



**Texas Department of Public Safety
Texas Division of Emergency Management
State Situation Report**

Event Name	18-0025 October Severe Weather
Date	October 18, 2018
Time	7:00 AM
Operational Period	October 17 – October 18, 2018
Report Number	2

Regions Affected	
DPS Regions Affected	1, 2, 5, 6
DDCs Active	4A, 4B, 12, 13

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: Governor Abbott issued a proclamation certifying that the severe weather and prolonged flooding event that began on October 7, 2018, has caused widespread and severe property damage, and threatens loss of life in; Bastrop, Burnet, Colorado, Fayette, Hood, Jim Wells, Kerr, Kimble, La Salle, Live Oak, Llano, Mason, McMullen, Nueces, Real, San Patricio, Travis, and Williamson Counties.

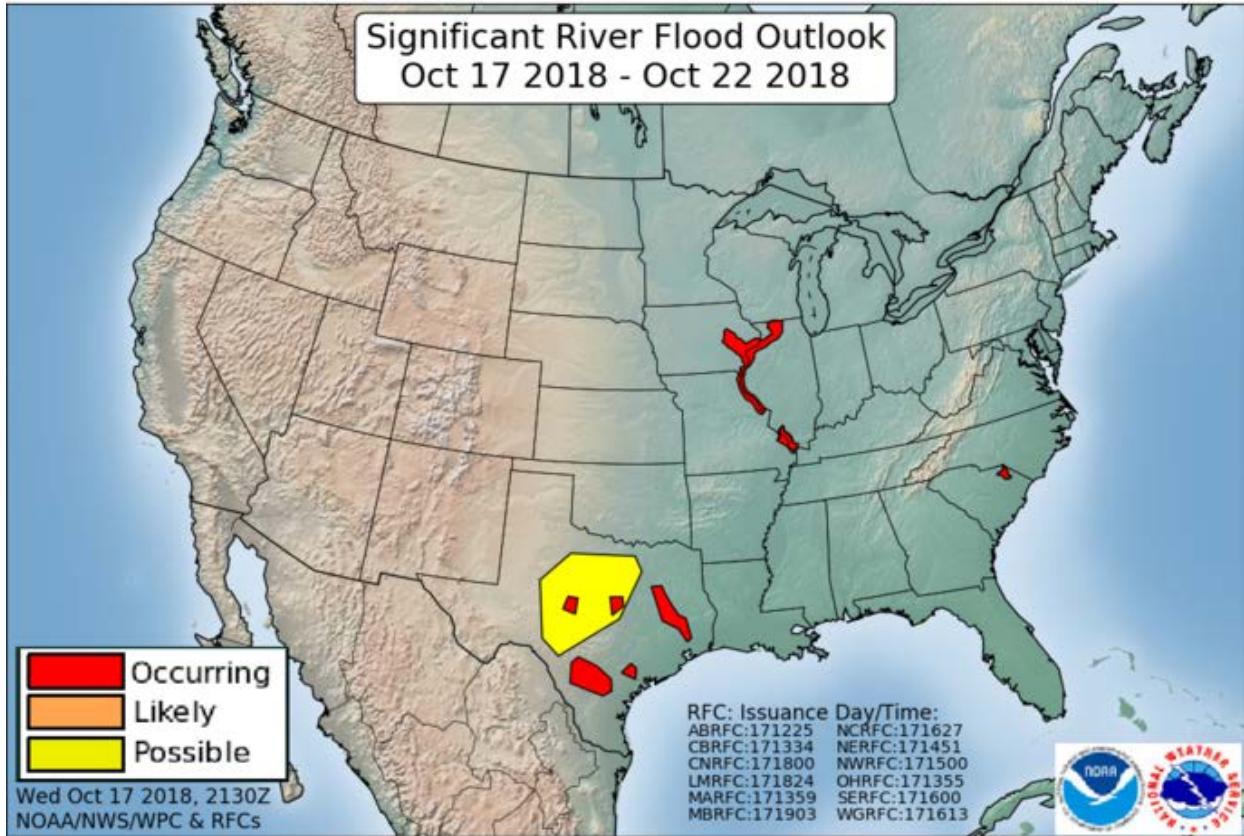
River flooding will continue over the next few days. Many regions remain very sensitive to additional rainfall and a Flash Flood Watch will remain in effect for parts of South Central Texas through Thursday evening. As water continues to move through the South Central Texas rivers, downstream points along the Colorado and Guadalupe Rivers may rise into minor flood later this week.

