south florida water management district WATER WATCH Keeping an Eye on Water Resources

District-Wide Conditions for September 19, 2014

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

Rainfall was widespread across the entire District during the past 7 days. Heavy rains are expected today, with a prediction of more than an inch District-wide. Overall, water levels continue to rise due to daily showers and thunderstorms.

Late August through October is generally characterized by highly variable rainfall mainly as a result of tropical activity and cold fronts.

Water Levels in Key Locations (September 19)		
Location	Today's level	Water Supply Floor
WCA-1	16.96 feet	14.00 feet
WCA-2A	13.75 feet	10.50 feet
WCA-3A	10.42 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 <u>www.sfwmd.gov/2days</u>.
- 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 <u>www.savewaterfl.com</u>.

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 <u>www.sfwmd.gov/opsreports</u>.

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Lake Okeechobee Levels		
Today (Sept. 19)	14.61 feet	
Historical Average for Today	14.62 feet	
This Date One Year Ago	15.61 feet	