SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

WATER WATCH

Keeping an Eye on Water Resources

District-Wide Conditions for November 17, 2014

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

Most of the South Florida Water Management District saw sunny weather and little rainfall during the past 7 days. Water supply demands continue to increase across the District, as is typical during the dry season. Regional water storage areas such as the Water Conservation Areas are receding but remain at favorable levels.

The dry season typically runs from mid-October to mid-May with about 18 inches of rain on average.

Water Levels in Key Locations (November 17)		
Location	Today's level	Water Supply Floor
WCA-1	17.05 feet	14.00 feet
WCA-2A	12.17 feet	10.50 feet
WCA-3A	10.35 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.
 - o 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 <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 www.sfwmd.gov/opsreports.

Lake Okeechobee Levels		
Today (Nov. 17)	15.63 feet	
Historical Average for Today	14.95 feet	
This Date One Year Ago	14.85 feet	

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