



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	26-0019 12JUL Severe Weather
Date	October 19, 2026
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM October 12, 2026, to 8:00 AM October 19, 2026
Report Number	84
TDEM Regions Affected	6, 7, & 8
Disaster Districts Activated	N/A

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: On September 25, Governor Greg Abbott announced that the federal government has updated President Donald J. Trump's Major Disaster Declaration following the July severe storms and flooding that impacted communities across Texas to include Grimes, Live Oak, McMullen and Schleicher counties for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance program.

On September 12, Governor Abbott amended and renewed the Governor Disaster Proclamation for this event.

On September 4, Governor Abbott directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to request that Grimes, Live Oak, and McMullen counties be added to President Donald J. Trump's Major Disaster Declaration following the July severe storms and flooding that impacted communities across Texas.

The Governor's request for FEMA's Individual Assistance program for 30 affected counties remains pending. Additionally, a request from Texas to authorize additional FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program resources statewide remains pending.

On September 3, Governor Abbott announced that President Donald J. Trump has approved federal disaster assistance as part of a Major Disaster Declaration, following

severe weather and flooding that impacted communities across the state in July.

President Trump announced on September 1 that his administration would be providing federal funding to Texas to support ongoing flood recovery.

The Texas State Emergency Operations Center remains activated at Level II (Escalated Response) to support local flood recovery efforts, which remain ongoing across South, Southwest and South-Central Texas. Personnel continue to coordinate requests from local officials for the appropriate phase of the disaster. Recovery staff continue to provide cleanup assistance, and personnel are working to connect affected Texans with available resources. Staff across the state continue to encourage impacted individuals to report damage online at damage.tdem.texas.gov.

On August 13, Governor Abbott amended and renewed the Governor Disaster Proclamation for this event, including 62 counties affected by the severe weather. This proclamation adds three new counties from the first proclamation.

On August 3, Governor Abbott announced that the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) received federal approval to extend the deadline for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients to apply for replacement benefits for food lost or destroyed during July's severe weather and flooding. HHSC also received approval to add two additional counties to the assistance list.

On July 24, Gov. Abbott visited Cotulla to assess flood damage and provided an update on the state's response to the recent severe flooding. During the visit, he credited local officials, first responders, volunteers, and residents for their swift actions, saying their efforts helped save lives. Additionally, Texas requested the addition of 30 counties to its Major Disaster Declaration request for FEMA Individual Assistance.

On July 22, Governor Abbott announced that the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) received federal approval to extend the time Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients can apply for replacement benefits for food lost or destroyed by recent flooding.

On July 20, Gov. Abbott surveyed flood-damaged communities by helicopter, then provided an update during a press conference in Kerrville on Texas' ongoing response to severe floods that impacted large parts of the state last week.

On July 17, Gov. Abbott requested a Presidential Disaster Declaration to support Texas' ongoing response and recovery efforts following severe weather and flooding impacting communities across the state. Gov. Abbott also visited Uvalde County to receive updates on flood conditions, survey damage, and meet with state and local officials coordinating the local response. This was followed by the Governor holding a press conference in the City of Uvalde.

On July 16, Gov. Abbott held a severe weather briefing and press conference at the State Operations Center in Austin to provide an update on the state's ongoing response to flooding across Texas. Response efforts continue while coordinating with local partners to provide assistance where it is needed most.

On July 14, Gov. Abbott issued a disaster declaration for 59 Texas counties as severe storms continue to threaten the state. Additional counties may be added as conditions warrant. The Governor also directed the Texas State Emergency Operations Center (SOC) to continue 24-hour operations at Level II (Escalated Response) to support the state's ongoing response to severe storms and flash flooding.

On July 12, Gov. Abbott directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to activate state emergency response resources ahead of severe weather and flash flooding threats expected to impact multiple regions of Texas over the next several days.

Visit [DriveTexas.org](https://www.DriveTexas.org) for real-time road conditions, find comprehensive severe weather information at [TexasReady.gov](https://www.TexasReady.gov), locate flood information online at [TexasFlood.org](https://www.TexasFlood.org), and access all-hazards preparedness tips at tdem.texas.gov/prepare.

OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

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

Region 6 (Includes DDs 17, 18, and 24):

The Regional Emergency Operations Center (REOC) 6 maintains a Level IV (Normal Conditions) status. Region 6 personnel continue assisting local jurisdictions with questions related to disaster finance tracking, debris operations, and procurement. Regional staff have conducted public assistance applicant briefings in Bandera, Dimmit, Gillespie, Kendall, Kerr, Kinney, La Salle, Maverick, [McMullen](#), Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, and Zavala Counties. An additional Applicant Briefing in Maverick County for the Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas was completed on September 29. McMullen County has been approved for the FEMA Public Assistance Program and is currently scheduling for Applicant Briefings. There have been [51](#) requests for Public Assistance submitted. Regional staff continue conducting outreach to local jurisdictions and potentially eligible applicants to encourage additional Public Assistance requests ahead of the October 1 deadline. [On October 12, recovery scoping meetings \(RSMs\) and site inspections commenced. A total of 10 RSMs have been conducted as of October 15. Region 6 staff continue participating alongside FEMA and local entities to provide coordination, guidance, and support throughout the Public Assistance process.](#)

Individual State of Texas Assistance Tool (iSTAT) assessments have been completed for the following counties within the Region: Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Dimmit, Gillespie, Kendall, Kerr, Kinney, La Salle, Maverick, McMullen, Real, Val Verde, and Zavala.

Texans are encouraged to report damage to homes and businesses to inform officials of outstanding damage.

