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**ONGOING SERIOUS DROUGHT CONDITIONS PERSIST IN SOUTH TEXAS
INCLUDING CAMERON COUNTY**

Ahead of the traditionally-hot summer months, south Texas continues to experience serious drought conditions marked by low water levels at the Amistad and Falcon Reservoirs and low precipitation amounts. On July 8, 2022, Texas Governor Greg Abbott issued a disaster proclamation certifying that exceptional drought conditions posed a threat of imminent disaster in several Texas counties, including Cameron County. Most recently on March 17, 2024, Governor Abbott renewed the disaster proclamation for an additional six (6) month period extending thru September 16, 2024.

On August 9, 2022, Cameron County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr. issued a declaration of disaster upon determining extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property attributed to ongoing serious drought conditions.

On July 18, 2023 and March 16, 2024, the Cameron County Commissioners' Court adopted resolutions, urging Mexico to comply with the 1944 Water Treaty and release the water allocation due to the United States to help replenish the water levels at Amistad and Falcon Reservoirs.

In addition, Cameron County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr has sent letters to the United States Department of State Secretary of State Antony Blinken on January 10, 2024, and March 12, 2024, to alert the appropriate federal government officials of our water shortage crisis and request immediate assistance.

The Cameron County Judge and County Commissioners will continue to advocate for Mexico to release water that is owed to the United States and monitor the Amistad and Falcon Reservoir water levels, forecasted precipitation and any associated drought-like conditions.

If you are in the agriculture industry and have struggled operationally due to a shortage of water, you may use the USDA Disaster Assistance Discover Tool <https://www.farmers.gov/protection-recovery/disaster-tool> to see if you qualify for assistance.

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