



Sea Levels



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Groundwater Levels



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# WATER AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE METRICS

Public Workshop

December 17, 2021



# Welcome



*Moderator: Yvette Bonilla*

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# Opening Remarks



**Drew Bartlett**

Executive Director

South Florida Water Management District

# Opening Remarks



**Adam Blalock**

Deputy Secretary for Ecosystems Restoration  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection

# Opening Remarks



**Dr. Wesley Brooks**

Chief Resilience Officer for the State of Florida

# Introduction and Background



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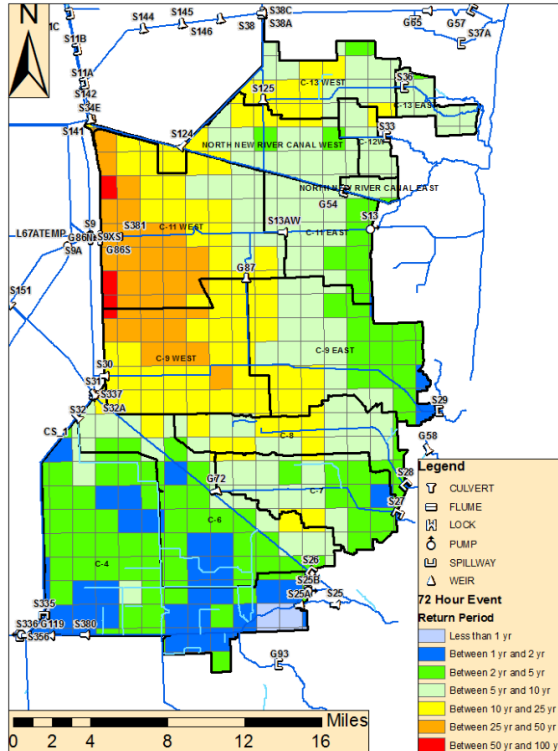
# 2021 Extreme Events in South Florida

- Less Intense King Tide Season, with no significant tropical cyclones contributing to swells along the Atlantic Ocean, near Florida
- 2021 Atlantic Hurricane Season – third most active (exhausted the names, two consecutive years)
- Impacts from Extreme Rainfall Flood, i.e. Downtown Miami (in November) and King Tide Flood, i.e. Palm Beach (in October)



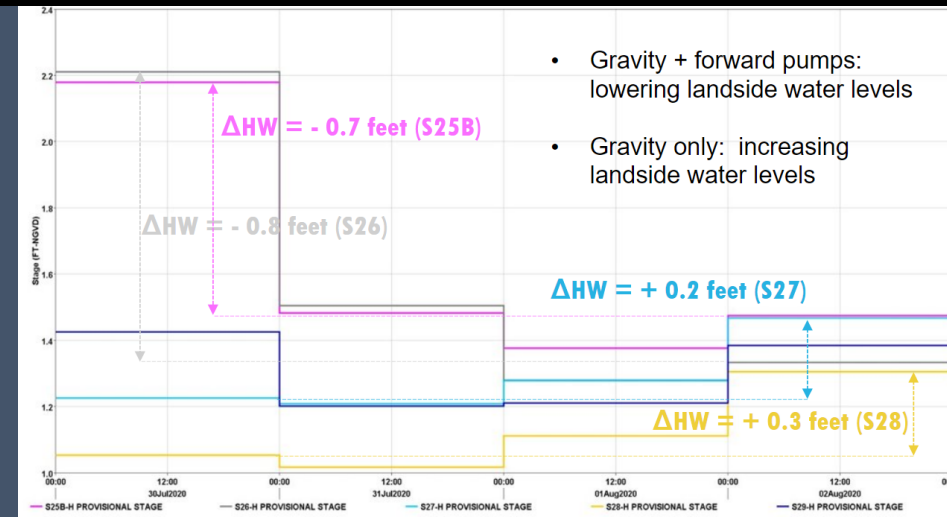
Source: The Palm Beach Post, King Tide Flooding (November 2021)

# 2020 Extreme Events



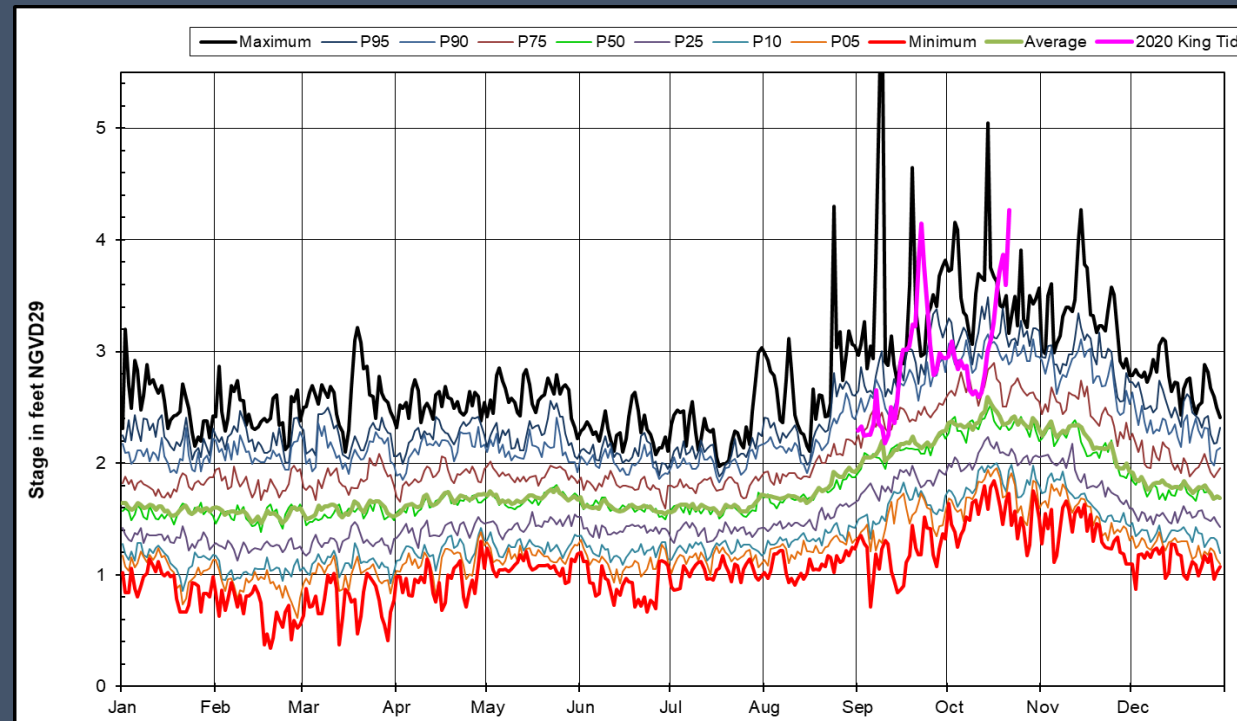
Tropical Storm Eta

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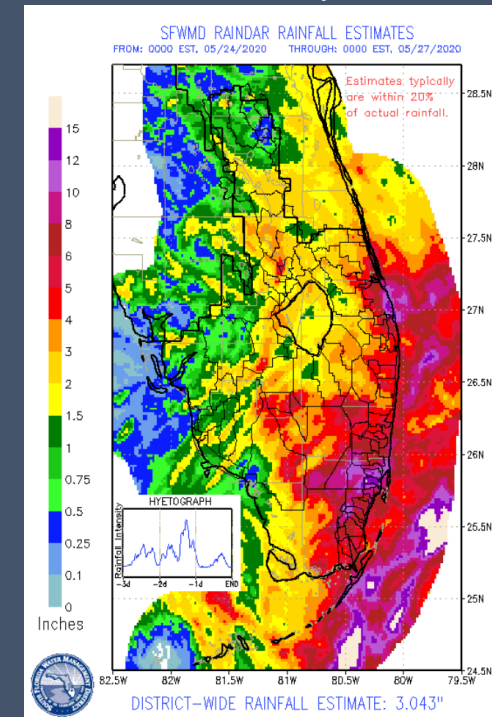


Hurricane Isaias

2020 King Tide Season

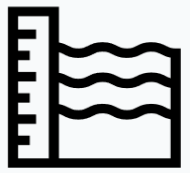


Memorial Day Rainfall





**How significant was 2020, 2021 compared to the record?**



**What impacts are we observing in South Florida?**



**How can we associate these impacts with Climate Change?**



**Are these recent events part of a long-term trend?**

# Water and Climate Resilience Metrics

## OBJECTIVES

1

Track and document long term trends and shifts in observed data owned/managed by SFWMD

2

Advance the understanding of the climate change impacts over the District's mission

3

Report and Communicate the water and climate resilience aspects, and the associated science

4

Support the assessment of future conditions, and propose uniform guidelines.

# Water and Climate Resilience Metrics

## BENEFITS

Stronger SFWMD planning capacity by documenting and publishing observed trends districtwide, based on best available data analysis and science-based approaches

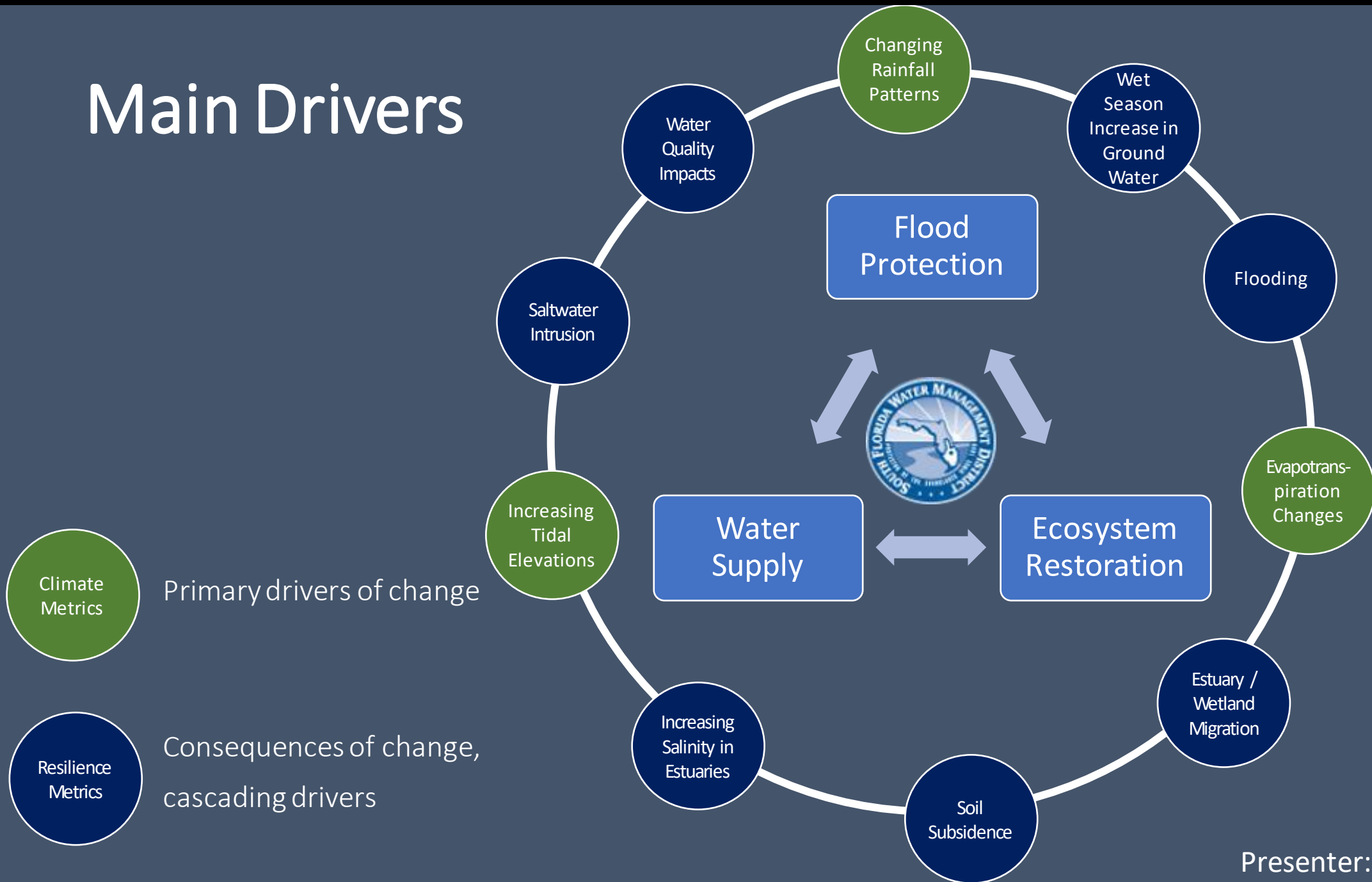
Better substantiated modeling assumptions and risk informed operational decisions

Smarter infrastructure investment decisions, supported by robust assessment of current and anticipated future climate conditions

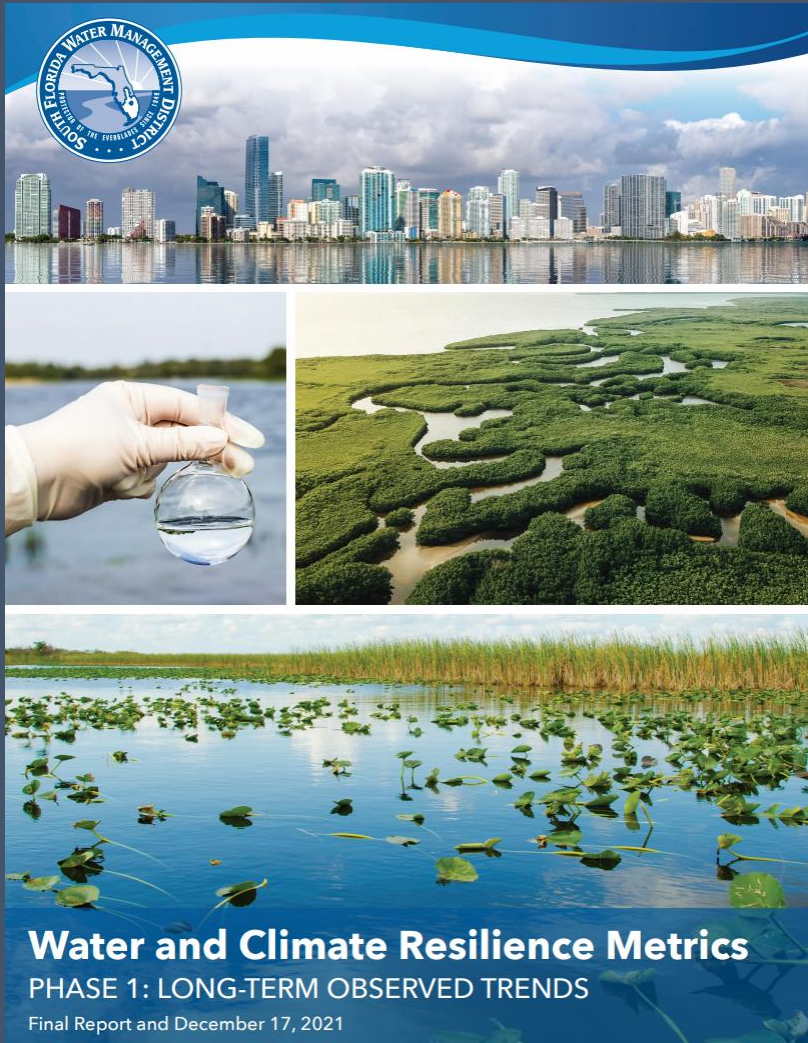
More educated and engaged stakeholders and partner agencies in water resilience aspects

Enhanced resilience of District's projects, regarding observed or expected changes in climate

# Main Drivers



# Internal Workgroup Final Report



Stakeholder Comment (USGS): “the report represents a *comprehensive and insightful* review of available data that will help guide the South Florida Water Management District in their many critical directives in water-resources management over the long term. Pulling all of this information together and providing the data analysis will *make this document invaluable* not just for the SFWMD, but also many of the *stakeholders and other resource-managers* within the district boundaries. It may also serve as a template for the other WMDs in *pointing to data and analysis needed for long-term planning under changing conditions.*”

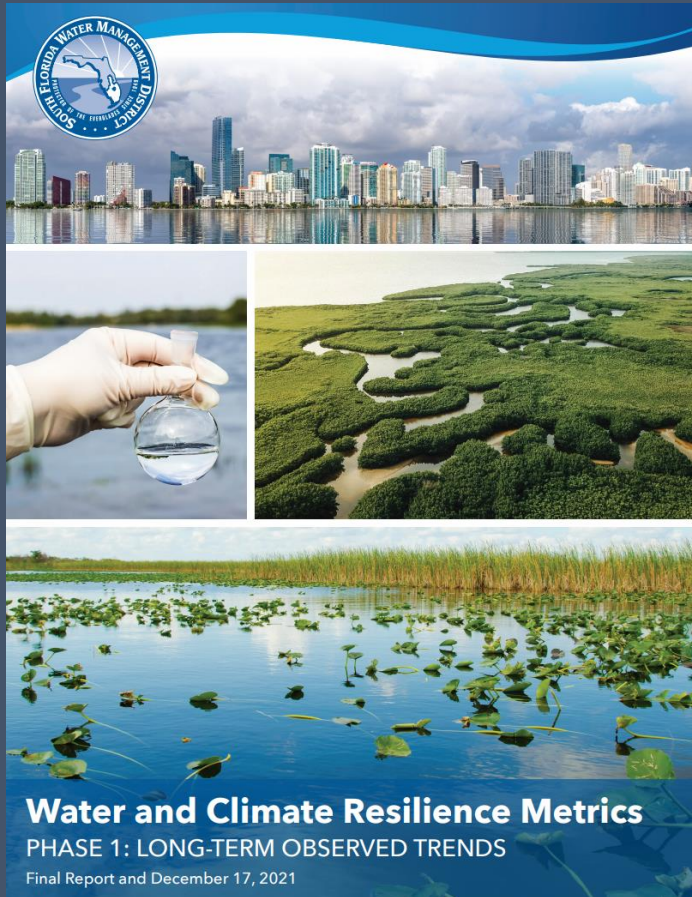
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# Bringing Water and Climate Resilience Metrics to the South Florida Environmental Report (SFER), and the District Resilience Metrics Hub



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## South Florida Environmental Report (SFER)



## Resilience Metrics Hub



# SFER ANNUAL REPORTING

- Home for scientific discussions
  - Provides the public with the science and data used to drive decisions at the SFWMD.
- Documents restoration, water quality, scientific and engineering accomplishments in South Florida each Water Year (May 1 – April 30).



# SFER ANNUAL REPORTING - 2022

- Resilience Metrics Content:
  - Chapter 2A
    - Same content previously featured in Chapter 2
    - With the addition extreme hydrological event summaries
  - Chapter 2B – Water and Climate Resilience Metrics
    - Rainfall
    - Evapotranspiration
    - Tidal Elevations at Coastal Structures
    - Water Quality
- Important dates:
  - Monday January 17 – Draft opens for public review
  - Tuesday March 1 – Final 2022 SFER Published

## Chapter 2B: Water and Climate Resilience Metrics

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### BACKGROUND

This chapter introduces the Water and Climate Resilience Metrics, being established by SFWMD Resiliency Team, in collaboration with technical leads from Hydrology and Hydraulics, Water Supply, Water Quality, Applied Science, Hydrology and Hydraulics, and geospatial information technology services, and with contributions from the overall District teams.

The Water and Climate Resilience Metrics effort was initiated in June 2020 with the goal of tracking and documenting trends and shifts in water and climate data monitored by SFWMD. This effort supports SFWMD's resiliency goals of ensuring ecosystem restoration, flood protection, and water supply mission elements accounting for current and future climate conditions, in collaboration with local, state, and federal agencies in South Florida.

