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Rainfall brings overall Central Texas drought to an end

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With all the recent rainfall, some are wondering whether the drought is over, or if it's still ongoing.

"The overall drought in our region has ended," Bob Rose with the Lower Colorado River Authority said. "We've had so much rain. We have a lot of soil moisture now, and the effects of the drought are really pretty much over. It's just the hydrologic part of the drought; it's still ongoing."



Still, Rose said Central Texas is in much better shape than it was several months ago.

"Lake Travis has reached its average elevation for the month of February, but Lake Buchanan is still about 8 feet below its average elevation for February," Rose said. "We still have a way to go, but conditions have improved and we are starting to come out of this drought."

Rose also said water levels could continue to increase as early indications show a wet spring awaits the area.

More rain is also expected to fall in Central Texas over the next few days.

Speaking of rainwater, learn how to harvest it for indoor and outdoor use. The LCRA is holding a free workshop this Saturday from 9 a.m. - noon at McKinney Roughs Nature Park.

To register, call (512) 303-5073 or e-mail outdoor programs at LCRA.org.

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