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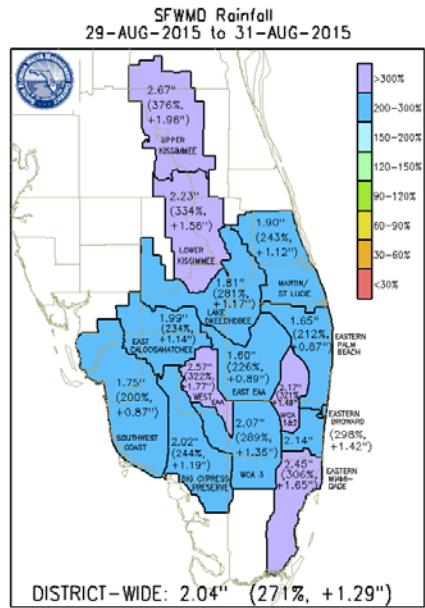
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SFWMD Transitions Back to Seasonal Readiness Following Storms *Regional system moved stormwater while balancing the need to save for supply*



(Click the map for rainfall totals.)

West Palm Beach, FL – The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) began returning the regional flood control system to typical summer operations today following weekend rainfall from remnant tropical activity.

From Friday morning through 8 a.m. today, approximately 2 inches of rain fell District-wide, with local maximums to 7.5 inches over the three-day period. The rains were mostly associated with remnant moisture from dissipated tropical storms Danny and Erika. Additional rain is expected today.

“The SFWMD was well prepared,” said Jeff Kivett, SFWMD Director of Operations, Engineering and Construction. “We moved water ahead of the storm and throughout the weekend and are quickly returning the system to seasonal water levels for future supply.”

For the first time, the new 15,000-acre A-1 Flow Equalization Basin (A-1 FEB) in western Palm Beach County was used to slow flows to the Stormwater Treatment Areas (STAs), which use plants to clean phosphorus from the water before it reaches the Everglades.

This action helped prevent prolonged high-water levels in the STAs, which can impact their water-cleaning effectiveness. The FEB is part of a suite of projects in the State’s Restoration Strategies plan to improve water quality in the Everglades.

As of Monday afternoon, drawn-down canals in Palm Beach County had returned to seasonal levels, while canals in Broward and Miami-Dade counties were close to recovering.

There were no reports of flooding associated with the regional flood control system, and all SFWMD infrastructure operated as designed.

Useful Storm Links

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- [Hurricane Tracking/Tropical Storm Forecast](#)
- [Hurricane and Storm Models](#)
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About the South Florida Water Management District

The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state’s five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.