Rescues to date:

Agency	Rescues / Evacuations	Pets
TPWD	24 / 10	5
TX-TF1	5/10	2
Total	29 / 20	7

OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

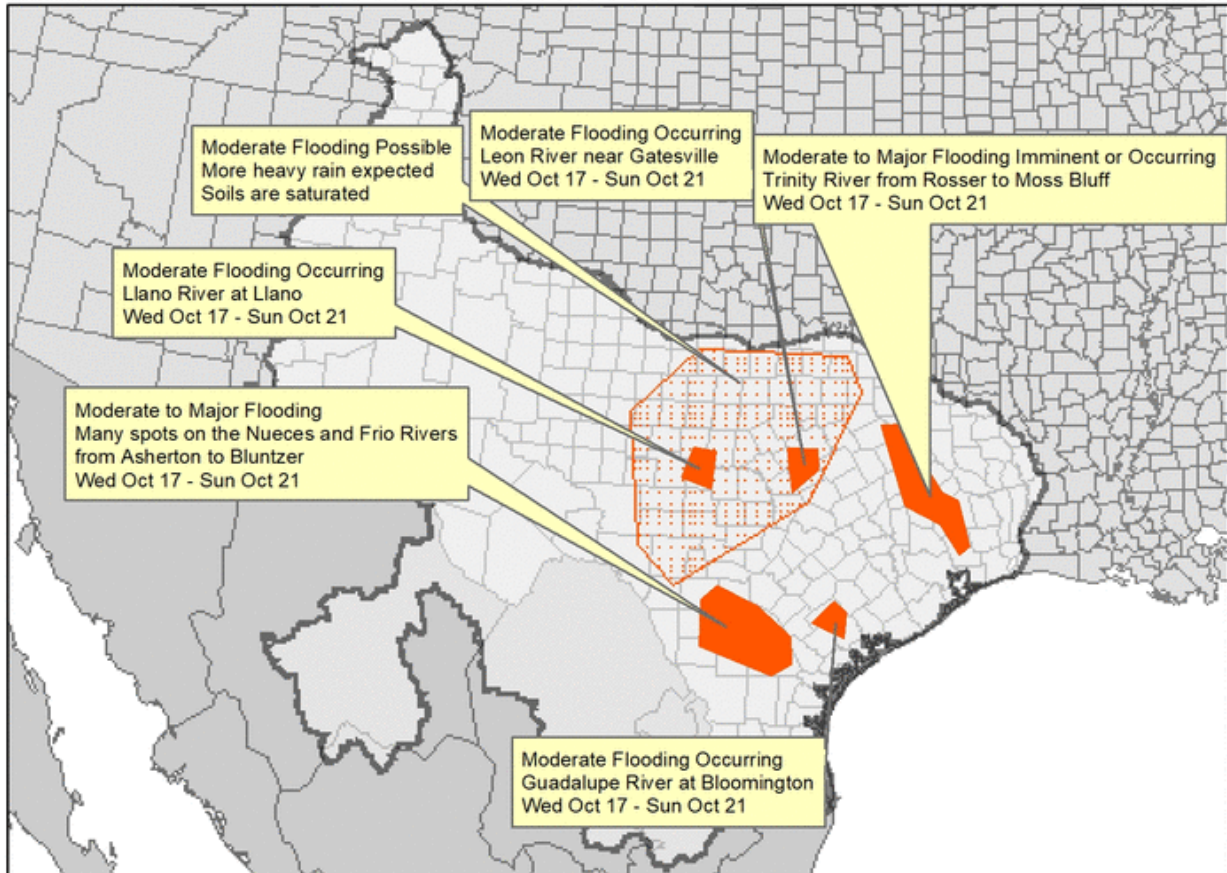




Significant River Flood Outlook

Valid: 10/17/2018 - 10/22/2018

West Gulf River Forecast Center 10/17/2018 11:11:41 AM



SIGNIFICANT RIVER FLOODING POSSIBLE.