Although many aspects of climate change are still uncertain, SFWMD is assessing its current and predicted impacts on South Florida's ecosystems and water resources. The combination of changes to climate variables such as rainfall, temperature, evapotranspiration, and their consequential impacts such as sea level rise, saltwater intrusion, and groundwater elevation, has the potential of substantially altering water management system operations and infrastructure needs.

As part of its role of coordinating scientific data and research to ensure SFWMD's resilience planning and projects are founded on the best-available science, SFWMD Resiliency team, under the leadership of the Executive Team, has prioritized the analysis of its monitored water and climate data. The continuous observation of trends and shifts in this data serves as the foundation for more robust infrastructure planning and operational decisions, with consideration of how sea level rise and extreme events, including flood and drought events, happen under current and future climate conditions, and how they affect water resources management. As a result of still relative uncertainty, the assessment of climate change impacts on South Florida's water resources and ecosystems are based on the best-available science, along with the collective experience and best professional judgment of District technical staff.

As part of SFWMD's communication and public engagement priorities, the advancement of Water and Climate Resilience Metrics provides continued information to stakeholders, the general public, and partner agencies, while supporting local resilience strategies. The ultimate purpose of these efforts is to ensure water resources and ecosystems resilience for the present and in the future.

# RESILIENCE METRICS HUB: [SFWMD Resiliency \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com)



## Miami-Dade Rainfall Trend

Trend analyses of average rainfall during the wet season in the Miami-Dade rainfall basin does not show a statistically significant...



## Palm Beach Rainfall Trend

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## Southwest Coast Rainfall Trends

Trend analyses of average rainfall during the wet season in the Southwest Coast rainfall basin shows a statistically significant...



## Upper Kissimmee Rainfall Trends

Trend analyses of average rainfall during the wet season in the Upper Kissimmee rainfall basin does not show a statistically significant...



## Water Conservation Area 1 and 2 Rainfall Trends

Trend analyses of average rainfall during the wet season in Water Conservation Area (WCA) 1 and 2 rainfall basin does not show a statistically significant...



## Water Conservation Area 3 Rainfall Trends

Trend analyses of average rainfall during the wet season in Water Conservation Area 3 rainfall basin does not show a statistically significant...

- Living data hub
  - Offers the flexibility to bring new and different types of data
  - Will be regularly updated
- A tool to support our region
  - Making data readily available
  - Advance additional scientific analysis
- Full implementation and automation in 2022



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- Story Maps for:
  - Estuarine Inland Migration in the Everglades
  - Salinity in the Everglades
  - Soil Subsidence
  - Saltwater Interface
- Under development:
  - *Rainfall*
  - *Tidal Elevations at Coastal Structures and SLR*
- Future plans

## Emerging Trends in Regional Resiliency



Regional Rainfall

Changes in rainfall patterns will impact people and ecosystems by altering the amount of water in our region throughout t...



Elevations at Coastal Structures and Sea Level Rise

Tailwater and headwater elevations at coastal structures represent how sea level rise affects stormwater discharge capacity in South...



Saltwater Intrusion in Coastal Aquifers

The inland migration of saltwater poses a threat to water supply and critical freshwater habitats.



Salinity in the Everglades

The salinization of previously freshwater systems poses threats to several factors.



Estuarine and Mangrove Inland Migration

Trends in Estuarine Inland Migration provide insights to the impacts of sea level rise in coastal areas and the Everglades.



Soil Subsidence in South Florida

Maintaining soil elevations within coastal and intertidal habitats, as sea level changes, is an indicator of long-term stability of coastal.

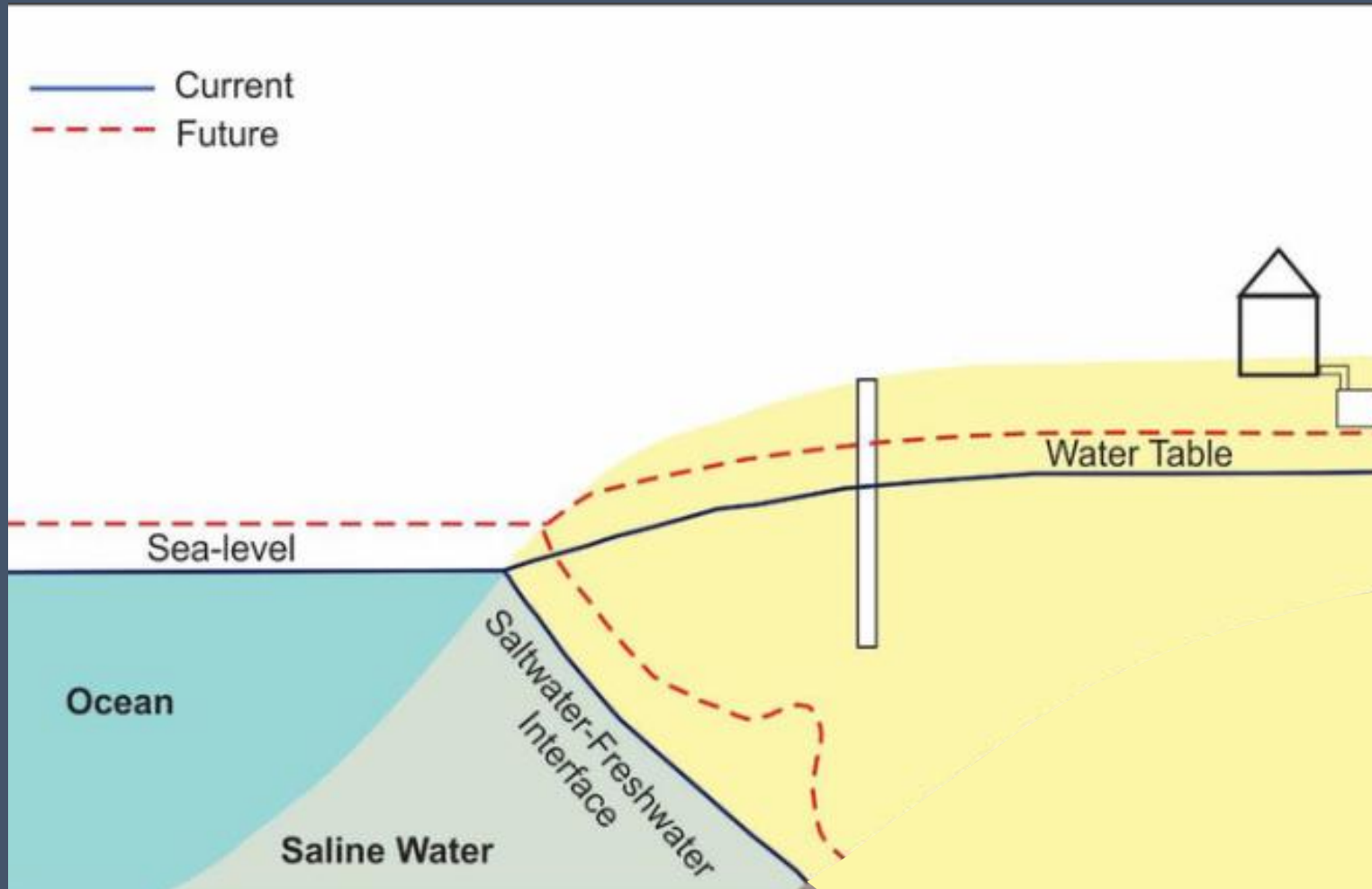
# Observed Trends in Groundwater: Groundwater Stages and Saltwater Intrusion



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# Groundwater Stages and Saltwater Intrusion

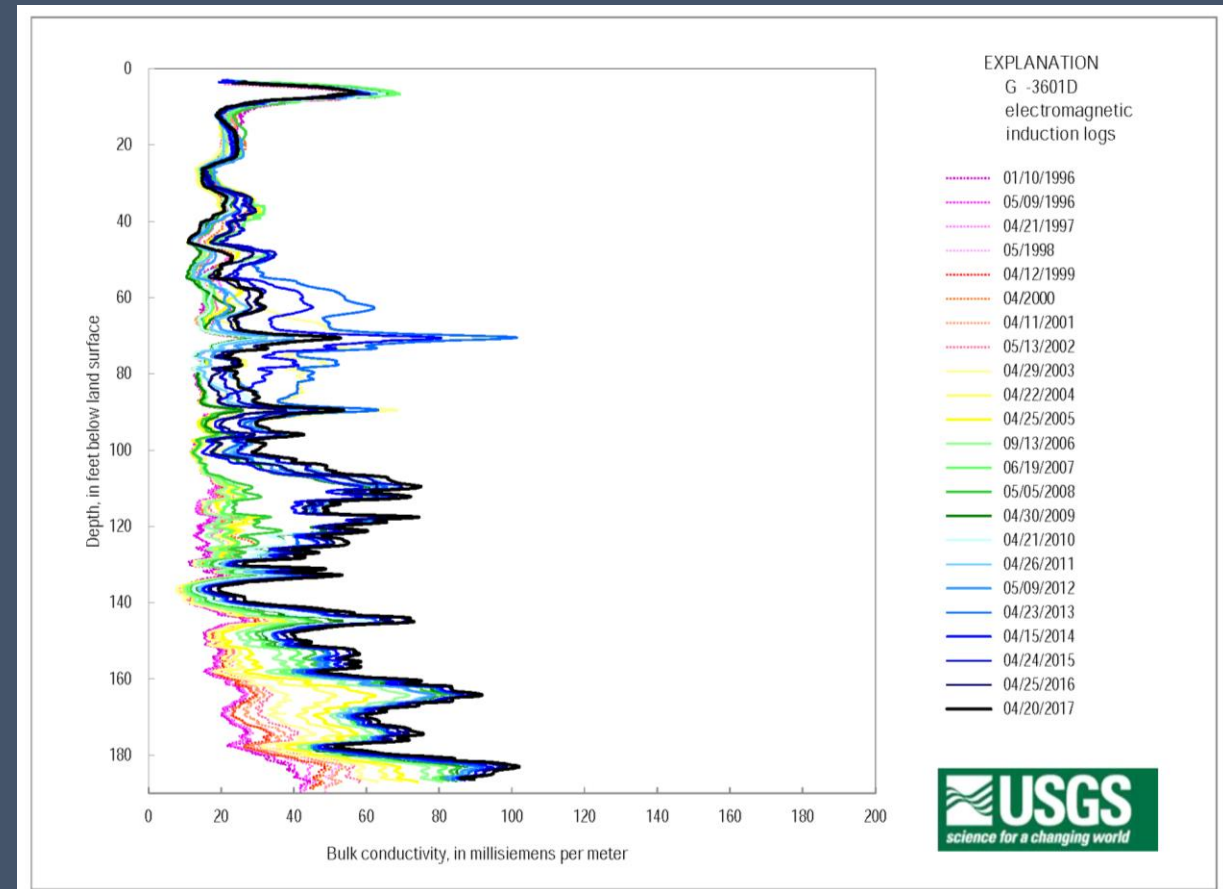
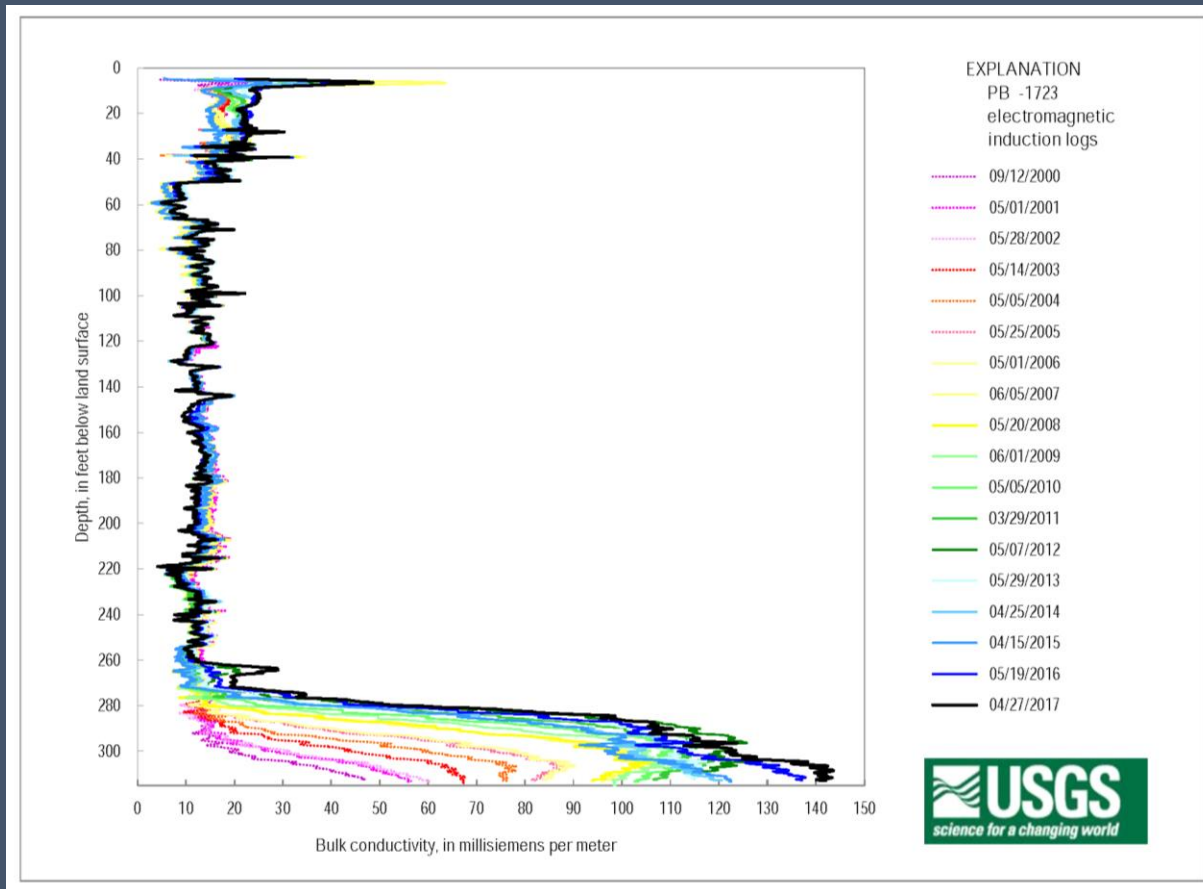


Sea level rise causes denser saltwater further inland and freshwater floating atop it to rise.

## Impacts

- Saline water further inland, reduced freshwater gradient
- Inland flooding from higher groundwater, reduced storm water storage capacity

# Saltwater Intrusion Monitoring – Induction Logs



**Collier County - Lower West Coast**

This geological cross-section (B-B') illustrates the subsurface geology and hydrogeology of the Lower West Coast of Collier County. The vertical axis represents Altitude in feet NGVD 29, ranging from -175 to 25. The horizontal axis represents Distance in miles, ranging from 0 to 1.75.

**Geological Features:**

- Water table aquifer (BEM Aquifer layer 1):** Shown in light blue, located near the surface.
- Confining unit (BEM Aquitard layer 1):** Shown in yellow, separating the water table aquifer from the lower aquifer.
- Lower Tamiamiq aquifer (BEM Aquifer layer 2):** Shown in red, located below the confining unit.

**Wells and Chloride Concentrations:**

- PB-17:** 233 mg/L
- PB-14:** 212 mg/L
- 032485:** 76 mg/L
- 032487 R:** 500 mg/L
- PB-13:** 36 mg/L
- PB-12:** 18 mg/L
- C-480 inactive:** 180 mg/L
- C-1061 inactive:** 14 mg/L
- C-515 inactive:** 110 mg/L
- C-489:** 94.7 mg/L
- PWS wells 20-24:** 94.7 mg/L
- 323 D:** 94.7 mg/L

**Chloride Concentration Trends:**

- 250 mg/L isochlor:** Dashed line indicating the boundary of the 250 mg/L chloride concentration.
- Increasing chloride concentration:** Indicated by a red arrow pointing towards the right side of the cross-section.
- 30 mg/L:** Maximum chloride concentration sampled.

**EXPLANATION**

- 250 mg/L isochlor, dashed where insufficient information.
- 30 mg/L Maximum chloride concentration sampled.



# Saltwater Intrusion

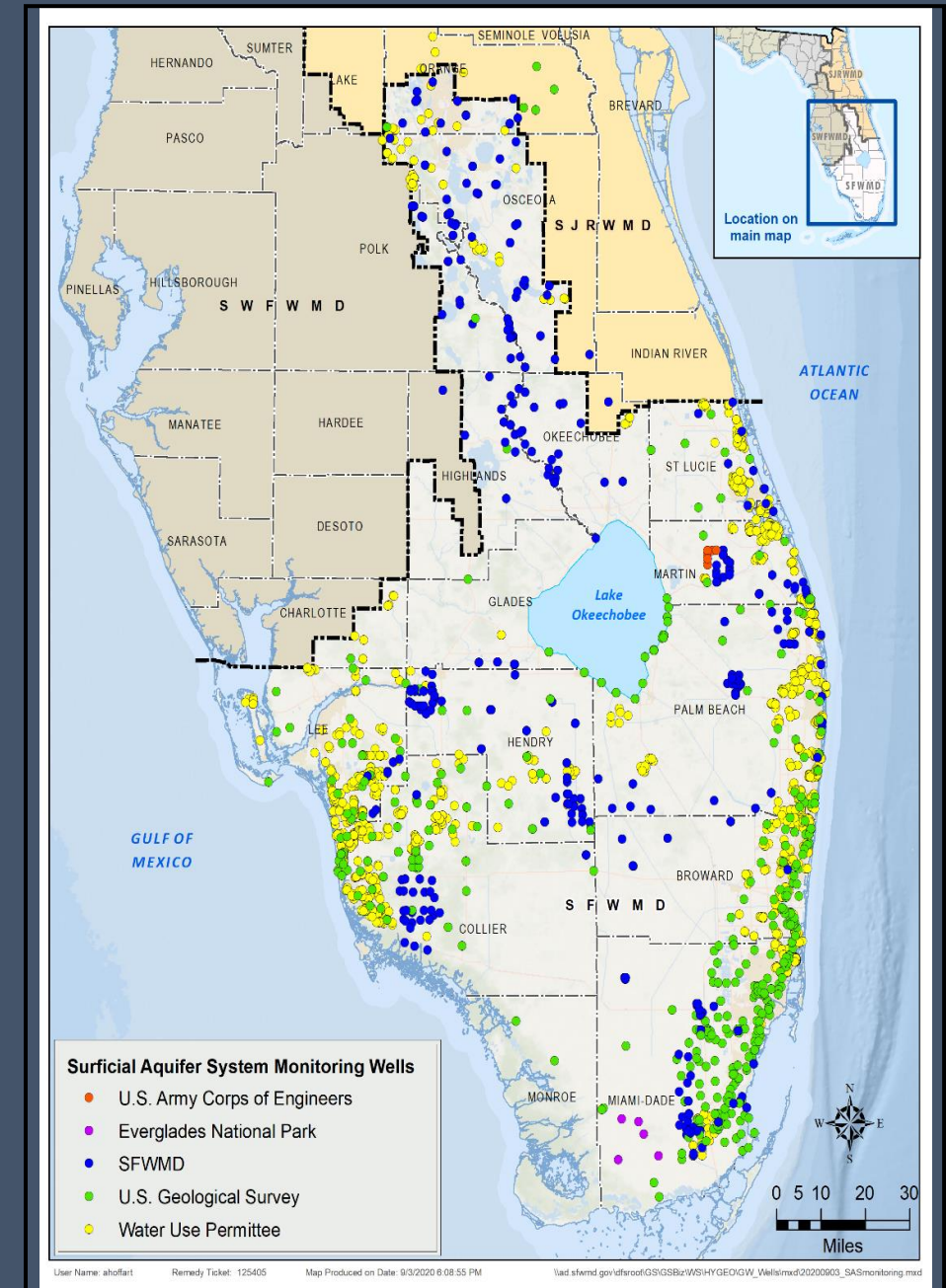
BACKWARD LOOKING: Utility Wellfield	# of wells abandoned
Deerfield Beach PWS	2
Dania Beach PWS	1
Broward County 3A/3B Wellfields	9
Broward County 2a Wellfield	3
Hollywood – North & Plant wellfields	10
Lake Worth Utilities – East Wells	7
Manalapan PWS	3

