

WATER WATCH

Keeping an Eye on Water Resources

District-Wide Conditions for June 17, 2015

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

Drier conditions followed a large rain event in parts of the South Florida Water Management District during the past week. Sea-breeze thunderstorm activity associated with the rainy season is forecast to focus on the Southwest Coast, with below-average rainfall for most other South Florida areas the rest of the week.

Water levels remain adequate in the Kissimmee basins, the Southwest Coast and the Upper East Coast. Water levels in Broward and Miami-Dade counties, and to a lesser extent Palm Beach County, are declining because of a continuing rainfall deficit.

Water Levels in Key Locations (June 17)		
Location	Today's level (NGVD29)	Water Supply Floor
WCA-1	15.12 feet	14.00 feet
WCA-2A	10.91 feet	10.50 feet
WCA-3A	8.93 feet	7.50 feet

Water Conservation

- South Florida is under the District's Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Rule, which 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.
- Corps water managers prefer to maintain water levels between 12.5 feet and 15.5 feet to help balance competing demands such as public safety, water supply and environmental health.
 - 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 (June 17)	12.58 feet
This Date One Year Ago	12.61 feet

Moving Water South

- For an interactive map with weekly updates on the volumes of water being moved south by SFWMD operations, visit <http://www.sfwmd.gov/movingwatersouth>.

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