SIGNIFICANT RIVER FLOODING LIKELY.

SIGNIFICANT RIVER FLOODING OCCURRING OR IS IMMINENT.

Significant River Flooding Impacts include:
Roads adversely affected. Residential, commercial, industrial, and/or agricultural areas affected. May require evacuation of people.

NOTE: Flash Flooding or Minor River Flooding will NOT be included in this outlook.

Region 1 (Includes DDCs 4, 5, 6, and 22)

DDC 4A – Hurst (Includes: Denton, Erath, Hood, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell, Tarrant and Wise Counties) DDC 4A remains at Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions). DDC 4A is monitoring flooding and potential flooding throughout the district.

Parker County -- Submitted a Disaster Declaration on October 16, 2018.

Hood County – Hood County submitted a Disaster Declaration on October 17, 2018.

DDC 4B – Garland (Includes: Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Hunt, Kaufman, Navarro and Rockwall Counties) DDC 4B remains at Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

Ellis County – Ellis County EOC remains at Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

Kaufman County – Kaufman County EOC remains at Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

Navarro County – Navarro County EOC remains at Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

Region 2 (Includes DDCs 13, 14, 15, 16 Houston, 16 Texas City, 16 Conroe, and DDC Pierce)

DDC 13 – Bryan (Includes: Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson and Washington Counties)

DDC 13 remains at Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

Madison County – Madison County EOC remains at Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

Region 5 (Includes DDCs 1, 2, 3, and 7)

DDC 7 – Abilene (Includes: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor and Throckmorton)

Region 6 (Includes DDCs 11, 12, 17, 18A, 18B, and 23)

DDC 12 – Austin (Includes: Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis and Williamson Counties)

DDC 12 has increased its readiness level to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

Burnet County – The Marble Falls Wastewater Plant is stressed due to flooding, and the city is at Stage 5 Emergency Water Shortage, a Boil Water Notice has been issued. All residents and businesses were asked to minimize use of any activity that utilizes wastewater such as no laundry, no washing dishes, minimize toilet flushing and minimize showers. Burnet County submitted a Disaster Declaration on October 17, 2018.

Fayette County – Submitted a Disaster Declaration on October 17, 2018.