FORWARD LOOKING	Utilities Identified in Most Recent Water Supply Plan		
Water Supply Planning Region	Total Utilities	More Vulnerable (no alternative)	Vulnerable ( but has alternative)
Lower East Coast	52	6	8
Lower West Coast	22	0	4
Upper East Coast	17	0	4

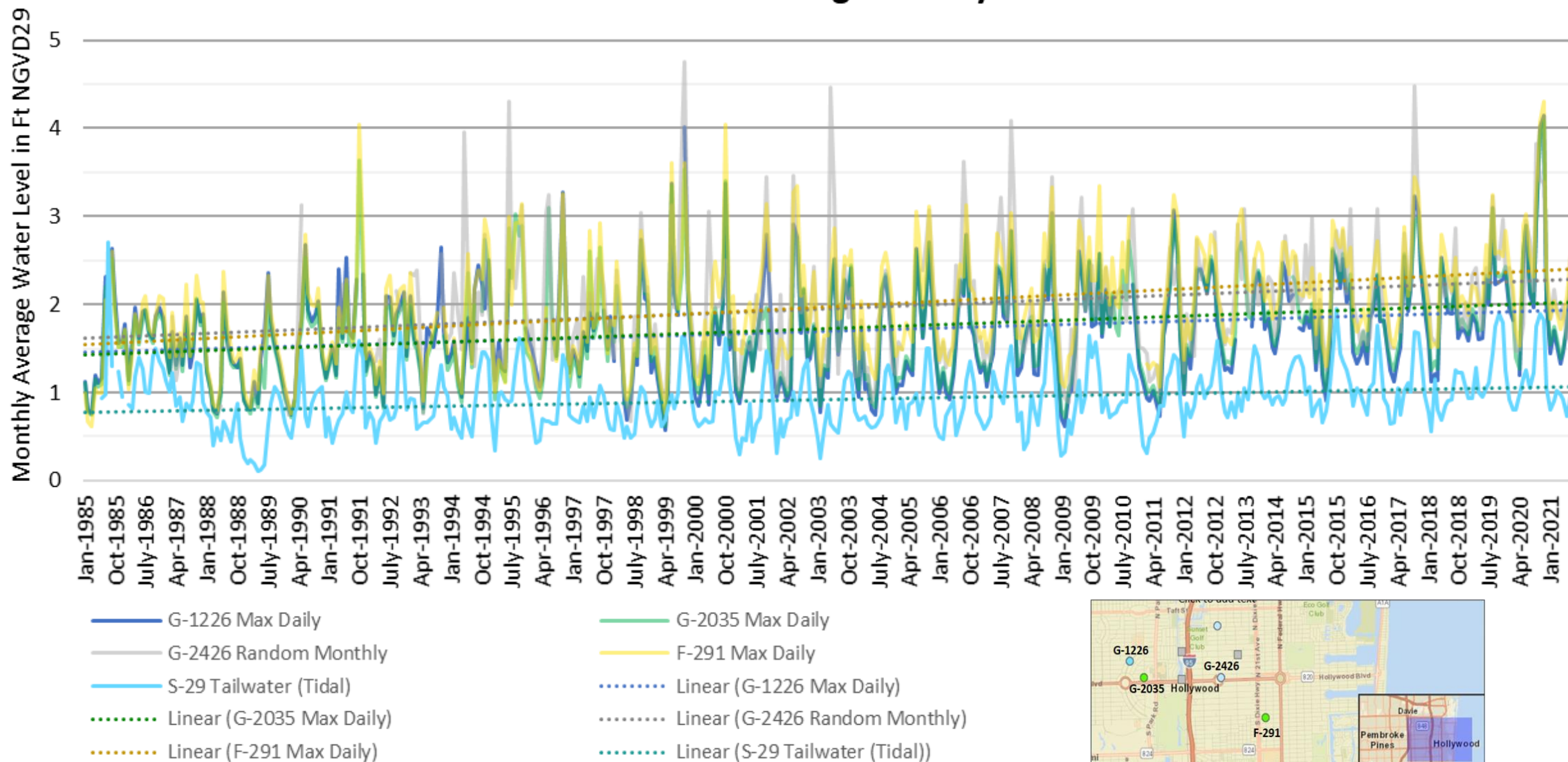
# Groundwater Stages



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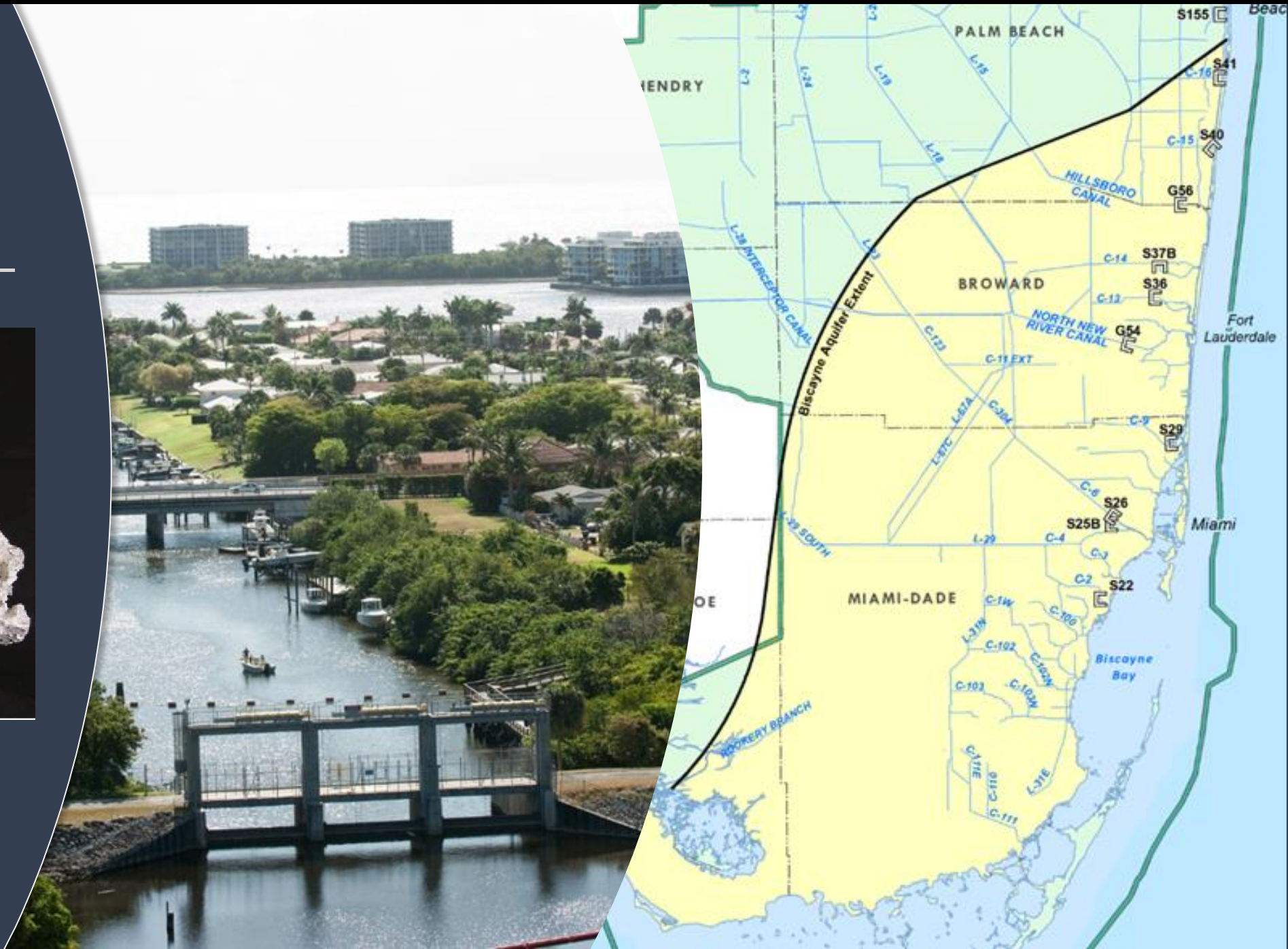
## Groundwater and Tidal Stages - Hollywood Area



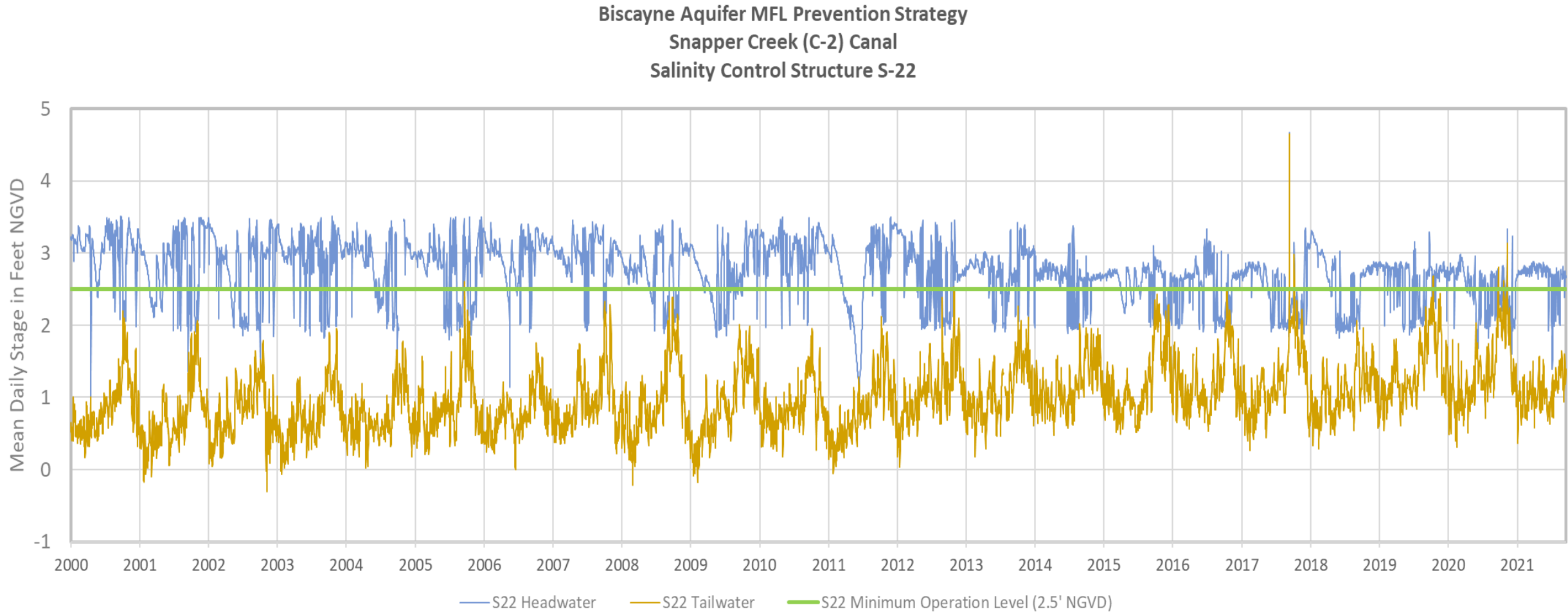
# Biscayne Aquifer MFL



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# Biscayne Aquifer Minimum Flow and Minimum Water Level Prevention Strategy

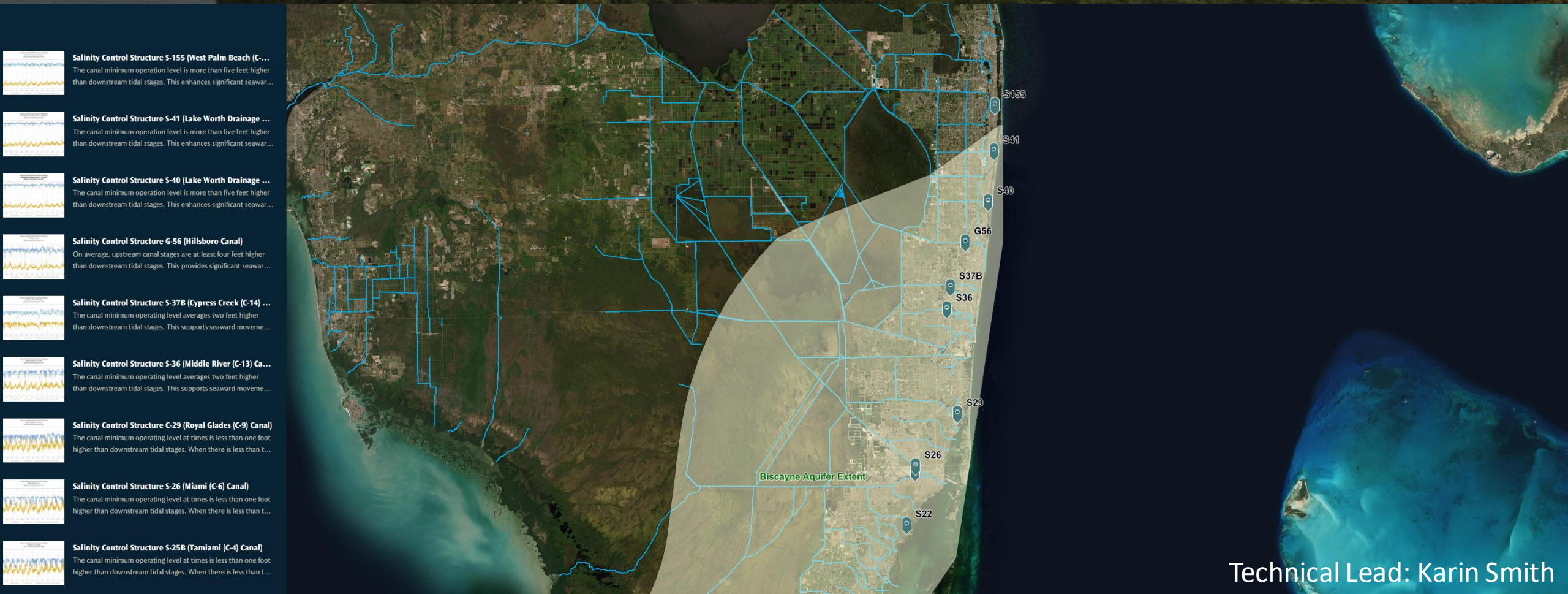


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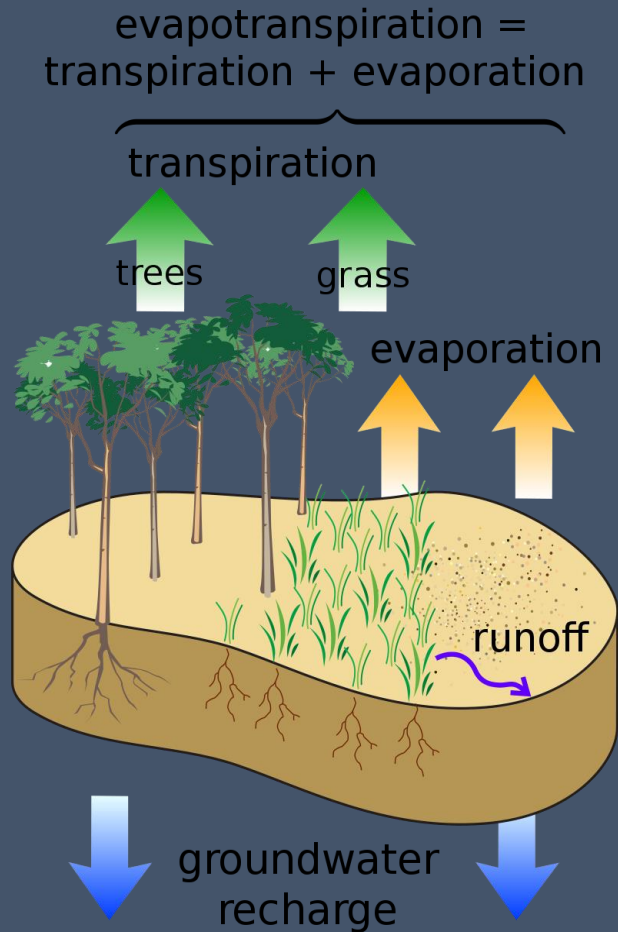
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# Observed Trends in Evapotranspiration



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# Evapotranspiration (ET)



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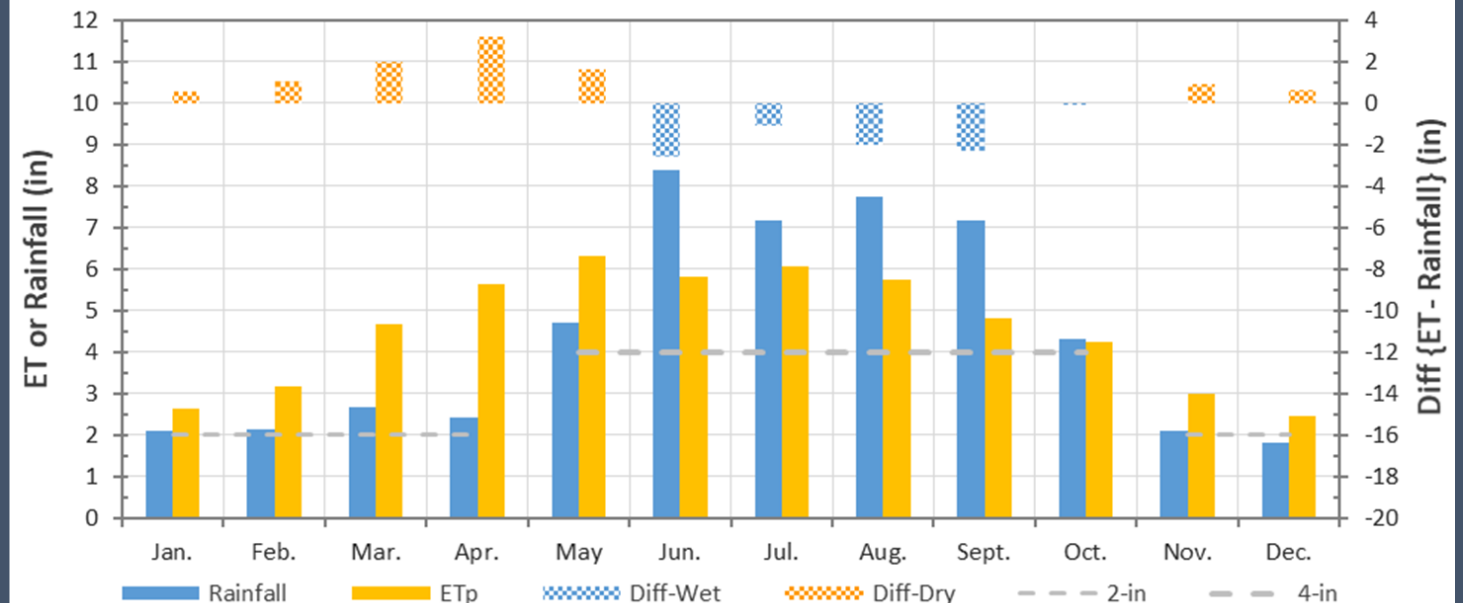
Pan Evaporation:  
(popular most)



Lysimeter:  
(direct measure of ETp)



