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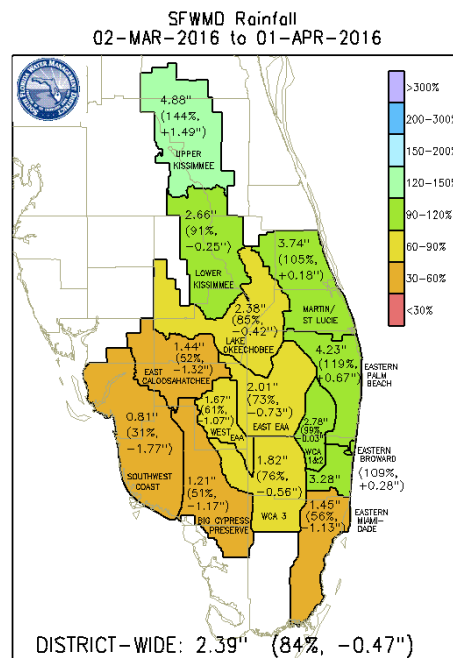
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March Rainfall Mostly Below Average in South Florida

Kissimmee and east coast areas were relatively wet



West Palm Beach, FL — March was the first below-average month of the year for much of South Florida, South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) meteorologists reported today.

A total of 2.39 inches of rain fell District-wide in March, representing 84 percent of average, or 0.47 inches below average. This ended four consecutive dry-season months of above-average rainfall.

The Upper Kissimmee Basin was the wettest portion of the SFWMD, with 4.88 inches of rain, representing 144 percent of average, or 1.49 inches above average.

The Southwest Coast was the driest portion of the SFWMD, with 0.81 inches of rain, representing 31 percent of average, or 1.77 inches below average.

Other rainfall totals included:

- Lake Okeechobee received 2.38 inches of direct rainfall, representing 85 percent of average, or 0.42 inches below average.
- Water Conservation Area 3 received 1.82 of direct rainfall for the month, representing 76 percent of average, or 0.73 inches below average. The vast wetland in Broward and Miami-Dade counties was impacted by record rainfall earlier in the year.
- East Caloosahatchee received 1.44 inches of rain, representing 52 percent of average, or 1.32 inches below average.
- Palm Beach and Broward counties each received above-average rainfall, with 119 percent of average and 109 percent of average, respectively.

| <i>South Florida's Dry Season</i> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>November – May</i>• <i>About 18 inches of rain is the average</i>• <i>May and October are important transition months</i>• <i>March, April and May have the highest evaporation rates and lowest rainfall</i> |

More information is available at:

- [SFWMD Weather/Rainfall Data](#)
- [Climate Prediction Center Precipitation Forecast](#)

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The South Florida Water Management District is a regional governmental agency that manages water resources in the southern part of the state. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts. Our mission is to protect South Florida's water resources by balancing and improving flood control, water supply, water quality and natural systems.