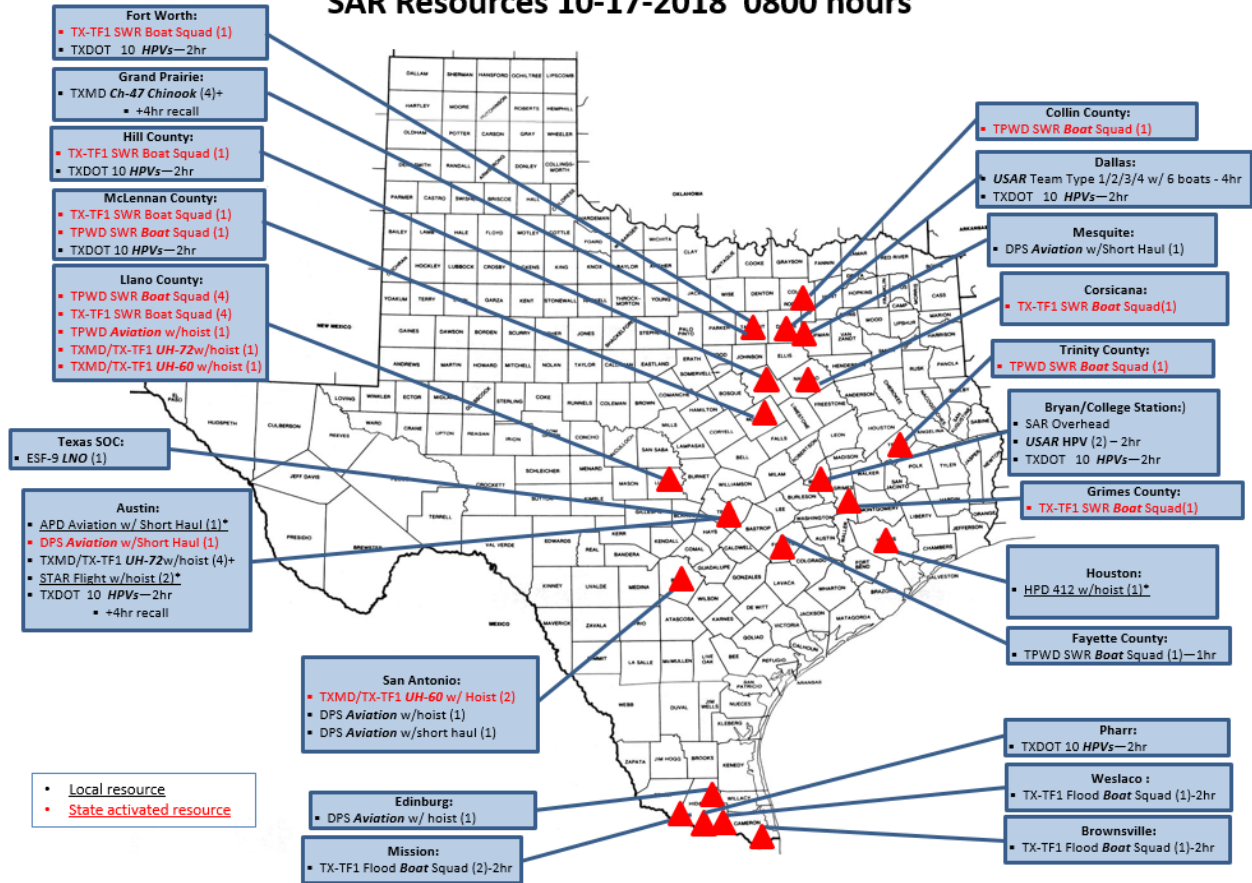
Llano County – Llano County submitted a Disaster Declaration on October 17, 2018.

Travis County – Lake Travis is closed.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

SAR Resources 10-17-2018 0800 hours



Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel #	Equipment #	Status	Resource Location
ARC	Emergency Response Vehicle	2	0	Assigned	Llano County
ARC	Shelter Trailers	8	8	Activated	Central and North
ARC	Shelter Strike Teams	N/A	N/A	Activated	Central and North
DSHS	EMTF AMBUS/Team	7	4	Released	Llano County
DSHS	EMTF MIST	2	1	Assigned	Llano County
DSHS	Ambulance Strike Team/Leader	1	1	Assigned	Marble Falls EMS
DSHS	Ambulance Strike Team	7	4	Released	Marble Falls EMS
HHSC	Liaison	1	0	Assigned	SOC/Austin
Log CCG	Communication on Wheels (COW)	1	1	Activated	Llano County
TCEQ	SOC Liaison	2	0	Activated	SOC/Austin
TFS	SOC Liaison	2	0	Assigned	SOC/Austin
TFS	POD Support	9	-	Assigned	Llano