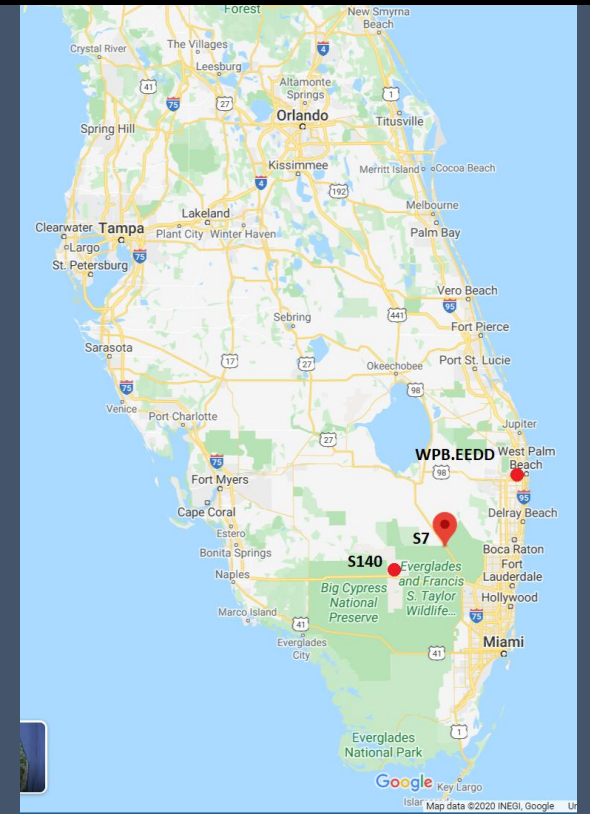
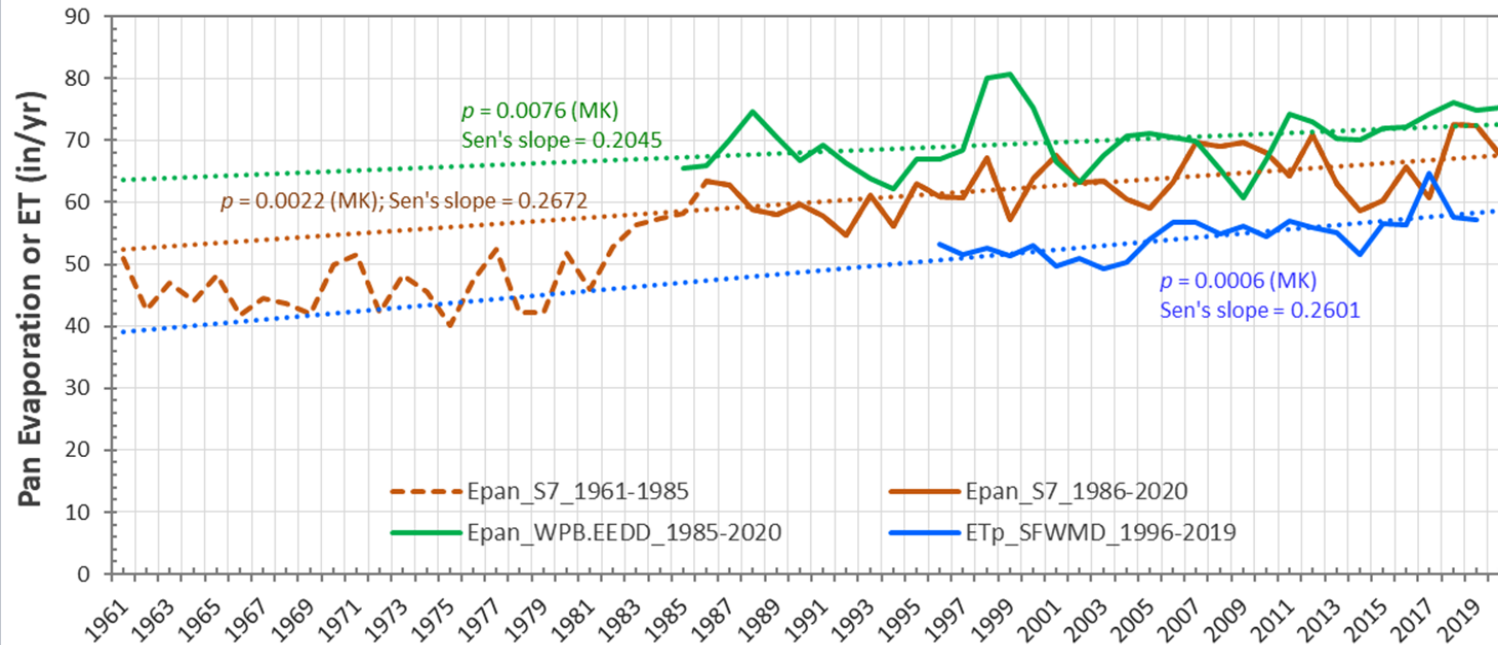
Average Monthly ETp Rainfall & Differences At SFWMD



(Data of Rainfall & ET: District-wide Average over the Past 25 Years.)

# Evapotranspiration (ET)

## Trends Of Annual Epan & ETp At SFWMD (1961-2020)



### Selection Criteria:

1. Period of Records  $\geq 25$  Years;
2. Still in Operation (for future trend watch).

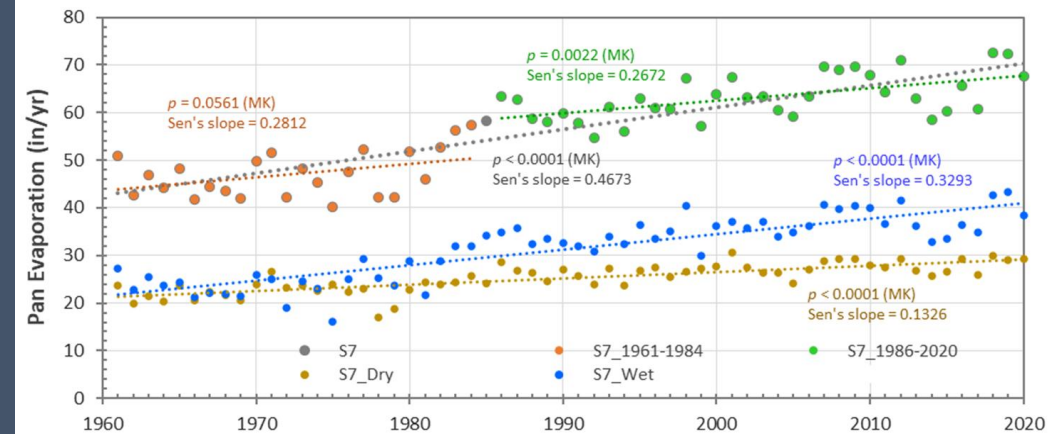
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### Three Selected Stations/Sets:

EVAP (2): **S7** (SFWMD), **WPB.EEDD** (City of WPB)

ET (1): **District** (USGS or Univ. of Alabama)

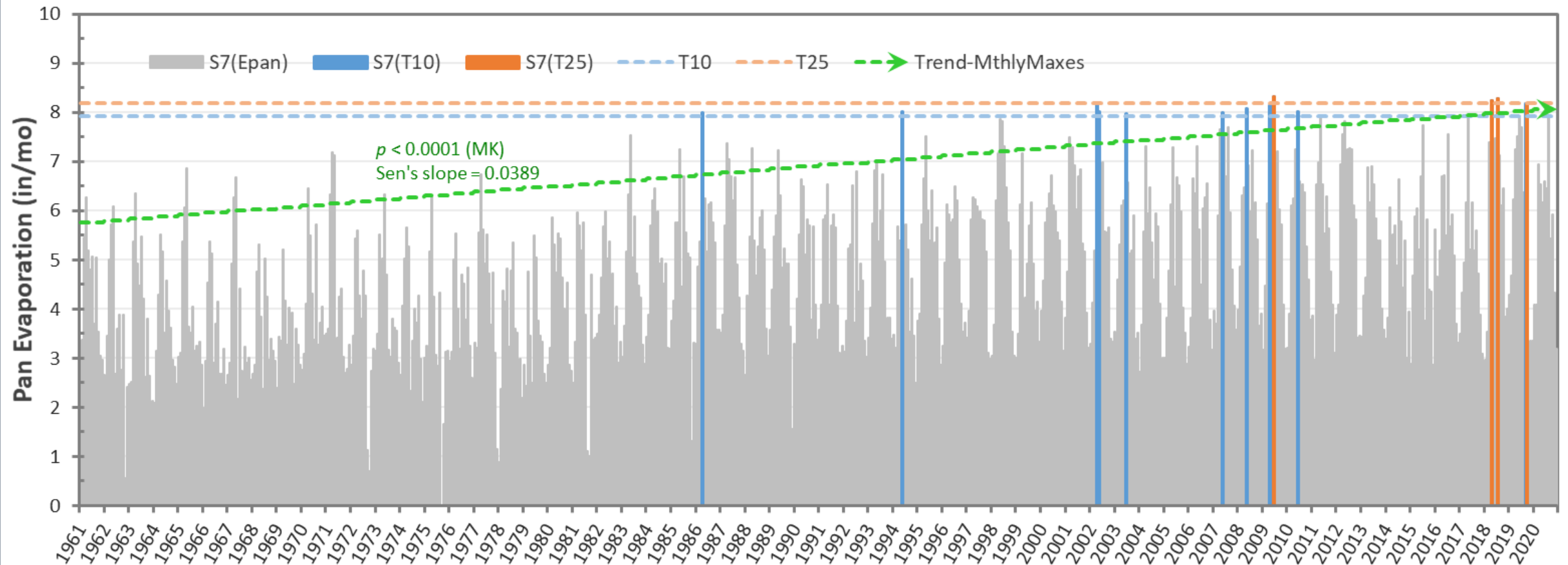
## Trends Of Annual & Seasonal Epan At S7 (1961-2020)



# Evapotranspiration (ET)

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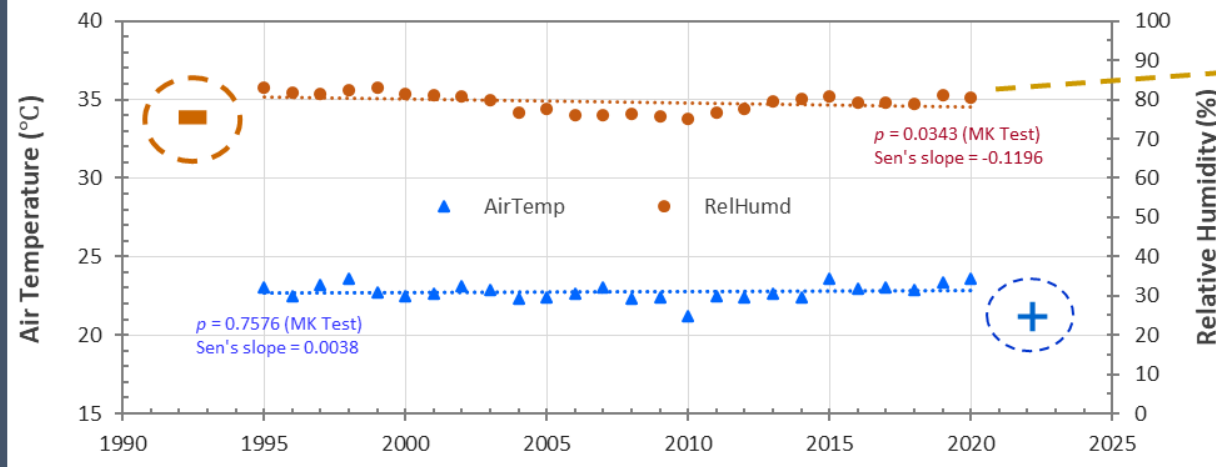
## Monthly Epan & Occurrence Of Large Events At S7 (1961-2020)



# Evapotranspiration (ET)

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Trends Of Air Temperature & Relative Humidity At SFWMD

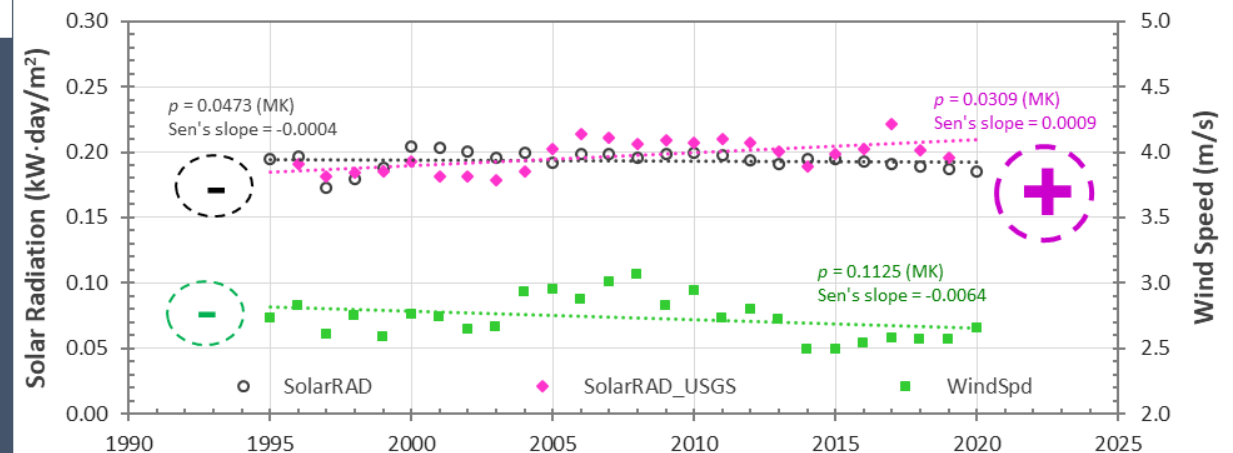


Relative Humidity ↓ = Vapor Pressure Deficit ↑

## Driving Factors:

1. Solar Radiation
2. Relative Humidity (or Vapor Pressure Deficit)
3. Air Temperature
4. Wind Speed

Trends Of Solar Radiation & Wind Speed At SFWMD

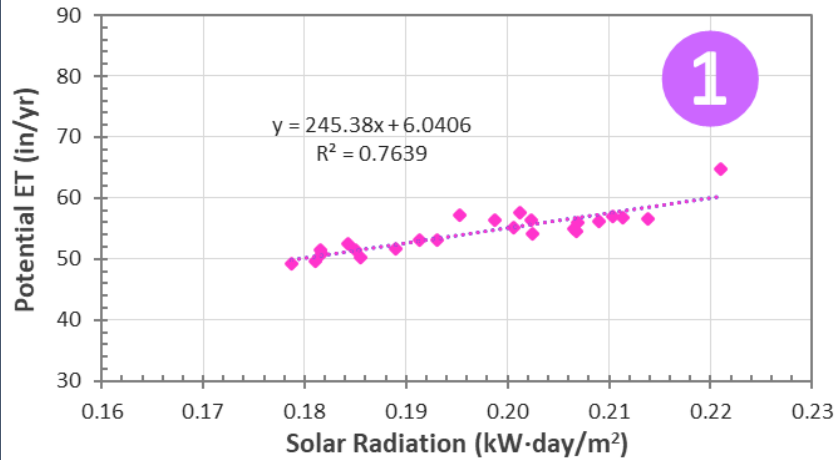


# Evapotranspiration (ET)

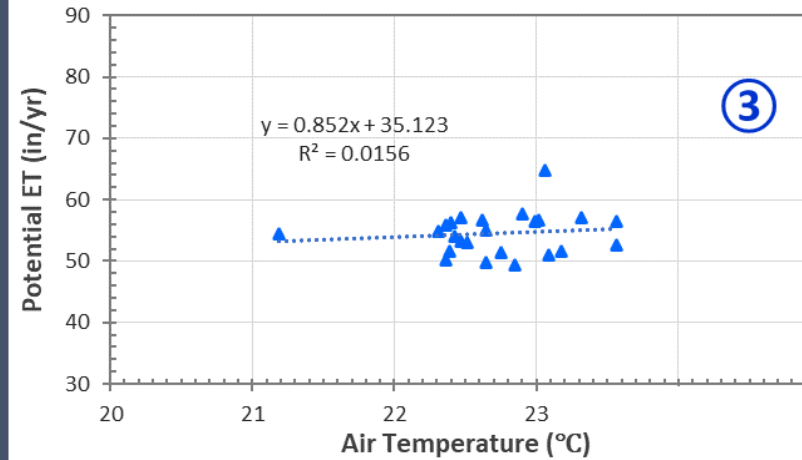
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Period of Records:  
1995 - 2020

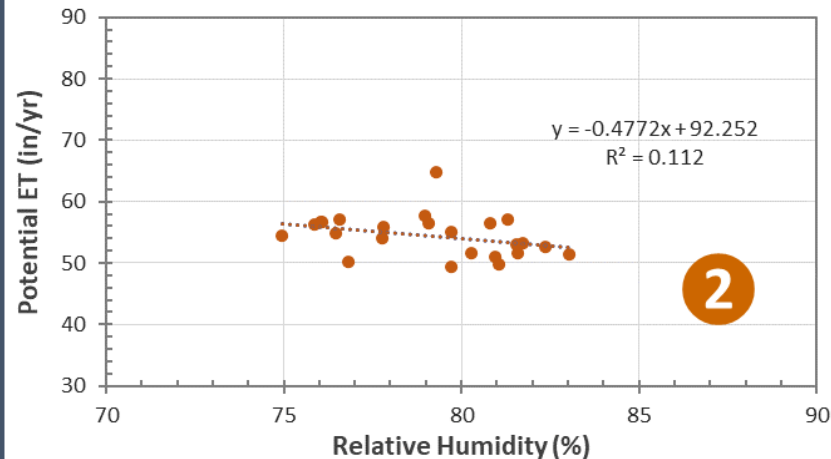
SolarRAD vs. ETp @ SFWMD



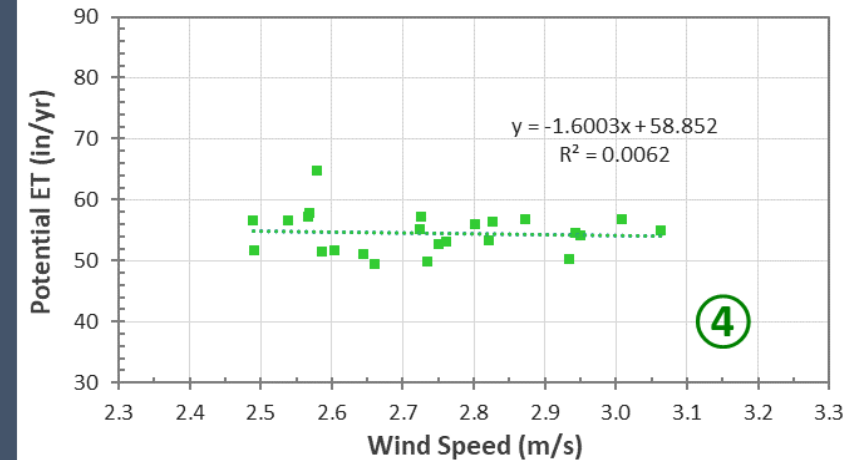
AirTemp vs. ETp @ SFWMD



RelHumd vs. ETp @ SFWMD



WindSpd vs. ETp @ SFWMD



# Evapotranspiration (ET)

## Summary

- # Upward Trend starting back to 60 years ago ( $\uparrow$  ET);
- # The averaged Change Rate: +0.25 in/yr (+6.35 mm/yr);
- # Major Driving Variables: Solar Radiation ( $\uparrow$ ), Relative Humidity ( $\downarrow$ ).

