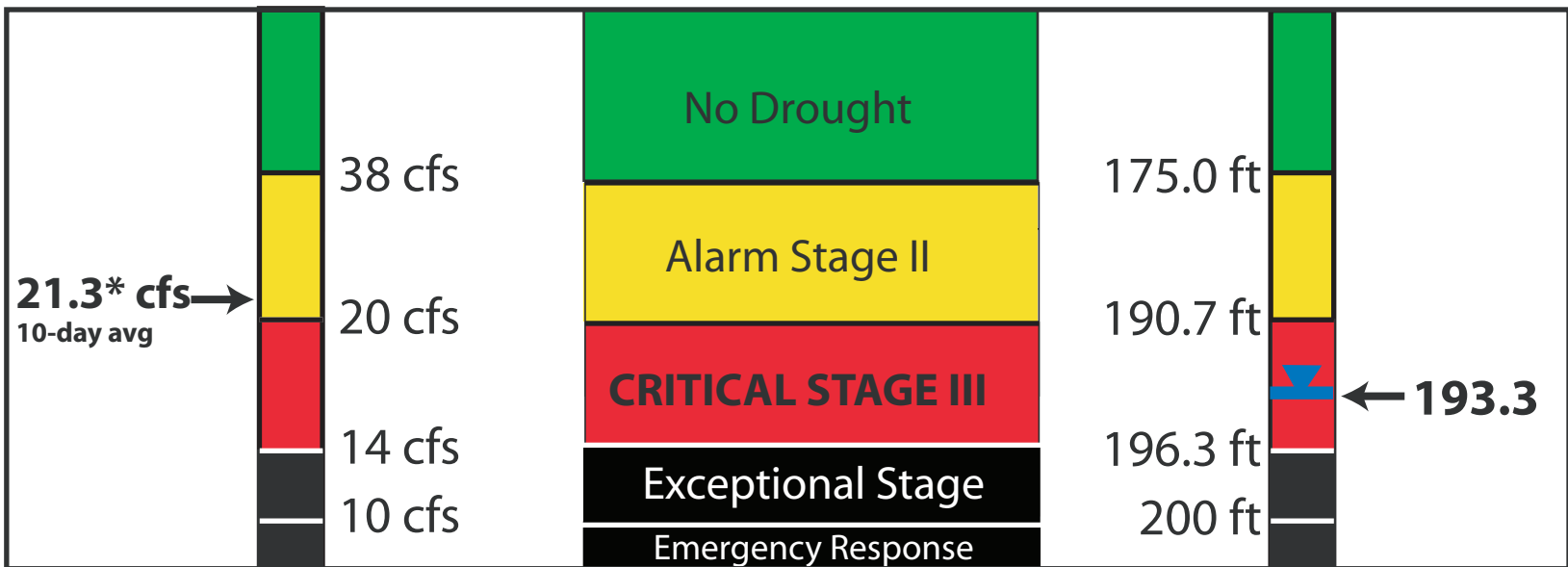
Barton Springs Discharge (cubic feet per second)