TFS	POD Support	10	-	Assigned	Kingsland
TFS	POD Support	1	-	Assigned	Marble Falls
TFS	POD Support	1	-	Assigned	Granite Shoals
TMD	SOC Support MRP	7	0	Assigned	Austin
TMD	Two Rotary Wing Mixed MRPs (four aircraft)	20	4	Assigned	Austin and San Antonio
TMD	Two Ground Transportation Company MRP	65	29	Assigned	Huntsville
TMD	Two Ground Transportation Company MRP	54	29	Assigned	Burnet
TMD	Public Affairs MRP	2	0	Activated	Austin
TMD	Air Operations Center MRP	4	0	Assigned	Camp Mabry/Austin
TPWD	SOC Liaison	1	1	Assigned	SOC/Austin
TPWD	SAR Captain	1	1	Assigned	Austin
TPWD	Game Wardens	8	8	Assigned	Llano County
TPWD	SAR Boat Crews	10	6	Assigned	Kingsland
TPWD	SAR Boat Crew	3	4	Assigned	Marble Falls
TPWD	PIO Game Warden	1	1	Assigned	Llano County
TPWD	TPWD Helicopter	3	1	Activated	Austin Airport
TxDOT	SOC Liaison	4	0	Assigned	SOC/Austin
TxDOT	High Water Rescue Support Team	20	10	Standby	Dallas
TxDOT	High Water Rescue Support Team	20	10	Standby	Fort Worth
TxDOT	High Water Rescue Support Team	20	10	Standby	Waco
TxDOT	High Water Rescue Support Team	20	10	Standby	Bryan
TxDOT	High Water Rescue Support Team	20	10	Standby	Austin
TxDOT	High Water Rescue Support Team	10	5	Standby	Pharr
TxDOT	High Water Rescue Support Team	10	5	Standby	Laredo
TX-TF1	SOC Liaisons	3	0	Assigned	SOC/Austin
TX-TF1	Water Rescue Squads	56	18	Assigned	Statewide
TX-TF1	Helicopter SAR Techs	9	0	Assigned	Llano and Bexar Counties
DPS	SOC Liaison	1	0	Activated	SOC/Austin
DPS	Helicopter with Hoist	3	1	Assigned	Kingsland
DPS	Helicopter with Hoist	3	1	Assigned	Kingsland
DPS	TMU Aircraft Rescue Swimmers	4	0	Assigned	Kingsland
DPS	TMU Members attached to TDEM Zodiac	3	0	Assigned	Kingsland

DPS	TMU Aircraft Rescue Swimmers	2	0	Activated, if needed	Kingsland
DPS	TMU Swift Water Technicians	30	0	Activated, if needed	Kingsland
DPS	TMU Swift Water Boats	0	2	Activated, if needed	Kingsland

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS): DPS is currently monitoring conditions in affected areas related to the devastating flooding. The Texas Highway Patrol (THP) has assigned a representative to the State Operations Center on a 24 hour basis to support this event. Texas DPS THP and Aircraft personnel in affected areas continue to assist local officials and citizens, as well as monitor local conditions.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS): DSHS continues monitoring the situation and has been in contact with the Preparedness and Response Managers in the affected Public Health Regions (PHRs). EMTF-7 assets have been deployed to support operations in Llano and Burnet County. Currently, there are no unmet needs. EMTF-7 AMBUS has been demobilized. MIST deployed to support AST activities in Llano County and Marble Falls EMTF-7 Ambulance Strike Team (AST) and Strike Team Leader (ASTL) deployed to Marble Falls EMS to support operations. 3 ASTs demobilized. 2 ASTs and ASTL remain in Marble Falls.

Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC):

HHSC Emergency and Risk Management (ERM): ERM is working to provide water and ice to three POD locations in Kingsland, Marble Falls and the City of Llano.

Regional Administrative Services (RAS): Staff is monitoring conditions and are on standby should any additional action be necessary.

HHSC Regulatory Services Division:

Long-term Care Regulatory (LTCR): No unmet needs at this time for long-term care providers, including nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, intermediate care facilities, and home and community-based services waiver providers. LTCR regional staff are in communication with local DDCs/participating in scan calls. In affected areas, staff are in daily communication with providers to monitor their status.

Child Care Licensing (CCL): No unmet needs at this time for providers and no reported incidents. CCL staff was in contact with 24-hour daycare operations.