# Water Quality

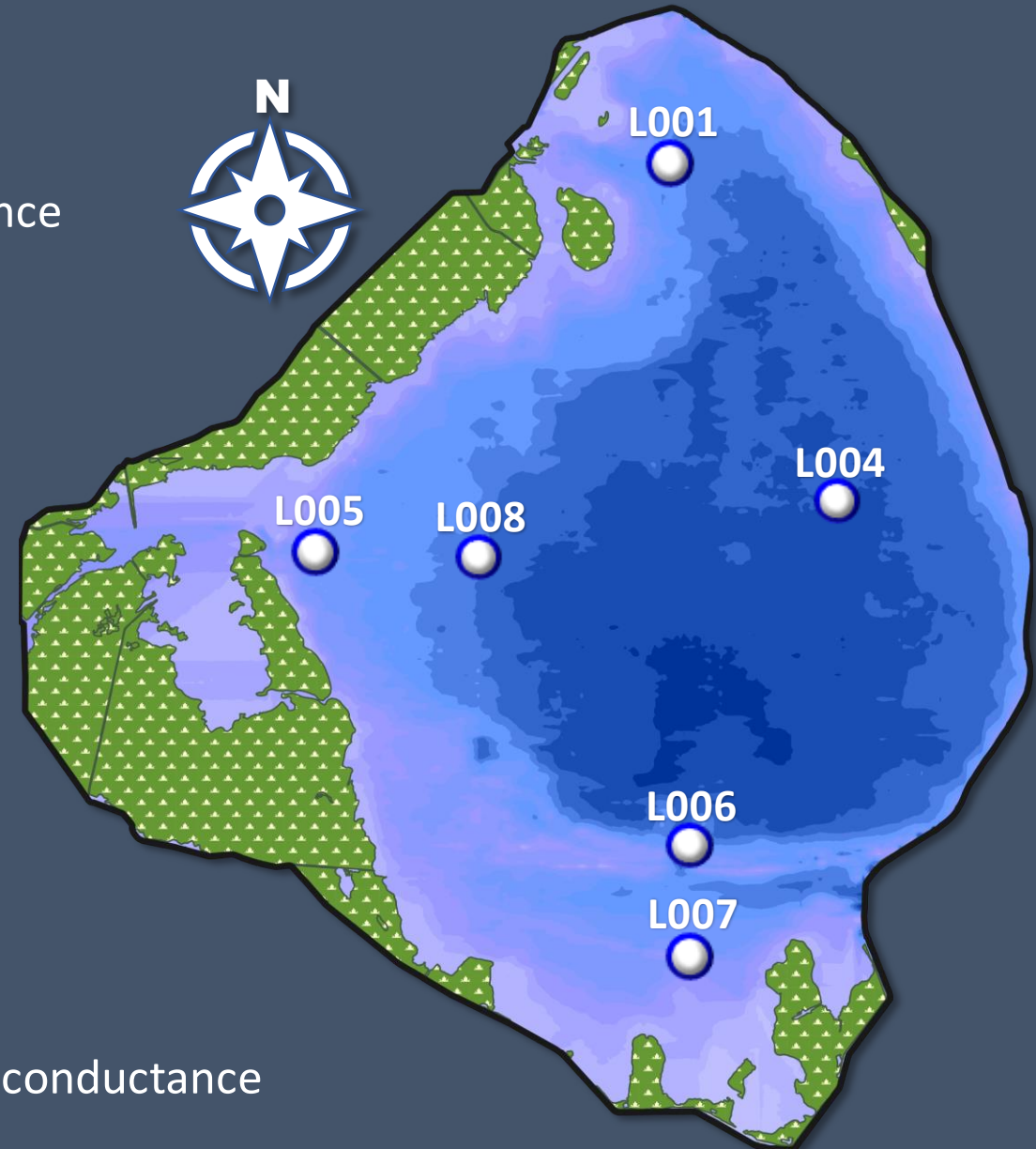


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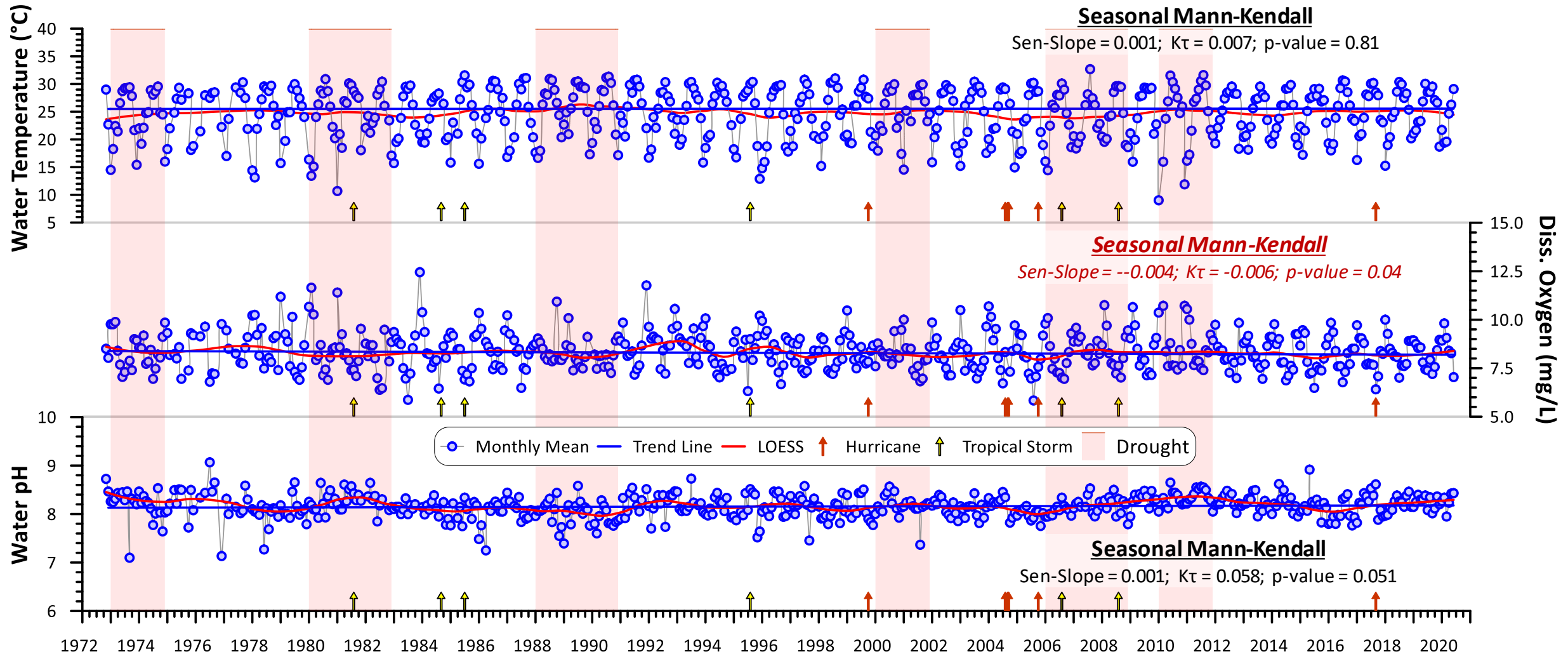
Principal Scientist  
Water Quality Bureau

# Water Quality

- **List of water quality parameters**
  - Temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH, specific conductance
- **Water quality data used for six in-lake stations**
  - L001, L004, L005, L006, L007, and L008
  - Stations have longest data records
- **48-year period of record retrieved**
  - November 1972 – June 2020
  - Data retrieved from District corporate database, DBHYDRO
  - Data aggregated as monthly means
  - Identified climatic events (droughts, tropical storms)
- **Analyses performed**
  - Seasonal Mann-Kendall trend analyses
  - Potential interpretation of observed trend for specific conductance

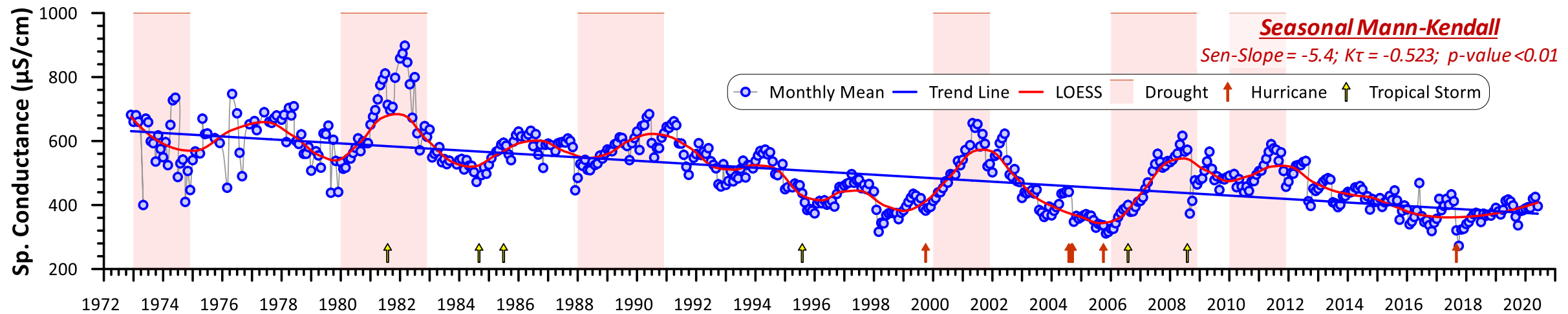


# Temperature, Diss. Oxygen, pH – Trend Analysis



Water temperature and water pH data do not show statistically significant trends (p-value  $\geq 0.05$ ). Diss. oxygen data exhibited a statistically significant decreasing trend. The annual rates of change for all three parameters (Sen-slopes) are not measurable over the period of record.

# Specific Conductance – Trend Analysis



- A measurable and significant decrease was observed for specific conductance
- Over 48-year period, specific conductance decreased significantly by 40% (~660  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  in 1973 to ~400  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  in 2020)
- Seasonal variations in specific conductance are caused by evaporation (increase in specific conductance during droughts and dry season months) and precipitation (decrease in specific conductance during tropical events and wet season months)
- Typical specific conductance for Florida lakes is 385  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  (Hand 2004)

Hand, J (2004). Typical Water Quality Values for Florida's Lakes, Streams, and Estuaries. Watershed Assessment Section, Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Tallahassee, Florida.

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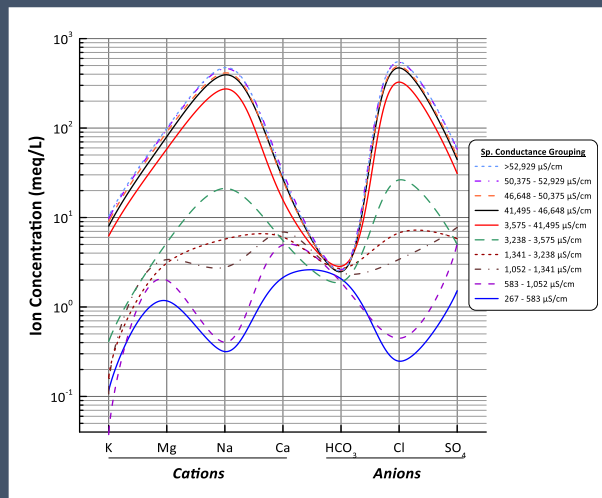
Statistical Significance at  $p\text{-value} < 0.05$

# Major Ions in Lake Okeechobee

- Period of record major ions were retrieved from DBHYDRO for the in-lake stations ( $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{K}^+$ ,  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Cl}^-$ ,  $\text{HCO}_3^{2-}$ ,  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ )
- Ions were summarized by decade and graphically presented using Schoeller plots and Stiff diagrams

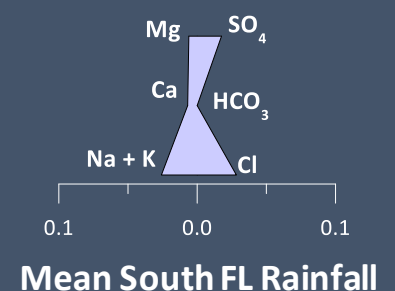
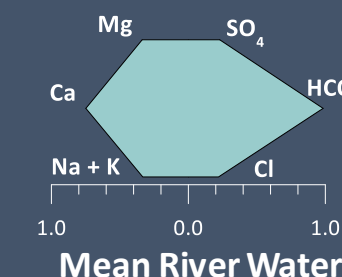
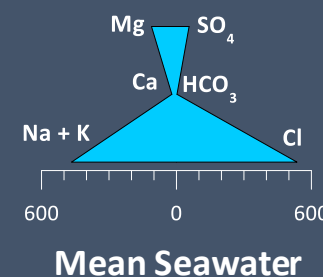
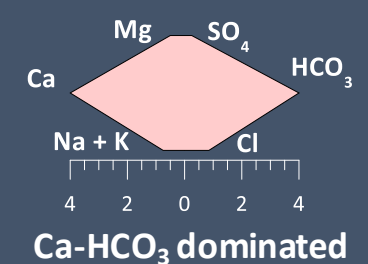
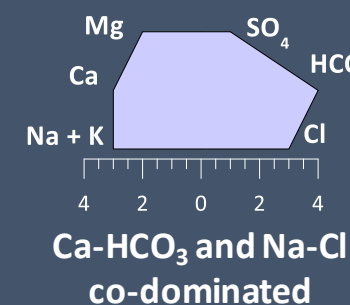
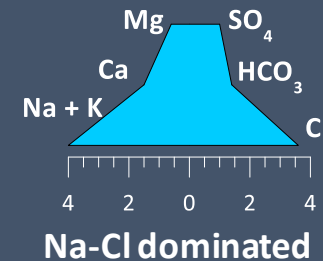
## Schoeller Plots

- Plots are used to present major ion concentration groups (cations and anions) and demonstrate different hydro-chemical water types
- Plots can also be used to show changes in ionic composition by identifying dominant ion pairs (cations and anions)



## Stiff Diagrams

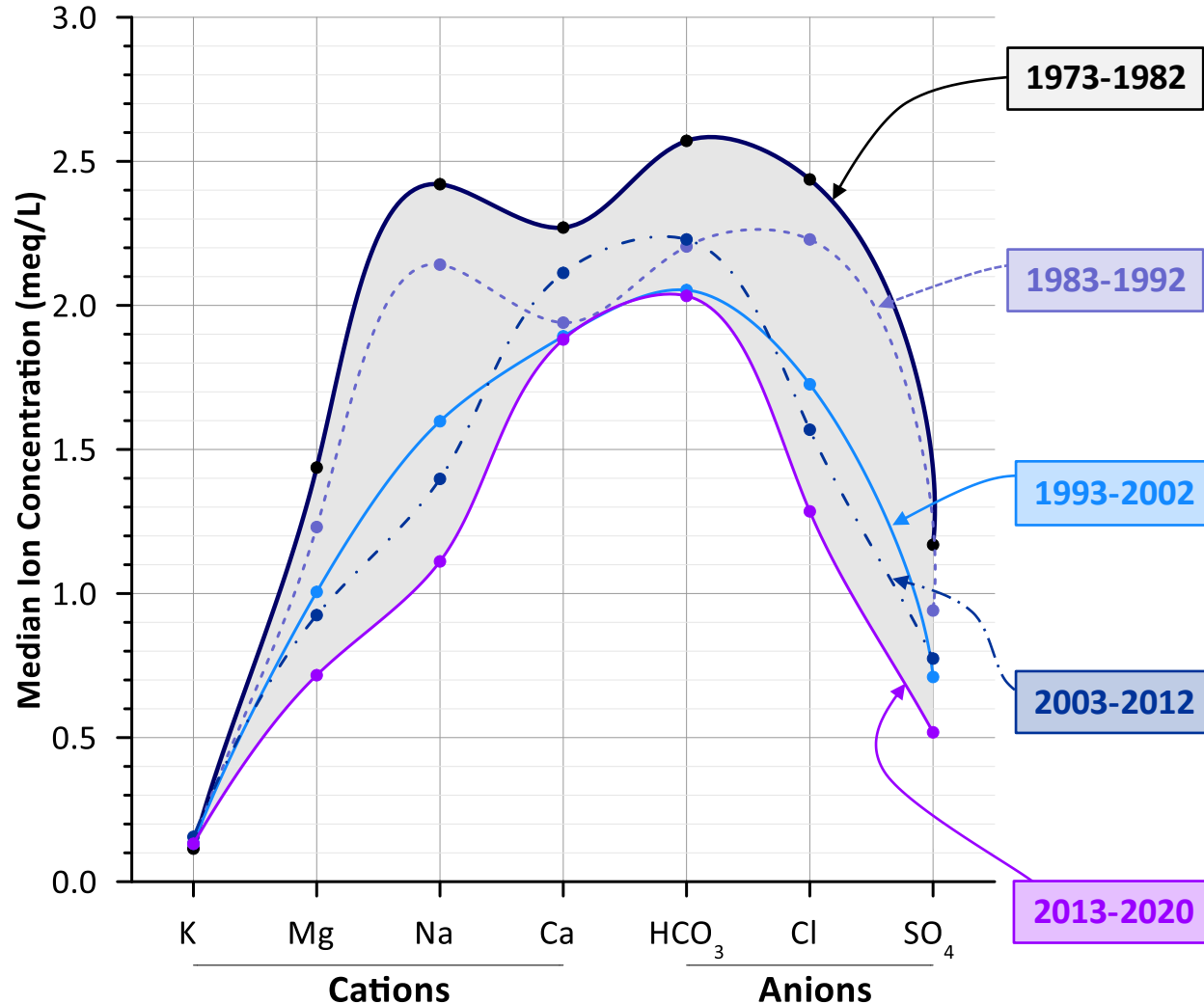
- Resulting polygon shape extends from either side of the zero axis with cations presented on the left side and anions presented on the right side. All ions are plotted in units of meq/L.
- Stiff patterns are a useful method for making rapid visual comparisons between waters from different sources/types.



