

WATER WATCH

Keeping an Eye on Water Resources

District-Wide Conditions for March 19, 2014

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is issuing the following briefing:

Showers and thunderstorms ahead of a cold front on Monday night, March 17, were responsible for nearly all the approximately 0.44 inches of rainfall District-wide during the past seven days. The event did not have a significant impact on water levels.

The District continues to operate the water management system to maximize water storage for the remainder of the dry season while providing flood control during periods of localized, intense rainfall.

Water Levels in Key Locations (March 19)		
Location	Today's level	Water Supply Floor
WCA-1	16.29 feet	14.00 feet
WCA-2	10.70 feet	10.50 feet
WCA-3	9.53 feet	7.50 feet

Water Conservation

- South Florida is under the District's Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Rule that limits residential and business landscape irrigation to two or three days per week.
 - To determine watering days and times in your area, contact your local government or visit www.sfwmd.gov/2days.
- Permitted water users such as nurseries, agriculture, golf courses and utilities can find water use conditions in their permits online at www.sfwmd.gov/ePermitting.
- For tips and information about water conservation, visit www.savewaterfl.com.

Lake Okeechobee Operations

- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers manages Lake Okeechobee water levels based on its regulation schedule and the best available science and data provided by its staff and a variety of partners, including SFWMD.
 - SFWMD makes an operational recommendation each week based on conditions. The most recent Operational Position Statement is available at www.sfwmd.gov/opsreports.

Lake Okeechobee Levels	
Today (March. 19)	13.71 feet
Historical Average for Today	14.41 feet
This Date One Year Ago	13.94 feet

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