Previous value: 22.2 cfs on 1/11/12

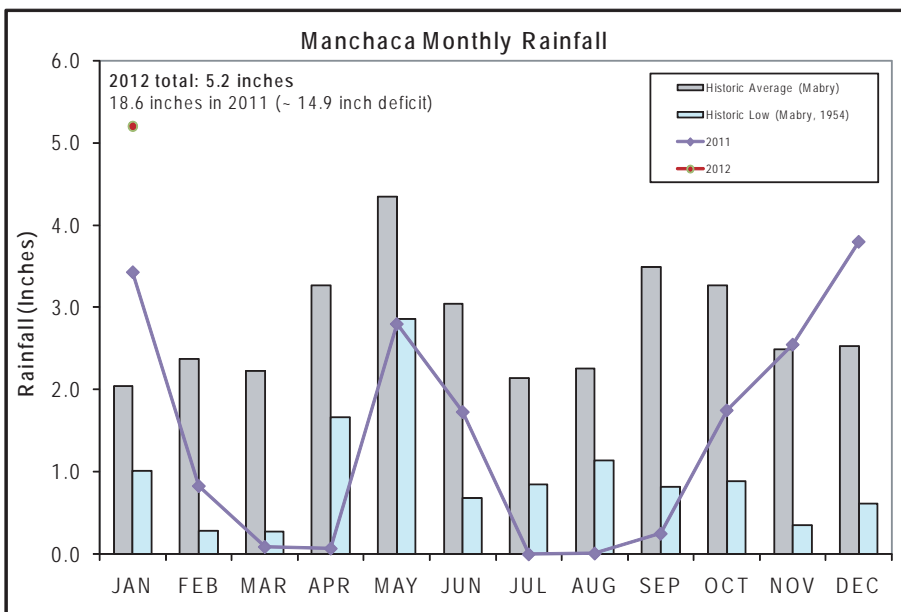
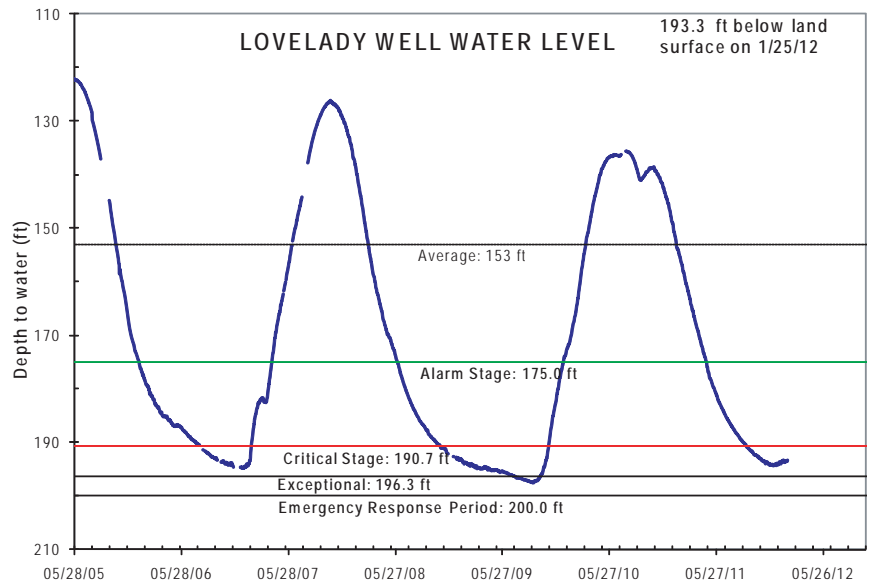
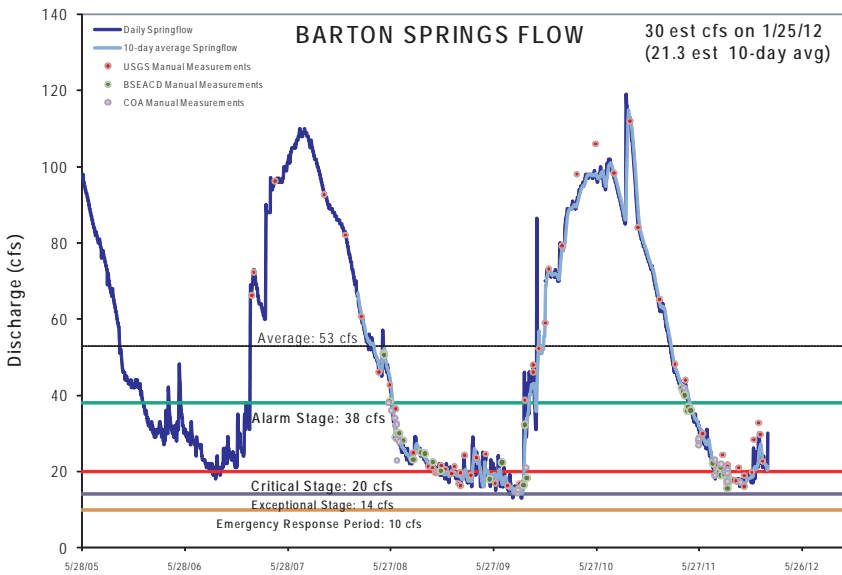
Drought Status

Lovelady Monitor Well Depth to water level (feet)

Previous value: 193.3 ft on 1/11/12



*estimated



U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook
Drought Tendency During the Valid Period
Valid for January 15 - April 30, 2012
Released January 19, 2012

KEY:

- Improvement: Drought to persist or intensify
- No Drought: Drought ongoing, some improvement
- Some Improvement: Drought likely to improve, impacts ease
- Development: Drought development likely
- Persistence: Drought likely to persist
- No Drought: Drought Posted/Predicted

US Seasonal Outlook: Drought Likely to persist or intensify

The Climate Prediction Center has issued a La Niña Advisory:

La Niña is expected to continue into the Northern spring 2012. (issued Jan 5)

US Drought Monitor rates central Texas as **"Extreme to Exceptional drought"**

U.S. Drought Monitor Texas
January 17, 2012
Valid 7 a.m. CST

State	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.05
TX	0.02	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.08

Legend: 0.00 Drought-None, 0.01 Drought-None, 0.02 Drought-None, 0.03 Drought-None, 0.04 Drought-None, 0.05 Drought-None, 0.06 Drought-None, 0.07 Drought-None, 0.08 Drought-None

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