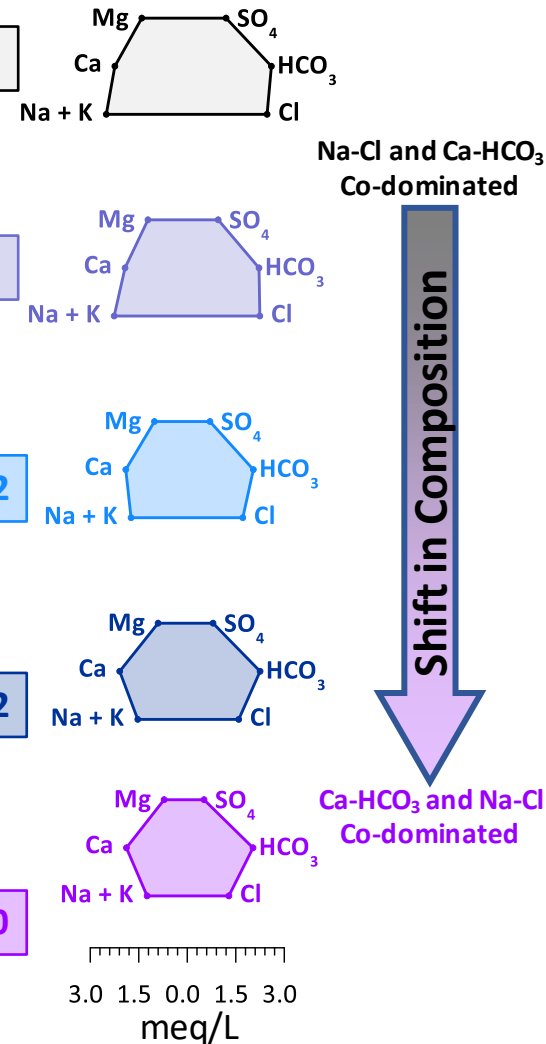
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## Changes in Lake Okeechobee Ionic Composition

### Schoeller Plots

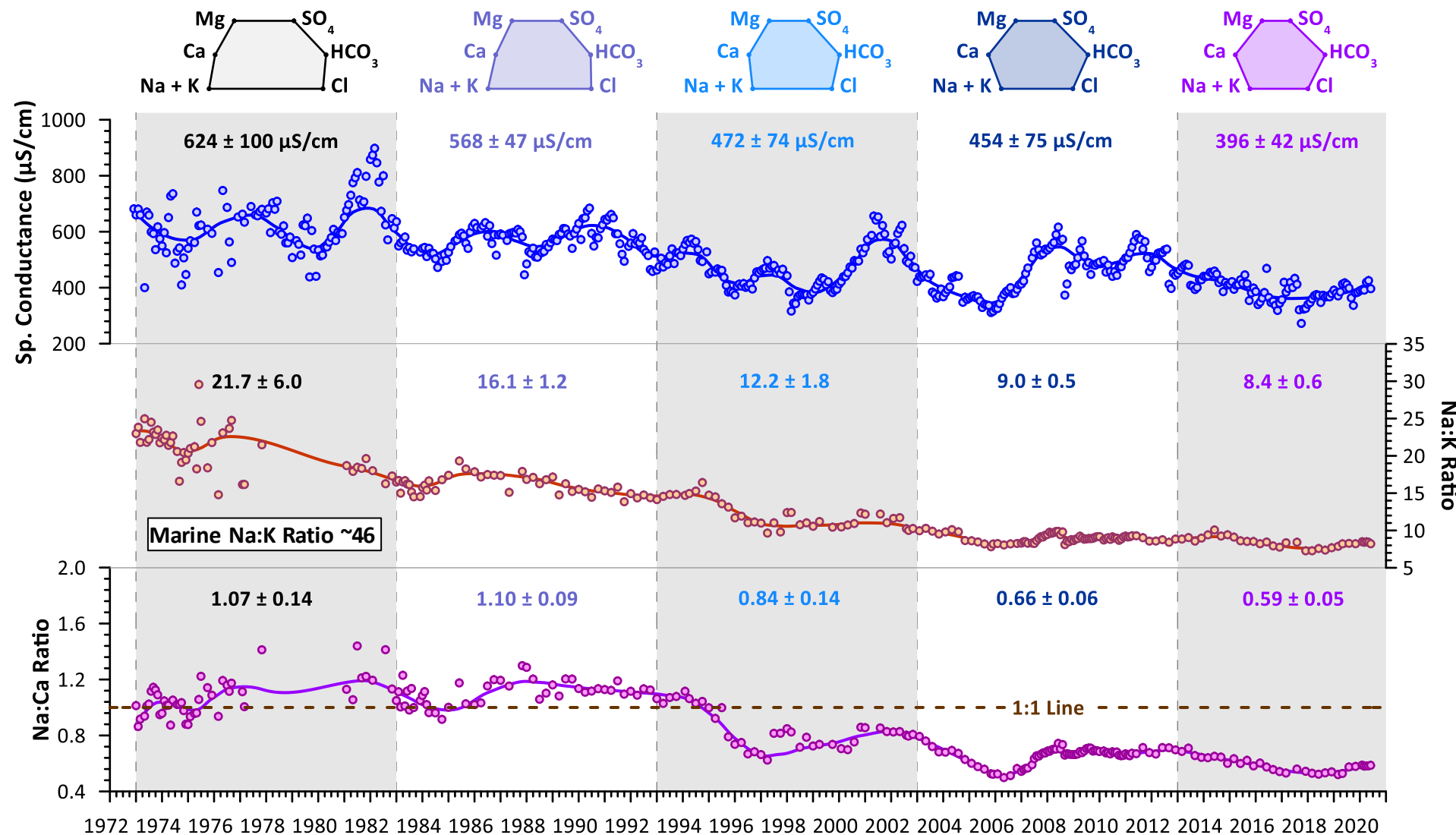


### Stiff Diagrams



- Decadal median concentrations were calculated for each ion
- These median values were used to generate Schoeller plots and Stiff diagrams
- Results show a decadal change in the ionic composition of lake water
  - 1973–1992: More Na-Cl dominated during higher specific conductance
  - 2003–2020: More Ca-HCO<sub>3</sub> dominated with lower specific conductance
- Shift in ionic composition appears to mirror the observed change/decrease in specific conductance as shown on the next slide

# Changes in Lake Okeechobee Ionic Composition



- Decadal shift in ion composition follows the changes to specific conductance
- Na:K and Na:Ca ratios were analyzed to explore potential sources
- 1973 – 1982 period Na:K ratios were higher and approached a mean seawater ratio of 46 suggesting a potentially more marine-like source (e.g., connate seawater)
- 1973-1993 period Na:Ca ratios were greater than 1 supporting the finding that this period was more Na-Cl dominated
- After 1994, both Na:K and Na:Ca ratios decreased
- Na:K ratios more representative of freshwater and Na:Ca ratios suggesting a more Ca-HCO<sub>3</sub> dominant source

# Water Quality Trend Analysis Summary

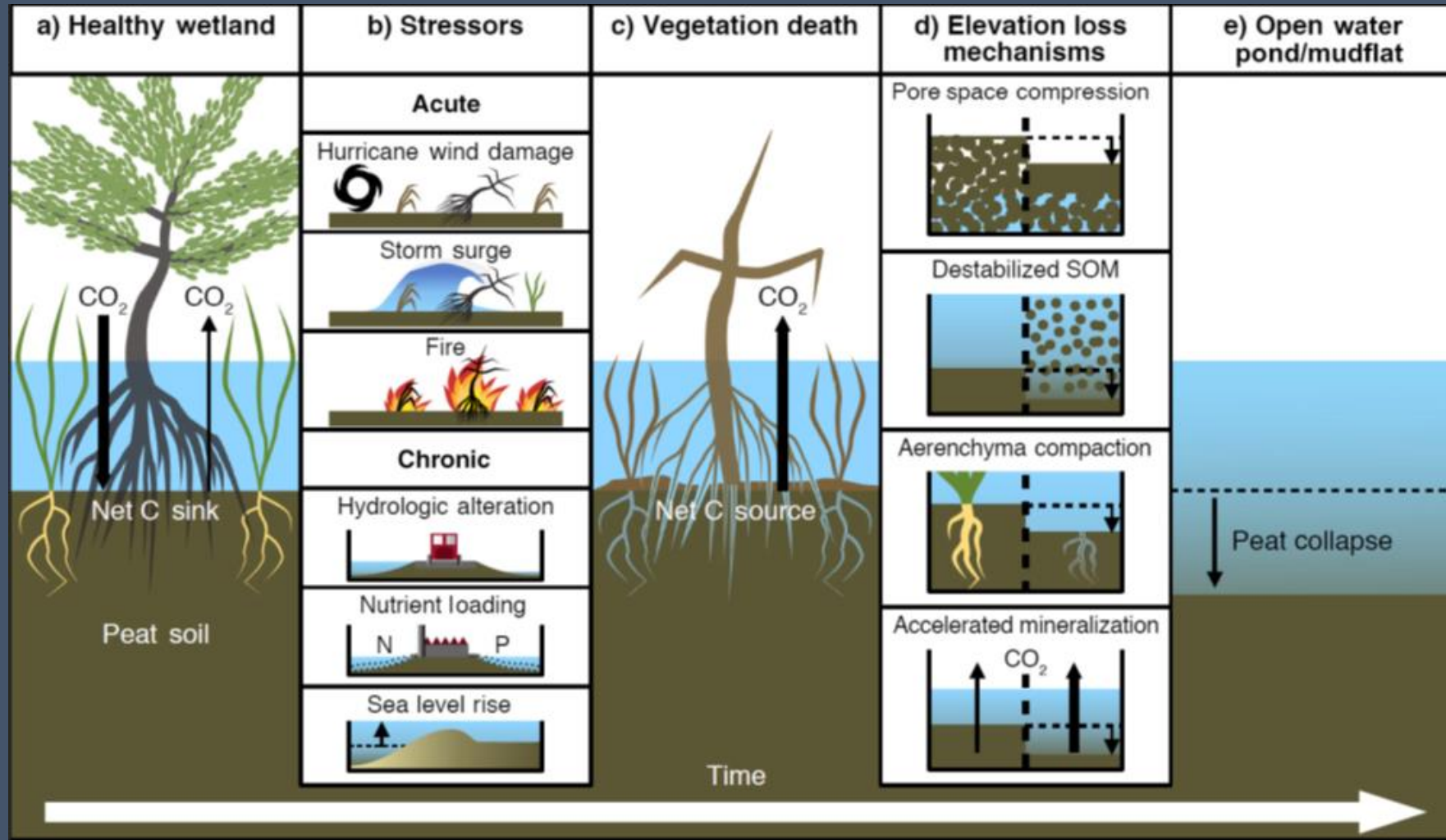
- Results from trend analyses performed for 48-year period:
  - Water temperature and pH had increasing trend; trends were not statistically significant
  - Dissolved oxygen had a statistically significant decreasing trend; the observed change not measurable over the period
  - Specific conductance had a measurable significant decreasing trend over the period
- Lake's ionic composition over the period of record exhibited a shift from a more Na-Cl source to more a Ca-HCO<sub>3</sub> source
- Na:K ratios suggest that the higher specific conductance levels observed may have been affected by a more marine-like source, possibly upwelling of connate seawater
- The observed change in ionic composition appears to have occurred after 1994 (based on Na:K and Na:Ca) and coincides with observed decrease in specific conductance
- This evaluation shows that changes in water quality are affected multiple factors that can exert a more complex influence on water quality that hinder the ability to detect potential influence of climate change factors

# Observed Trends in Ecosystem: Soil Subsidence and Estuarine Migration



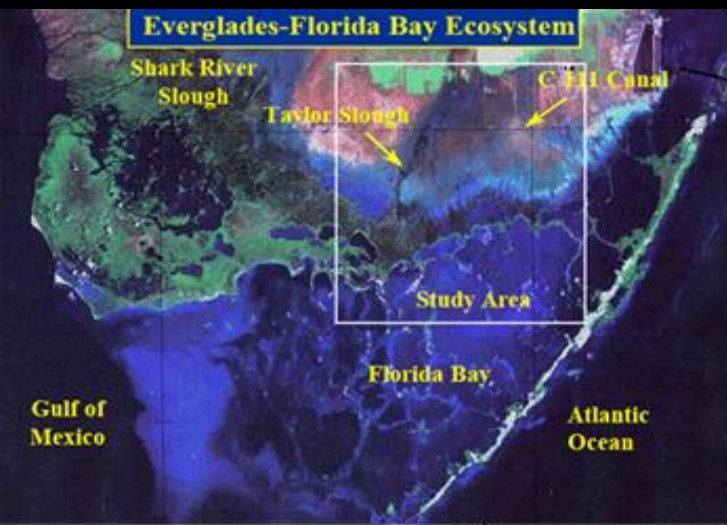
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# Peat Collapse Concepts and Mechanisms of Soil Surface Elevation Loss



Conceptual framework detailing the potential pathways that a healthy wetland (panel a) that is exposed to various acute or chronic environmental stressors (panel b) can result in vegetation death (panel c), leading to four potential (non-exclusive) mechanisms of soil surface elevation loss (panel d) and ultimately conversion to an open water pond or mudflat (panel e). Figure by Chambers et al. 2019

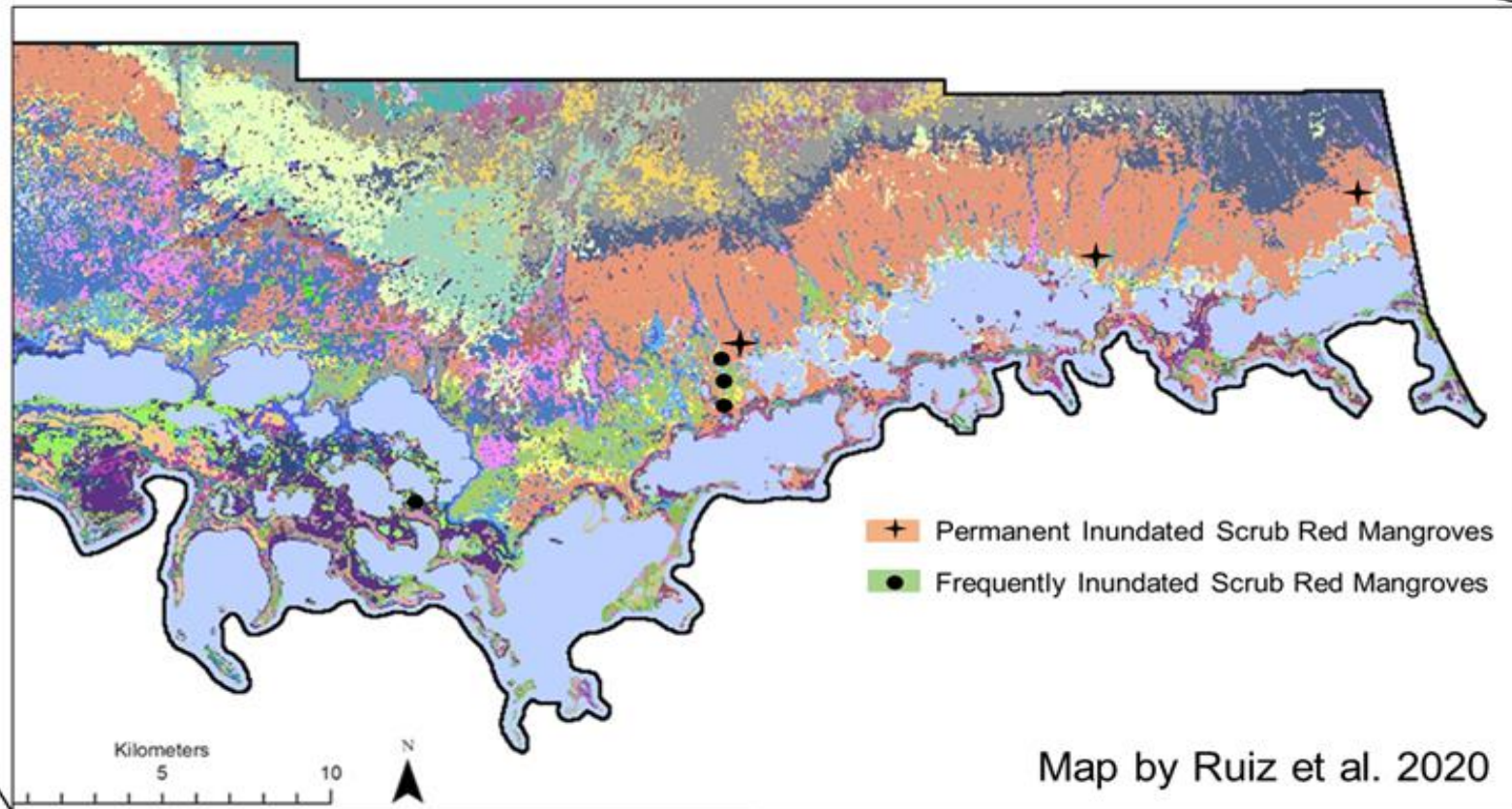
## Monitoring Sites Northeastern Florida Bay



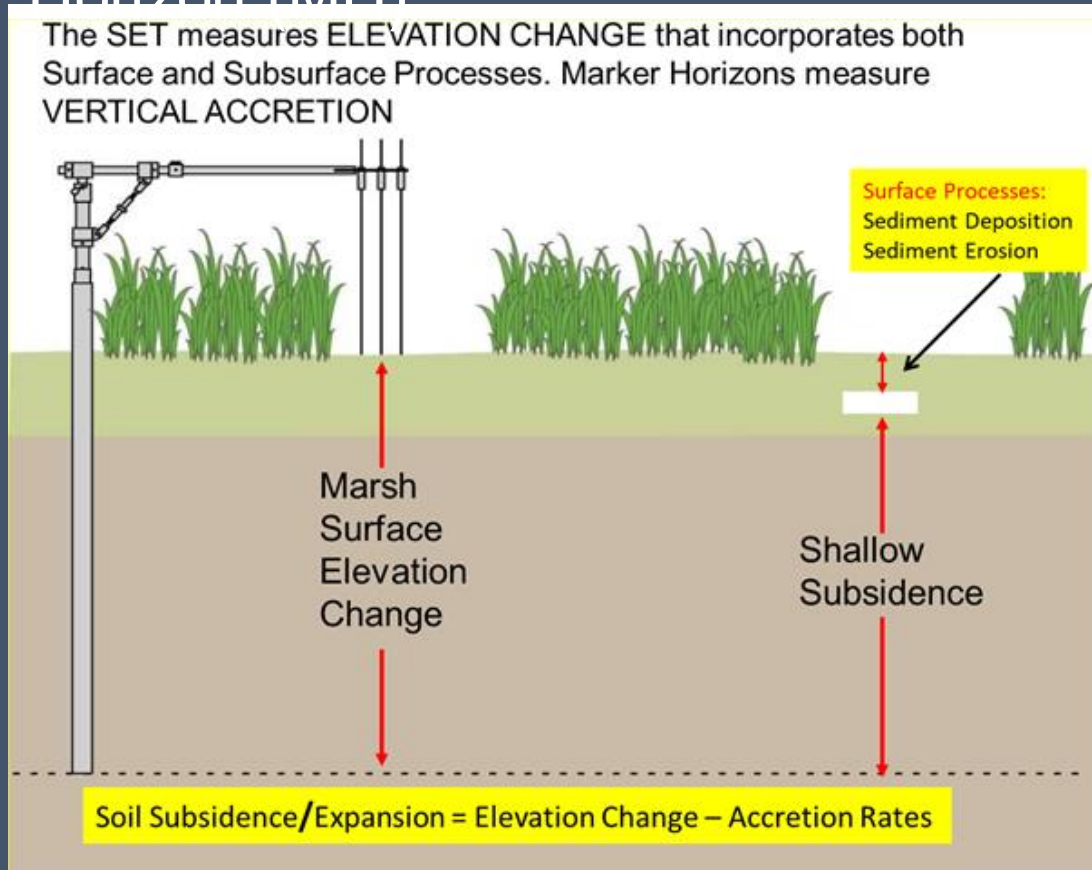
+ Permanent Inundated Scrub Red Mangrove



● Frequently Inundated Scrub Red Mangrove

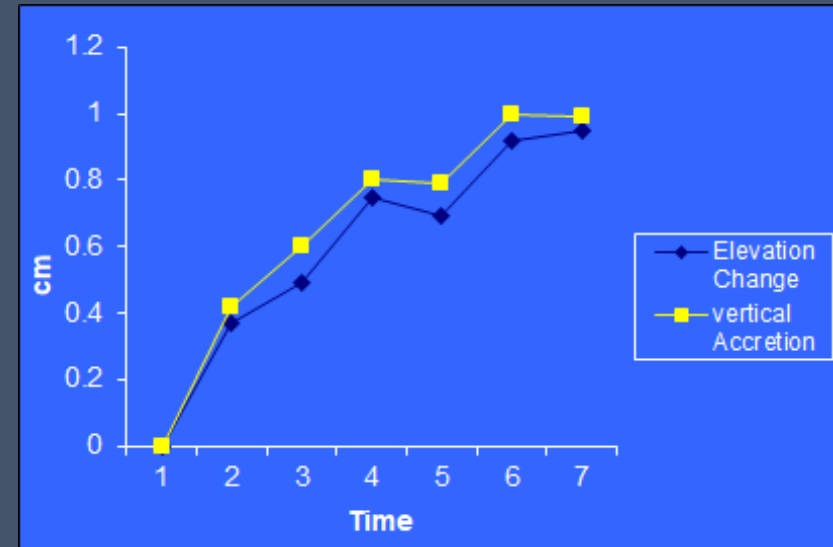


# Field Method: Sediment Elevation Table (SET) and Marker Horizon (MH)

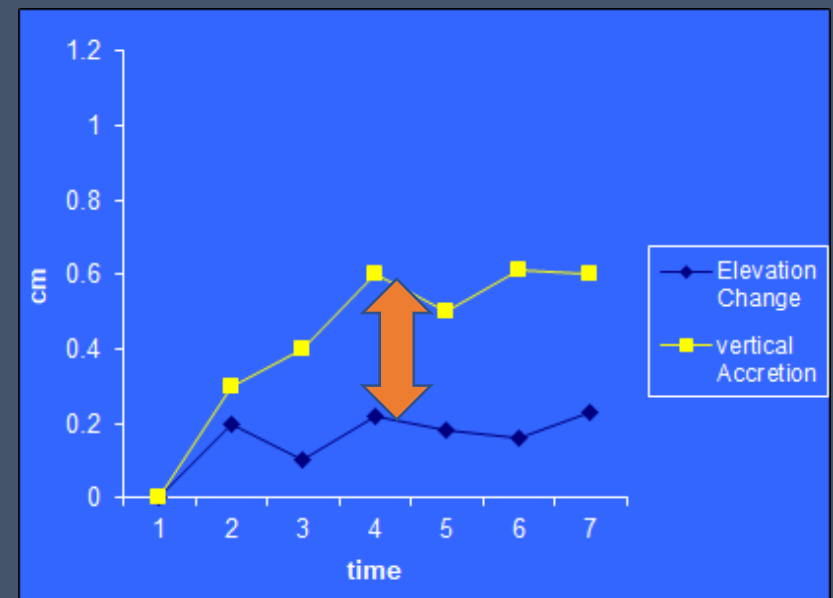


Definition: Peat Collapse, a specific type of soil subsidence, is process in which **highly organic soils** experience loss of soil strength and structural integrity that contributes to a decline in vertical elevation below the lower limit for plant growth and natural recovery.

