

Spring 2011

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POSTER CONTEST 2011 WINNERS

Once again the District sponsored its annual 4th and 5th grade poster contest. This year's theme was "Water: Your Life Depends on It." We received posters from 56 students from across the District. The contest is judged by the Board of Directors. The decision was not easy and several tie-breakers were necessary but the winners were finally determined. All three were from Rochelle ISD.

First place went to Britney Cook, second to Salena Hutson, and third to John Bennett. All three students were in Mrs. Pitcox's class. The winners received gift cards from Wal-mart. We are proud of all the students and teachers who participated in this annual event. This is a great opportunity for young people to think about the importance of water.



Winners: Salena Hutson (2nd Place), John Bennett (3rd Place), Britney Cook (1st Place), and Teacher Dixie Pitcox

82nd Legislation Session



Two bills were filed early that related to water, but both are in the process of revision. SB 332 filed by Senator Troy Fraser related to vested ownership interest in groundwater beneath the surface and the right to produce that groundwater. Senator Robert Duncan's SB 667 related to management of groundwater resources in this state and the rights of landowners in groundwater. As of March 1st, both bills were left pending in committee. A great site for following legislation and activity is

<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us>

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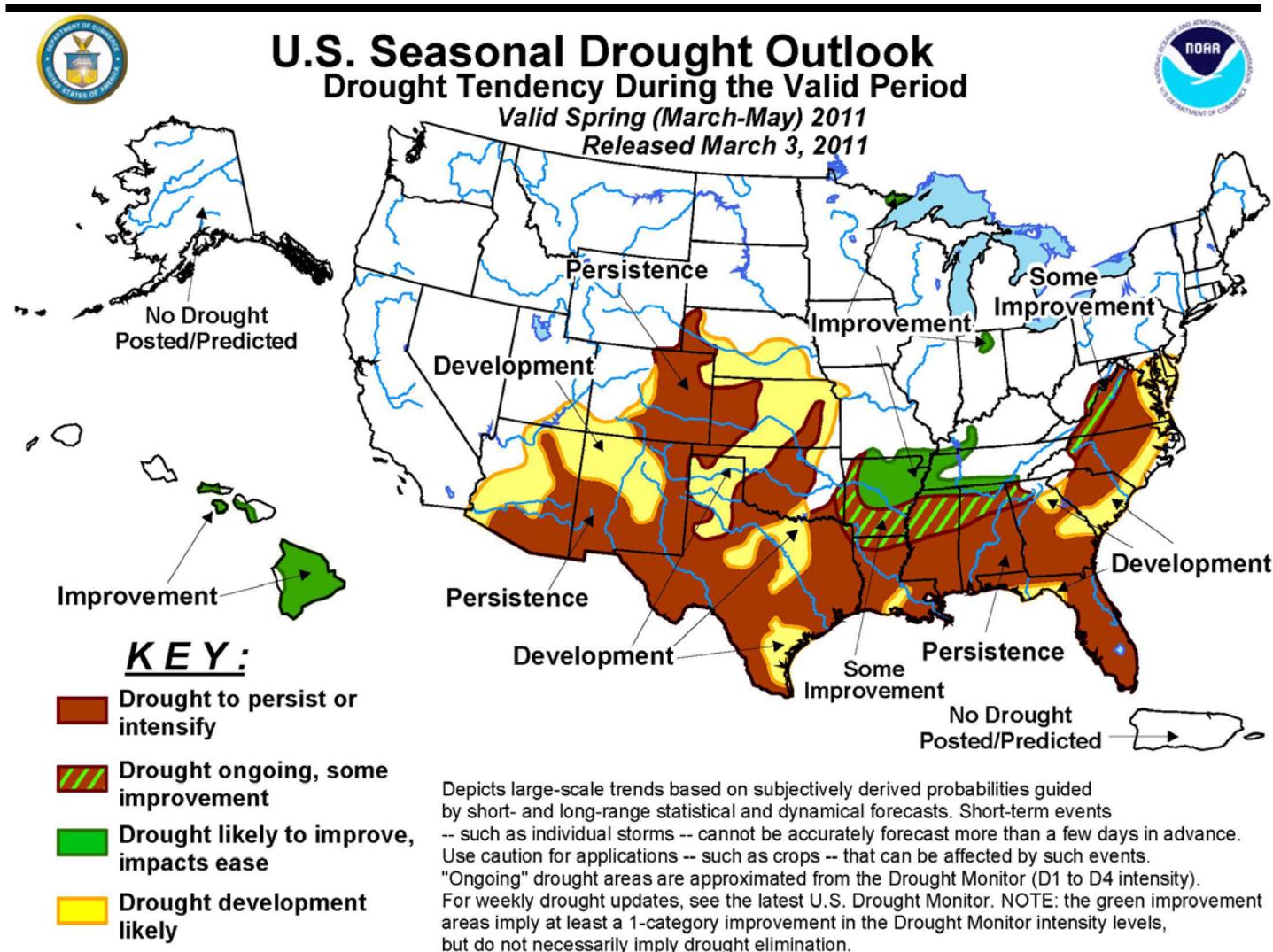
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http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/expert_assessment/seasonal_drought.html

As you can see from the map, the drought in this area is predicted to persist or intensify. This is disheartening but there are things we can each do to conserve water. While rain has seemed to be rare this year, we can still use rain barrels to capture what we can for future use. As spring approaches we can also look at xeriscaping techniques to reduce watering requirements for landscapes.

TWDB Water Conservation: <http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/assistance/conservation/consindex.asp>

Rainwater Harvesting:
http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/publications/reports/RainwaterHarvestingManual_3rdedition.pdf

Texas A&M Xeriscape: <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/extension/xeriscape/xeriscape.html>