Public State of Texas Assistance Tool (pSTAT) has been completed for Bandera, Bexar, Dimmit, Gillespie, Kendall, Kerr, Kinney, La Salle, McMullen, Real, Uvalde, and Val Verde Counties.

The following counties have met their thresholds for public assistance within the Region: Bandera, Dimmit, Gillespie, Kendall, Kerr, Kinney, La Salle, Maverick, McMullen, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, and Zavala.

Long-term recovery efforts continue in Kerr, Uvalde, and Zavala counties. Unmet needs continue to be evaluated and addressed through the Region 6 Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL), long-term recovery groups (LTRGs), and other Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD) partners.

DD 18 – San Antonio (Includes Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, McMullen, Medina, and Wilson Counties): DDEOC 18 maintains Level IV (Normal Conditions) status.

Gillespie County: Gillespie County maintains Level IV (Normal Conditions) status. As of September 3, the Gillespie Landfill will be utilized as the debris management site until debris operations have concluded.

Guadalupe County: Guadalupe County maintains Level IV (Normal Conditions) status. Regional staff participated in a meeting with the City of Cibolo in Guadalupe County and FEMA to assist with validating Public State of Texas Assistance Tool (pSTAT) submissions. The City of Cibolo has submitted additional information to FEMA for review on September 22.

Kerr County: Kerr County maintains Level IV (Normal Conditions) status. Critical road and bridge repairs are ongoing. Debris management continues to take place at the Hill Country Youth Event Center and is being supported by the TDEM Debris Task Force. The Youth Center site continues collecting, sorting, storing, and processing waste generated from the area. A contract for minimal disaster debris removal has been approved by the Commissioner's Court. A final walkthrough of the Centerpoint Debris Management Site after the reseeding remains pending.

Region 7 (Includes DDs 8, 9, and 10)

DD 10 – San Angelo (Includes Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, and Tom Green Counties): DDEOC 10 maintains Level IV (Normal Conditions) status.

Long Term Recovery coordination will continue until all needs are met. Regional Recovery staff continue to engage with affected local jurisdictions and will attend scheduled public assistance applicant briefings.

Region 8 (Includes DDs 11, 12, 13, 23, and 25)

DD 13 – Bryan (Includes Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson, and Washington Counties) DDEOC 13 maintains Level IV (Normal Conditions) status.

Grimes County: Grimes County has met its disaster threshold for public assistance. Recovery Operations continue in Grimes County. The pSTAT has been completed in the county with estimated damage costs and supporting documentation for state assistance accompanying the assessments. On September 25, Grimes County approved the FEMA Public Assistance program. An applicant's briefing has been scheduled for October 13.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas A&M University System (TDEM):

The State Operations Center (SOC) maintains Level II (Escalated Response) status in support of this severe weather incident. The SOC is directing interagency coordination to maintain unified communication, deploy necessary resources, and support response operations in affected regions across Texas.

Communications Coordination Group (CCG):

TDEM ESF 2 / Communications Coordination Group (CCG) partners are monitoring the situation and continue to prepare resources to respond as necessary.

ESF-6 Mass Care ISTF:

TDEM Mass Care ISTF continues to monitor for the potential of mass care activities. There have been no requests for mass care coordination; however, partner agencies remain on standby and are prepared to provide support to Texas communities.

Community Disaster Support

- Kerr County:
 - DAC: 98 Coronado Dr. N, Kerrville
 - Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
 - Call Center (Crisis Response Ministry/Kerr Together)
 - Hours: Monday – Saturday: 10:00 am - 7:00 pm\

ESF-16 Recovery:

Following receipt of the Federal Major Disaster Declaration from FEMA, ESF 16 Recovery is coordinating with impacted TDEM regions and counties designated for

federal assistance under DR-4935.

ESF 16 Recovery will be conducting the Recovery Coordination Call daily at 1300 to maintain situational awareness, address outstanding needs, and coordinate recovery activities with impacted regions and partners.

ESF 16 Recovery is continuously distributing Public Assistance materials to impacted regions for scheduled Applicant Briefings. These briefings will provide eligible applicants with an overview of the Public Assistance program, including key program deadlines, submitting Requests for Public Assistance (RPAs), Grants Portal requirements, and eligibility considerations related to applicants, facilities, work, and costs.

ESF 16 Recovery will continue coordinating with impacted regions and FEMA to support implementation of the Public Assistance program. Recovery personnel will provide technical assistance throughout the process, including support with Applicant Briefings, RPAs, documentation requirements, eligibility questions, and other programmatic needs as jurisdictions begin navigating the recovery process under DR-4935.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):

TCEQ has placed emergency management staff and emergency response hazmat contractors on heightened readiness for possible deployment to assist with any air/water/waste related issues including drinking water/wastewater issues and/or emergency response activities. TCEQ will track additional new Boil Water Notices for this event as they are identified. TCEQ has approved 10 temporary debris management sites.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):

TPWD personnel are operating under regular duty status, with statewide resources identified and available to support as needed.

Texas Cyber Command (TXCC):

As of August 7, TXCC is monitoring the weather situation and is ready to support the state's response efforts. TXCC is using cybersecurity tooling and threat intelligence feeds. There are no cyber threats related to this event.

Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA):

As of August 7, TDA maintains the Hay and Feed Hotline, a service for donating or requesting hay and other livestock feed resources, at (877) 429-1998. TDA also offers the AgriStress Helpline, offering confidential, professional mental health support to anyone seeking assistance at any time, at (833) 897-2474.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TDEM	Region 6 VAL	1	0	Assigned	Region 6
TDEM	Region 6 Recovery Staff	3	0	Assigned	Region 6
TDEM	Region 7 VAL	1	0	Assigned	Region 7

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) is at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions). 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://tdem.texas.gov/response/state-operations-center#tab-3>

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