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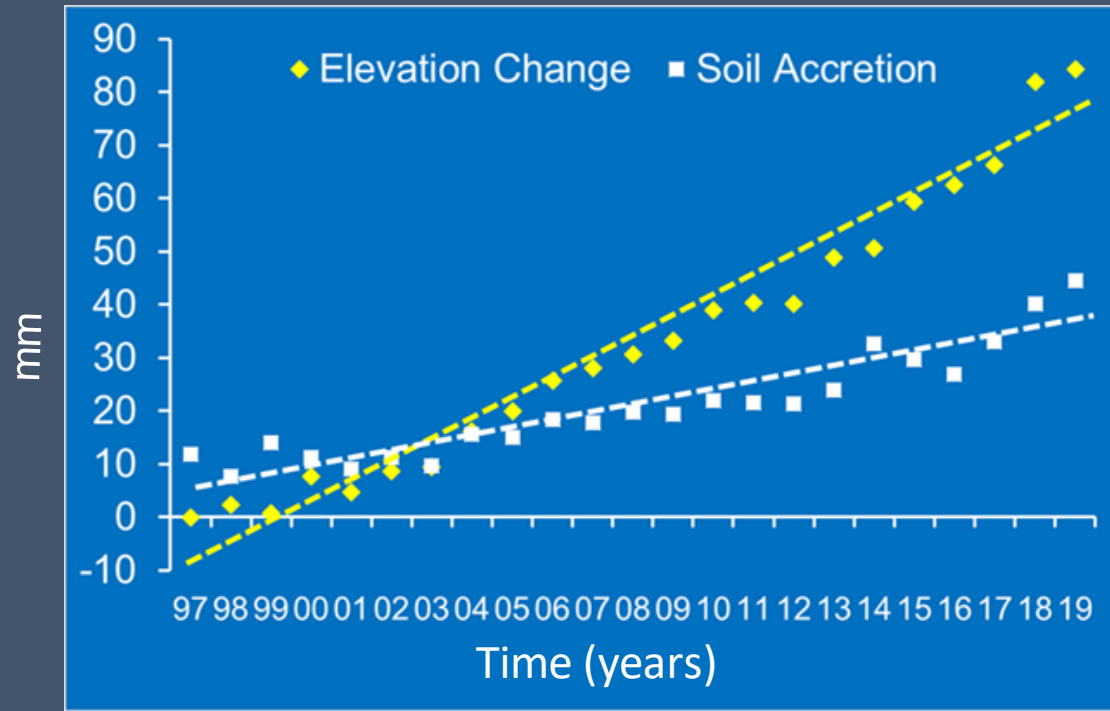


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Peat Collapse



High  
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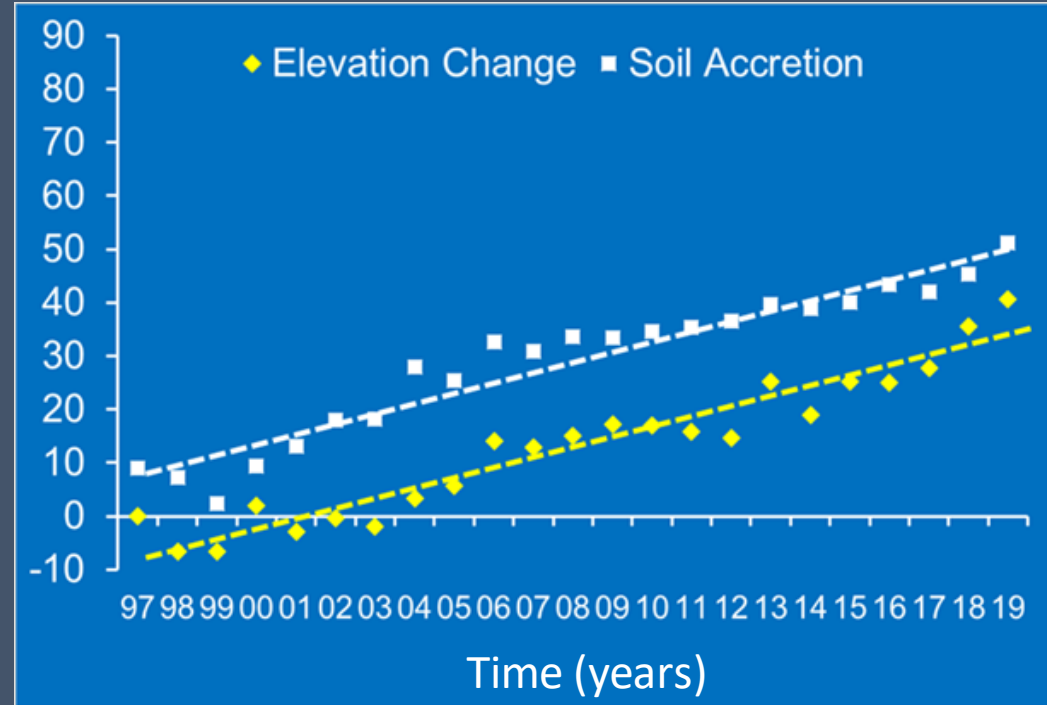
## High Energy &amp; Frequently Flooded Sites n=5



Elevation Change  $3.9 \text{ mm yr}^{-1}$   
Vertical Accretion  $2.1 \text{ mm yr}^{-1}$

**Soil Expansion  $1.8 \text{ mm yr}^{-1}$**

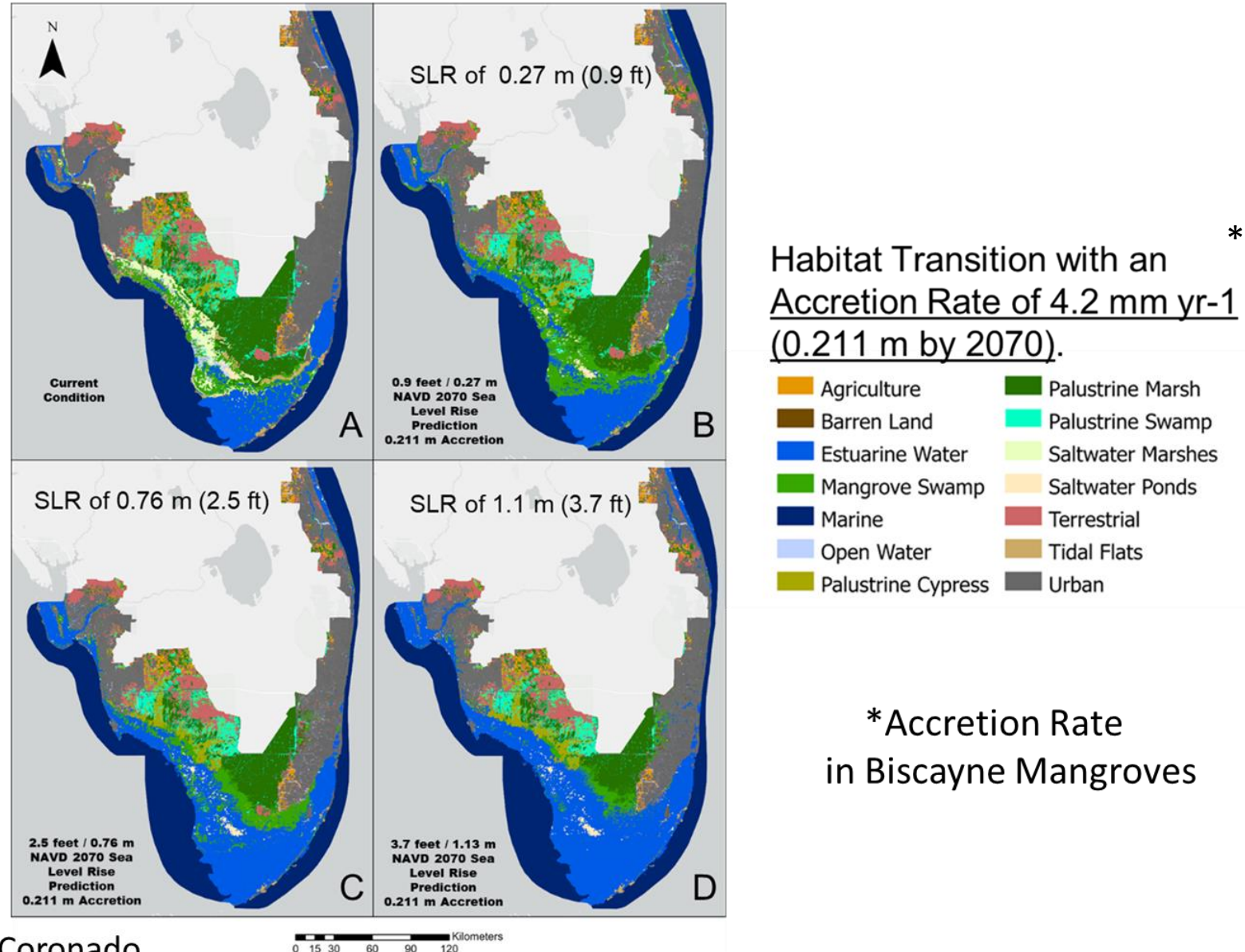
## Low Energy &amp; Permanent Flooded Sites n=7



Elevation Change  $1.7 \text{ mm yr}^{-1}$   
Vertical Accretion  $1.9 \text{ mm yr}^{-1}$

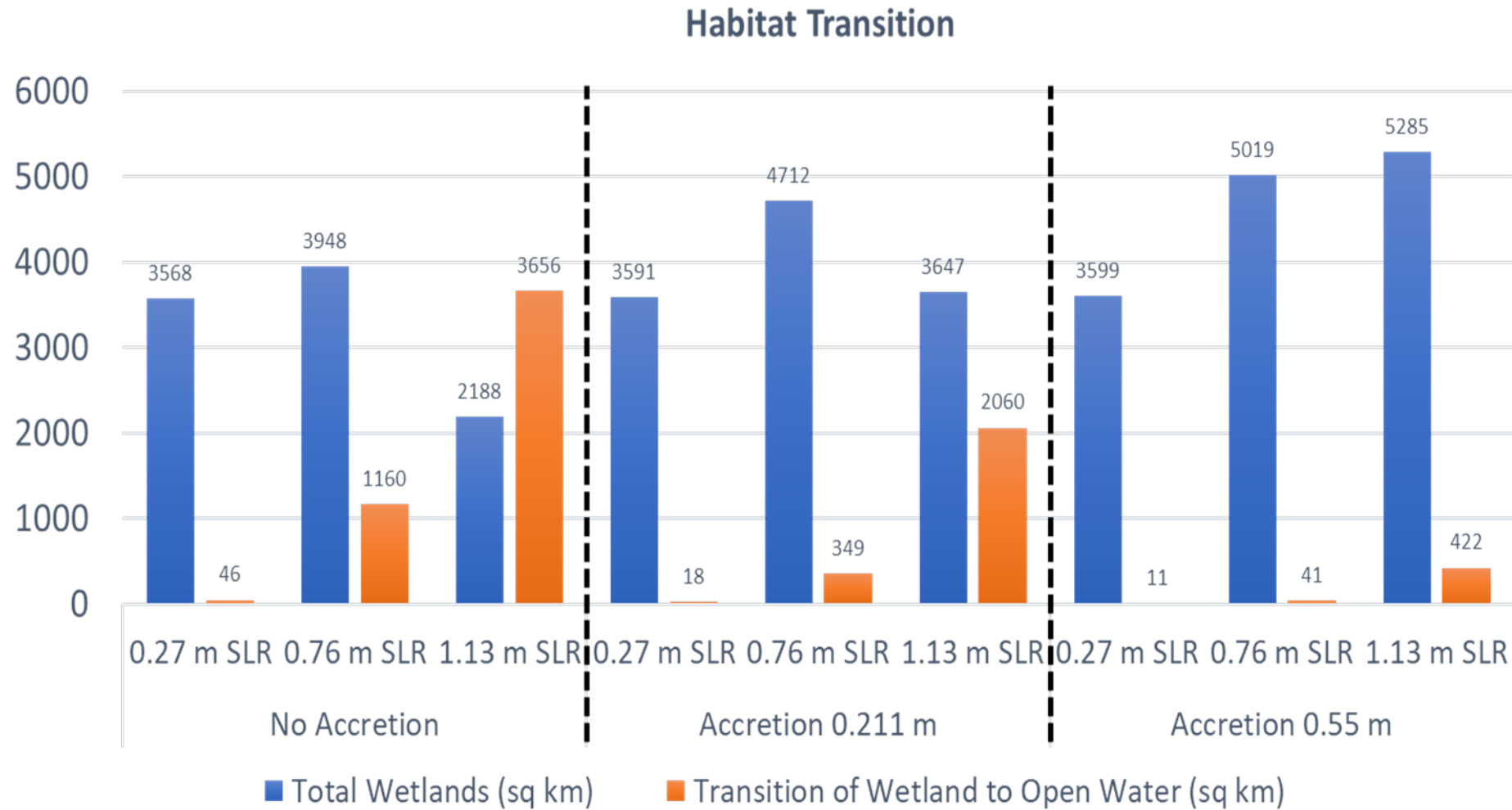
**Soil Subsidence  $-0.2 \text{ mm yr}^{-1}$**

Sklar, FH, C. Carlson, C, Coronado-Molina and A.C. Maran. 2021. Coastal ecosystem vulnerability and sea level rise (SLR) in South Florida: A mangrove transition projection. *Front. Ecol. Evol.* 9:646083. doi: 10.3389/fevo.2021.646083



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## Importance of Soil Accretion to keep up with SLR





# Summary

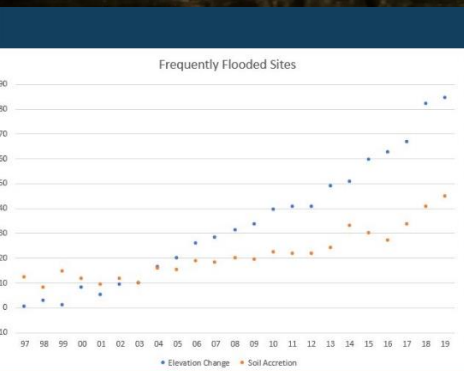


- Increases in SLR rate and saltwater intrusion have induced release of CO<sub>2</sub> from marshes. The collapse of marsh peat soils, W/O sufficient freshwater input, will hinder landward migration of mangroves by reducing seedling establishment and belowground production, a key process for organic matter accumulation.
- The current and future response of mangroves to SLR projection scenarios depends on the ability of mangroves to keep pace with rising sea level. Southern Everglades mangroves can keep pace with current SLR, but they will not be sustainable with SLR rates greater than 4-6 mm/yr.
- Modeling indicates a transition to open water by 2070 if accretion rates are not enhanced.

# Soil Subsidence in South Florida

Maintaining soil elevations within coastal and intertidal habitats, as sea level changes, is an indicator of long-term stability of coastal.

Dr. Carlos Coronado, Scientist Lead, Applied Sciences Bureau, SFWMD  
July 19, 2021



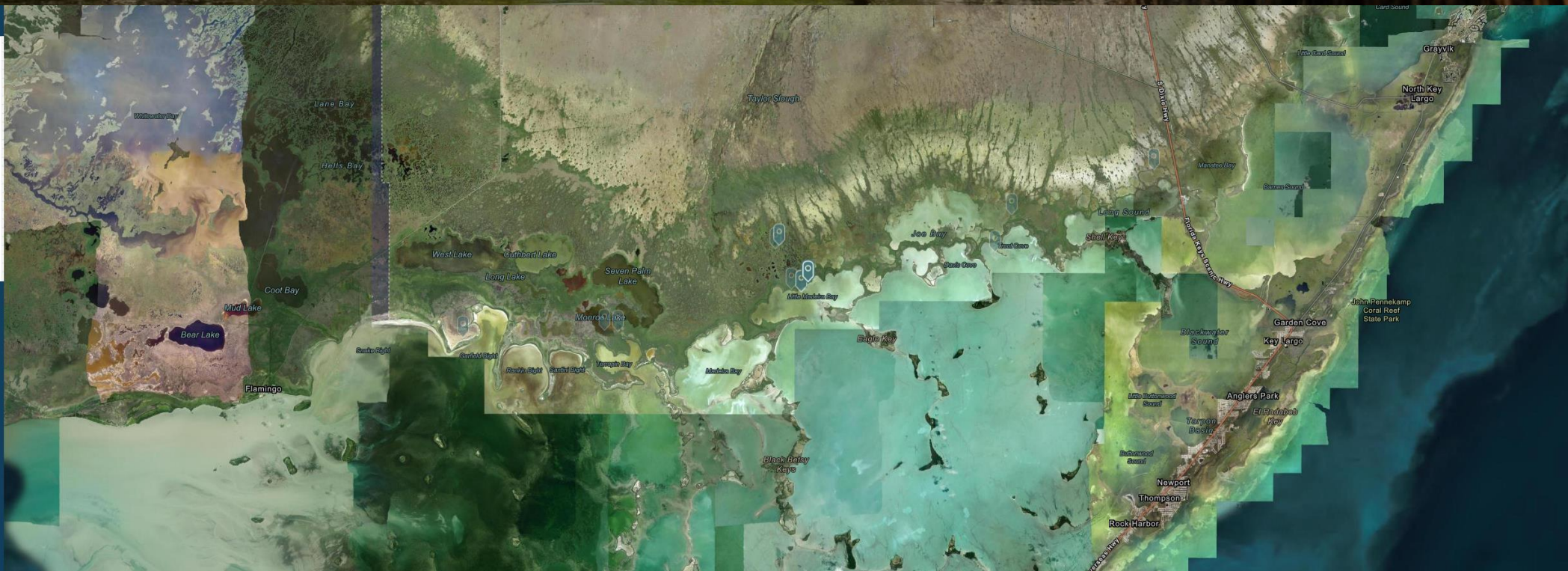
## Frequently Flooded - TS-8

Elev. Change 3.7 mm/yr

Accretion 1.4 mm/yr

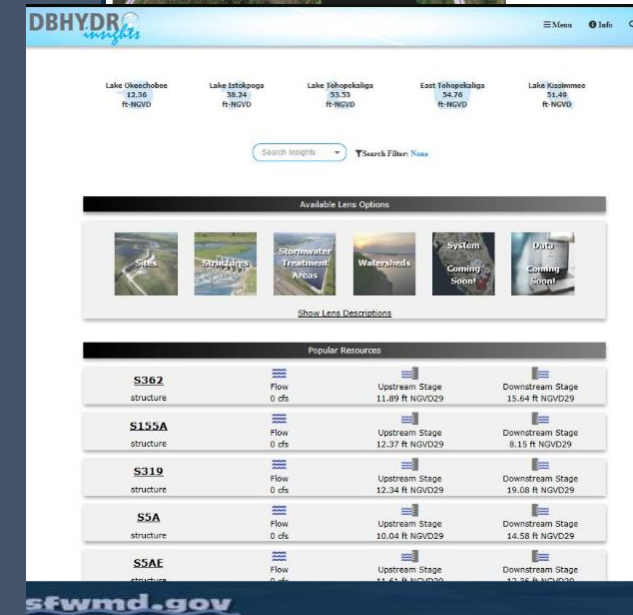
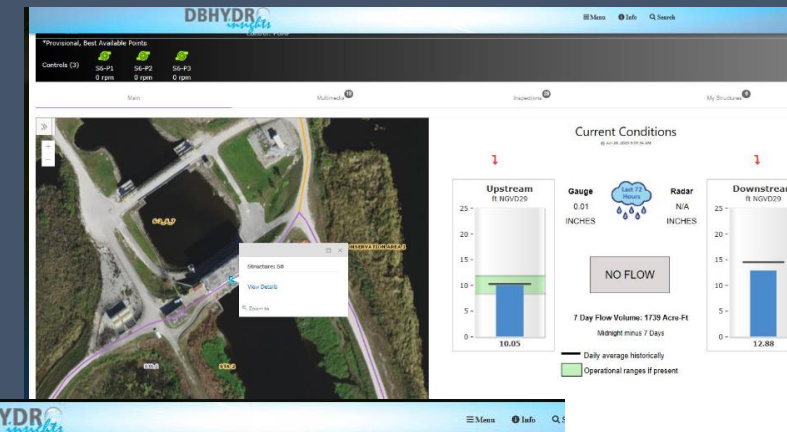
Expansion 2.4 mm/yr