HHSC Disaster Behavioral Health Services (DBHS):

DBHS offered assistance and has asked providers to keep HHSC apprised of any impact on their facilities, staff, clients or ability to provide services. Reach out to other Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHAs) if needed. Continue to inform HHSC Leadership and stakeholders of disaster behavioral health related issues.

Health & Specialty Care Systems (HSCS): There are no current impacts to Health and Human Services operated state hospitals or state supported living centers at this time. Facilities are providing updates to their staff on weather forecasts. There are no unmet needs at this time.

2-1-1 Texas: 211 is providing disaster related information in support of emergency operations and has seen no significant increase in calls related to this event.

Public Utility Commission (PUC): The electric cooperatives providing service to Kingsland, Marble Falls and Lake Travis areas have reported roughly 100 disconnects due to flooding. If Lake Travis reaches the 700 foot level, there are an additional 200 homes that may be disconnected.

Pedernales Electric Coop has reported approximately 100 disconnects due to flooding. These disconnects are generally by customer request and PEC has approximately 25 of these in Marble Falls and 75 around Lake Travis. If Lake Travis reaches 700 feet, PEC has a list of 199 customers who will be contacted as their homes will be at risk of flooding and will need disconnects. PEC has crews stationed around the lake to address outages as they occur. In addition, as people leave their homes, many are stopping to ask these crews to disconnect their homes in case of flooding. PEC will provide updates as information changes.

Central Texas Electric Coop provides service to Kingsland and does not have reports of many disconnects. They do have some limited outages west of Llano, and these can't be repaired at this moment due to being inaccessible. It appears the POD requests from Kingsland and Marble Falls are due to issues with their water systems. These problems appear to be mechanical in nature as opposed to electrical. The PUC will continue to coordinate with TCEQ as these systems are repaired.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): TCEQ Staff continue to monitor drinking water and wastewater facilities in impacted areas and provide technical assistance, as needed. Currently, the City of Kingsland and the City of Marble Falls are under a Boil Water Notice.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS): Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS) is providing support for the State Operations Center in Austin, as well as assisting at Point of Distribution (POD) locations for distribution of ice and water in local communities of Llano, Kingsland, Marble Falls, and Granite Shoals.

POD locations:

- One (1) POD in the City of Llano
 - Address: 400 E.SH 71 at Llano Junior High School POD Hours will be 07:00 – 19:00
- One (1) POD in the City of Kingsland
 - Address: 3435 Hwy 1431 at First Baptist Church POD Hours will be 07:00 – 19:00
- One (1) Local POD in the City of Granite Shoals
 - Address: 8410 FM 1431 West at Granite Shoals Fire Department.
- One (1) Local POD in the City of Marble Falls
 - Address: 700 US 281 at Lake Shores Church.

Texas Military Department (TMD): TMD is currently supporting the state with SOC support Mission Ready Packages (MRPs). Two Ground Transportation Companies will be staged at Burnet and Huntsville. Two Rotary Wing MRP's are stationed in San Antonio and Llano. All aircraft will be paired with TXTF1 rescue swimmers. An Air Operations Center MRP has been activated as well as a Public Affairs Office MRP in Austin. An Air Operations Center MRP has been activated.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): TPWD game wardens responded to swift water rescue operations in Llano County following a large rain event that caused flash and river flooding on the Llano River. Currently, Game Wardens are available for swift water rescues in the Kingsland area along the river.

