

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** John Mitnik, Assistant Executive Director

**THROUGH:** Peter Kwiatkowski, Section Administrator, Resource Evaluation

**FROM:** SFWMD Staff Water Supply Advisory Team

**DATE:** November 1, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Water Supply Report

### **District-wide Conditions**

**Figure 1** shows a statistical comparison between current groundwater levels and groundwater levels for this time last year at representative wells throughout the District that collect real-time groundwater levels.

All the United States Geological Survey (USGS) real-time wells in the Kissimmee Basin (KB) are in the median and upper percentile ranges for this time of year (Figure 1). The wells in the Upper KB are mostly completed in the Floridan aquifer and the wells in the Lower KB are surficial aquifer system wells. Surface and groundwater levels decreased in 75 percent of the KB stations over the last seven days.

Upper East Coast (UEC) groundwater levels decreased, and surface water levels showed mixed trends during the last week. Stages in UEC canals C-23, C-24, and C-25 are 23.02, 20.85, and 21.60 feet, all above the fourteen feet agricultural cut-off. All but one of the UEC surficial aquifer stations are in the median range for this time of year (Figure 1).

The majority of surface and groundwater stations in the Lower East Coast recorded decreases over the past seven days. Surface water levels are on the low side in the C-111 basin (S-176 and S-177). 65 percent of the LEC surficial aquifer system stations are in the median and upper percentile ranges for this time of year (Figure 1).

In the Lower West Coast (LWC), about 40 percent of the groundwater stations decreased over the last week. All the surficial aquifer system wells are in the median and upper percentile ranges for this time of year. All the Lower Tamiami aquifer wells are in the median and upper percentile ranges for this time of year (Figure 1). Half of the Sandstone aquifer wells are in the median and upper percentile ranges and about 70 percent of the Mid-Hawthorn aquifer wells are in the lower percentile ranges (Figure 1).



## **Water Supply Technical Input to LORS2008**

The Palmer Index for Lake Okeechobee (LOK) Tributary Conditions was -1.81 on October 31, 2022, is classified as “dry,” and is in the “moderate” risk category for water supply. The projected LOK stage for the next two months is Low Sub-Band, and the risk to water supply is categorized as “low”. The Climate Prediction Center’s (CPC) Precipitation Outlook is projected as “below normal” for both one month and three months, leaving both in the “moderate” risk category. The LOK Seasonal Net Inflow Outlook is “normal to extremely wet” and is in the “low” risk for water supply. The LOK Multi-Seasonal Net Inflow Outlook is in the “normal” range with “moderate” risk to water supply. The stages in WCA 1, WCA-2, and WCA-3 are all above line 1 and are in the “low” risk category. The Year-Round Irrigation Rule is in effect for the three LEC Service Areas. All three LEC Service Areas are in the “low” risk category for water supply. **Figure 2** summarizes the water supply risk indicators.

### **LORS2008 Implementation on 10/31/2022 (ENSO Condition- La Niña Watch):**

**Status for week ending 10/31/2022:**

#### **Water Supply Risk Evaluation**

<b>Area</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Color Coded Scoring Scheme</b>
<b>LOK</b>	Projected LOK Stage for the next two months	Low Sub-band	L
	Palmer Drought Index for LOK Tributary Conditions	-1.81 (Dry)	M
	CPC Precipitation Outlook	1 month: Below Normal	M
		3 months: Below Normal	M
	LOK Seasonal Net Inflow Outlook	1.73 ft	L
	ENSO Forecast	Normal to Extremely Wet	M
	LOK Multi-Seasonal Net Inflow Outlook	1.62 ft	
<b>WCAs</b>	ENSO Forecast	Normal	
	WCA 1: 3 Station Average (Sites 1-7, 1-8T, 1-9)	Above Line 1 (17.17 ft)	L
	WCA 2A: Site 2-17	Above Line 1 (13.59 ft)	L
<b>LEC</b>	WCA-3A: 3 Station Average (Sites 63, 64, and 65)	Above Line 1 (10.69 ft)	L
	Service Area 1	Year-Round Irrigation Rule in effect	L
	Service Area 2	Year-Round Irrigation Rule in effect	L
	Service Area 3	Year-Round Irrigation Rule in effect	L

Note: The water supply risk classification based on the Palmer index, as well as the LOK seasonal and multi-seasonal net inflow outlooks use slightly different classification intervals than those used by the 2008-LORS.

**Figure 2. Water Supply Risk Indicators**