Average of Frequently Flooded Sites: TS-3, TS-4, TS-8, TS-10 and TS-14



# Water and Climate Resilience Next Steps

- Bring full content respective to all the metrics to the Resilience Metrics Hub
- Complete Automation: real time access for datasets available in DBHYDRO
- Continue to publish technical analyses and scientific resources in SFER
- Review data monitoring needs
  - quality/spatial distribution/frequency to appropriately evaluate trends
- Incorporate New Metrics
- Phase II: Future projections



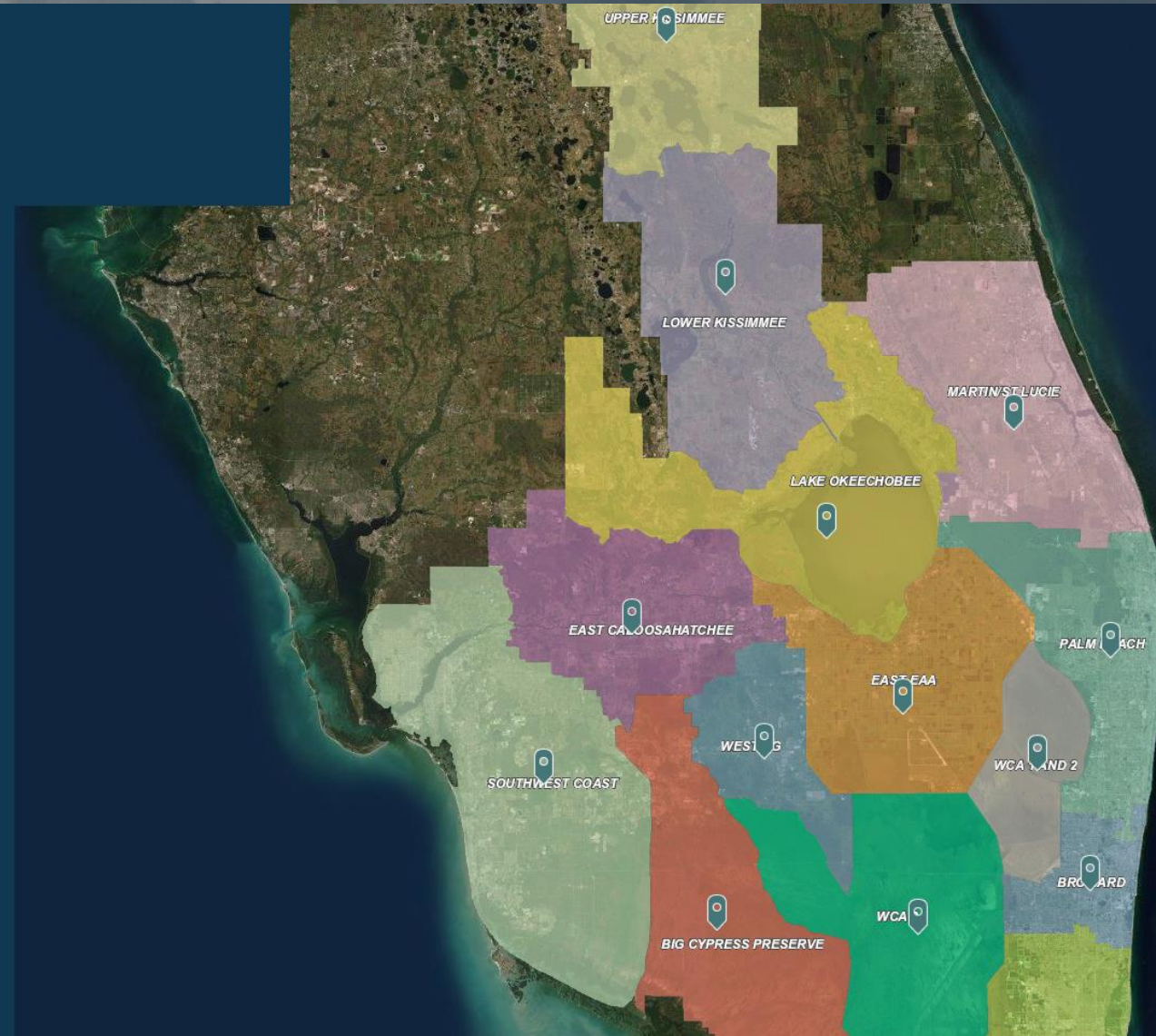
# From Observations to Projections

## The Rainfall Case

## Regional Rainfall

Changes in rainfall patterns will impact people and ecosystems by altering the amount of water in our region throughout the year.

Alaa Ali, Hydrological and Environmental System Modeling, SFWMD  
October 26, 2021



### Big Cypress Rainfall Trends

Trend analyses of average rainfall during the wet season in the Big Cypress rainfall basin does not show a statistically significant...

### Broward Rainfall Trends

Trend analyses of average rainfall during the wet season in the Broward rainfall basin does not show a statistically significant...

### East Caloosahatchee Rainfall Trends

Trend analyses of average rainfall during the wet season in the East Caloosahatchee rainfall basin shows a statistically significant...

### East Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Rainfall Trend

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### Lake Okeechobee Rainfall Trends

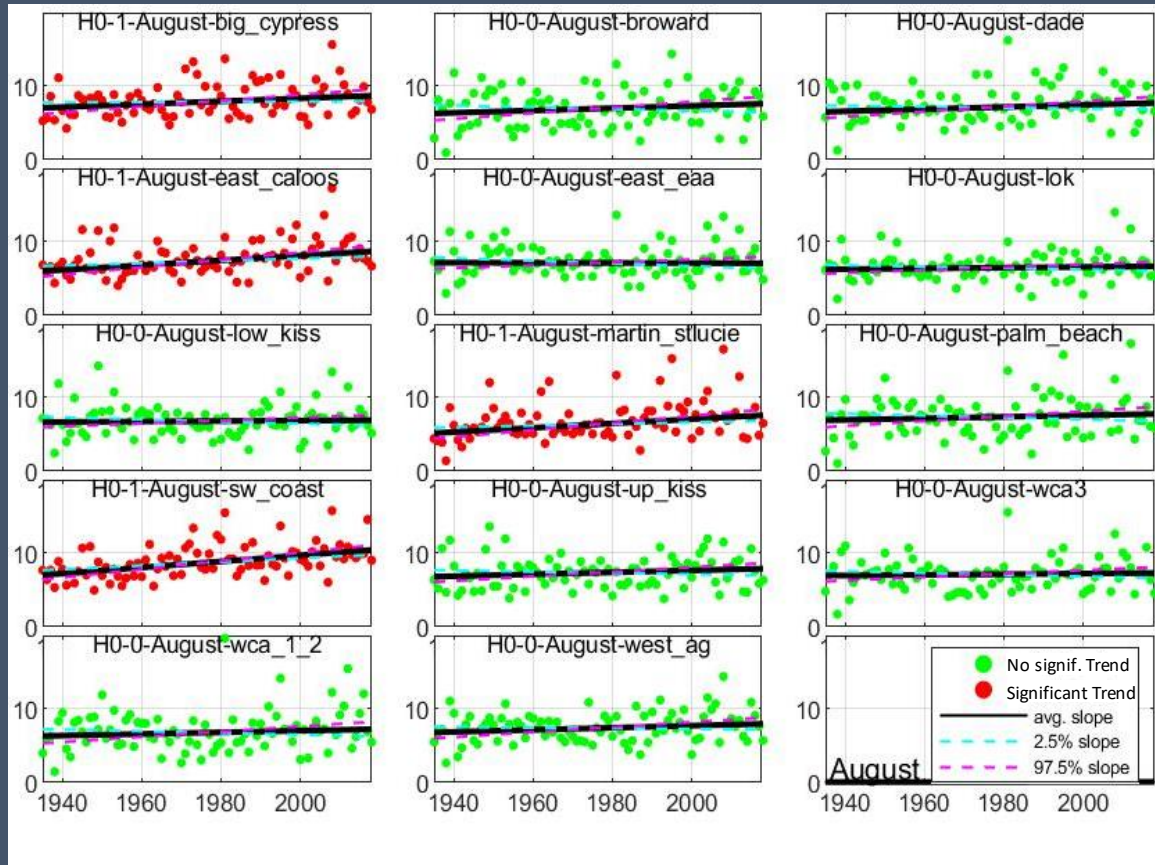
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### Lower Kissimmee Rainfall Trends

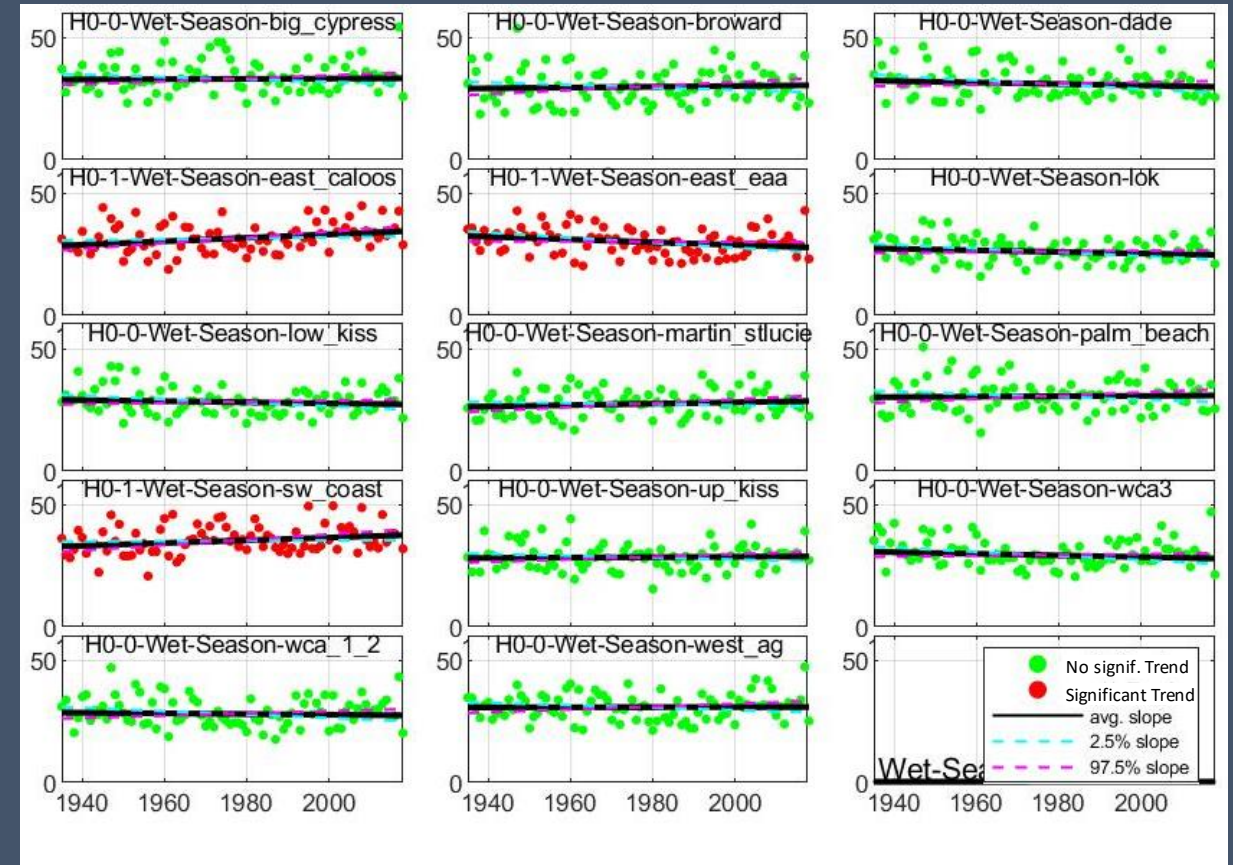
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Presenter: Carolina Maran

# Regional Rainfall Trend Analysis - Observations



Monthly Rainfall Trend Analysis Results, illustrated by the month of August




Wet Season Rainfall Trend Analysis Results

# Future Rainfall Data Release

<https://doi.org/10.5066/P9KEMHYM>

- Internal review of the data by SFWMD teams
- Initial recommendations for planning purposes
- Partner / Stakeholder Review & Feedback Next

Presenter: Carolina Maran


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## Change factors to derive future precipitation depth-duration-frequency (DDF) curves at 174 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Atlas 14 stations in central and south Florida

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### Dates

Publication Date : 2021-10-05  
Start Date : 2050  
End Date : 2089

### Citation

Irizarry-Ortiz, M.M., and Stamm, J.F., 2021, Change factors to derive future precipitation depth-duration-frequency (DDF) curves at 174 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Atlas 14 stations in central and south Florida: U.S. Geological Survey data release, <https://doi.org/10.5066/P9KEMHYM>.

### Summary

This data release consists of Microsoft Excel workbooks, shapefiles, and a figure (png format) related to a cooperative project between the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) to derive future change factors for precipitation depth-duration-frequency (DDF) curves at 174 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Atlas 14 stations in central and south Florida. The change factors were computed as the ratio of future (2050-2089) to historical (1966-2005) extreme precipitation depths fitted to extreme precipitation data using a constrained maximum likelihood (CML) approach. The change factors are tabulated by duration (1, 3, and 7 days) and return period (5, 10, 25, 50, 100, and 200 years). The official historical NOAA Atlas 14 DDF curves based on partial-duration series (PDS) can be multiplied by the change factors derived in this project to determine potential future extreme precipitation for events of a given duration and return period.

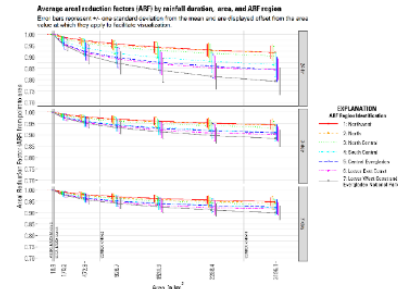
Various statistical, dynamical and hybrid downscaled precipitation datasets were used to derive the change factors at the grid cells closest to the NOAA Atlas 14 stations including (1) the Coordinated Regional Downscaling Experiment (CORDEX), (2) the Localized Constructed Analogues (LOCA) dataset, (3) the Multivariate Adaptive Constructed Analogs (MACA) dataset, (4) the Analog Resampling and Statistical Scaling Method by Jupiter Intelligence using the Weather Research and Forecasting Model (JupiterWRF). The emission scenarios evaluated include representative

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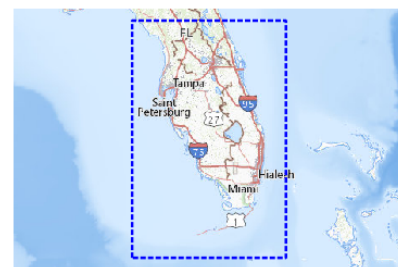
### Child Items (28)

- Documentation of R script to create boxplots of change factors by NOAA Atlas 14 station, or for all stations in an ArchHydro Enhanced Database (AHED) basin or county (Documentation\_R\_script\_create\_boxplot.docx)
- R script that creates a wrapper function to automate the generation of boxplots of change factors for all ArchHydro Enhanced Database (AHED) basins (basin\_boxplot.R)
- R script to create boxplots of change factors by NOAA Atlas 14 station, or for all stations in an ArchHydro Enhanced Database (AHED) basin or county (create\_boxplot.R)
- Shapefile of Areal Reduction Factor (ARF) regions for the state of Florida (ARF\_regions.shp)
- Shapefile of climate regions for the state of Florida (Climate\_regions.shp)
- Shapefile of NOAA Atlas 14 stations in central and south Florida (Atlas14\_stations.shp)
- Shapefile of SFWMD basins as defined in their ArchHydro Enhanced Database (AHED) (AHED\_basins.shp)
- Spreadsheet of areal reduction factors by region in Florida (Areal\_reduction\_factors.xlsx)

### Figure showing areal reduction factor (ARF) curves by ARF region



### Map »



### Spatial Services

ScienceBase WMS : <https://www.sciencebase.gov/catalog>

### Communities

- USGS Caribbean-Florida Water Science Center
- USGS Data Release Products

### Tags

Harvest Set : USGS Science Data Catalog (SDC)  
Theme : Florida, South Florida Water Management

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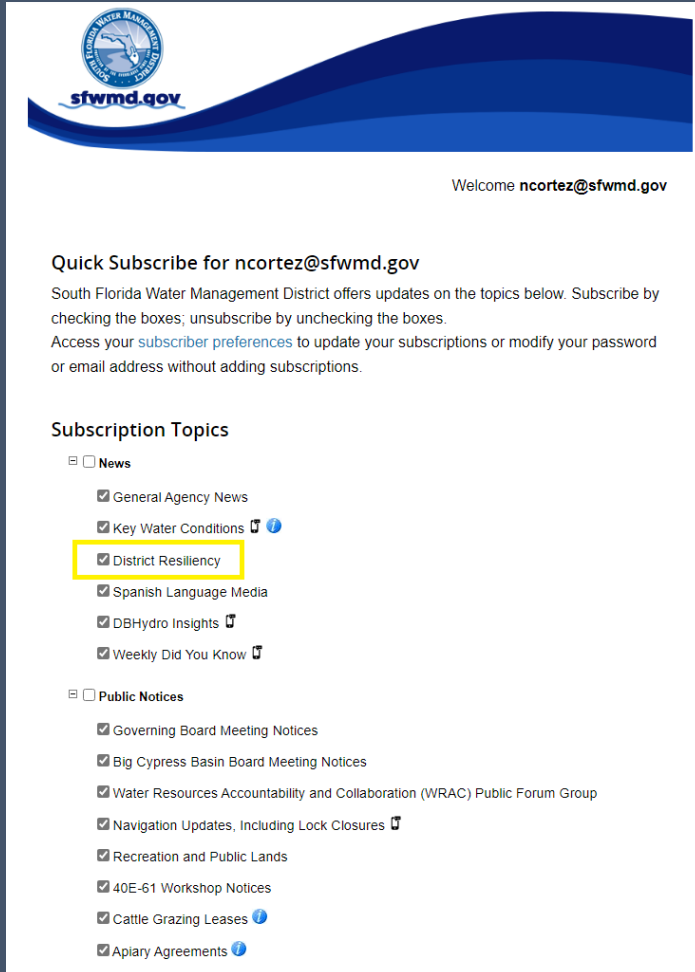
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