State Parks Affected

- Enchanted Rock State Natural Area (SNA) – Closed due to sandy creek being impassable, multiple crossings flooded outside of park
- Colorado Bend State Park (SP) – Closed due to no access; staff cannot access the river; only concessionaire and park hosts in the park; 6 campsites (estimated 20 people – all accounted for) will be relocated to the residence which is on higher ground.
- South Llano River SP – Closed with river rising and reaching last week's levels
- Pedernales River SP – River is flooding but all campgrounds, facilities will likely be fine
- Lost Maples SNA – Low water crossings
- LBJ SP – Pedernales River is over the bridge going to National Park; monitoring very closely as a couple of facilities may be in jeopardy of flooding (Dining Hall, Scout Hut, residences)
- Guadalupe River SP – River is on the rise; staff is preparing by removing picnic tables, etc.
- Inks Lake – Predicting an additional 9 feet in addition to the 4.5 feet that is already in the park with the possibility of more. Staff are focused on evacuating campers and trying to shut down and secure facilities such as the water plant. We are not sure what will be affected with 12' of water since this has not been experienced before. Jen Estes is running some mapping numbers for us so we can hopefully assess the potential impacts.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): TxDOT currently is staffing the SOC 24 hours. Currently there are 66 roads closed due to flooding, and 108 roads affected by flooding, with 15 districts involved. No new Stars for TxDOT at this time, 2 working stars still active to provide support for PODS that are in place. TxDOT crews are monitoring roadways for high water threats, and are providing traffic control, barricades and detours as needed. We have 60 High Water Rescue Support Teams involving 7 districts, on standby. TxDOT crews are monitoring roadways for high water threats, and are providing traffic control, barricades and detours as needed.

For more information on road closures please go to: <https://drivetexas.org/>. Turn Around Don't Drown.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) Texas Task Force 1 (TX-TF1): TX-TF1 ESF-9 Operations at the SOC is being staffed for 24 hour operations at Level III; Texas Task Force 2 is on alert status, SWR/Flood Boats, assigned across Texas to support local resource request as necessary

Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA): Eight floodgates were open at Buchanan Dam as of 1 PM. on Wednesday Oct. 17. Five of the gates are on the 14-gate section and three are on the 16-gate section. Lake Buchanan is forecast to remain within a range of 1,018 to 1,020 feet msl and then be gradually drawn by flood releases to 1,018 feet msl over the following days. Forecasts for Lake Buchanan may change with additional rainfall in the forecast.

Lake Travis is expected to rise to 705 to 710 feet msl by Friday, Oct. 19. Current projections show LCRA likely will need to open up to four additional floodgates by mid-day Thursday - for a total of up to eight gates open at the dam. This would be a record number of floodgates open at Mansfield Dam.

LCRA opened floodgates at Mansfield and Tom Miller dams at noon on Oct. 16. One floodgate was opened at noon, a second floodgate was opened at 2 p.m., a third floodgate was opened at 4 p.m. and a fourth floodgate was opened at 7 PM. LCRA is making controlled releases from the flood pool of Lake Travis to manage river levels downstream of Mansfield Dam.

Flood operations are underway at all of the dams along the Highland Lakes – Buchanan, Inks, Wirtz, Starcke, Travis and Tom Miller. Flooding rains and historic inflows into the lakes this week are causing fast, high flows throughout the Highland Lakes. Anyone nearby should be extremely careful. Because of the dangerous conditions on the lakes, LCRA has closed lakes Buchanan, Inks, LBJ, Marble Falls and Travis until further notice.

Unscheduled releases from the Highland Lakes dams may occur suddenly and unexpectedly at any time due to emergency hydroelectric generation or other reasons. The public should exercise caution and avoid being in the water near the dams at all times.

American Red Cross (ARC): Supported logistical request for palatalized water and canteening for 2 PODS (FBC Kingsland and Llano Junior High) requested by local jurisdictions due to water system damage caused by major river flooding. Coordination with the Texas Feeding Taskforce for information sharing and coordination in the event of an activation. Actively participating in planning meetings and in coordination with OEM in affected jurisdictions and State partners. Additional supplies available (not activated) throughout the State to include; shelter support trailers, kitchen support trailers, shelf stable meals, bulk distribution trailers, comfort kits and Emergency Response Vehicles.

Texas Baptist Men (TBM): TBM deployed a shower/laundry unit to Marble Falls and Llano in support of shelter operations.

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) increased its readiness level to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) at 8:00 AM on October 16, 2018. The Texas Division of

Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

The four levels of SOC activation are:

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

*This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at:
<https://www.dps.texas.gov/dem/sitrep/default.aspx>.*

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