

MEMORANDUM

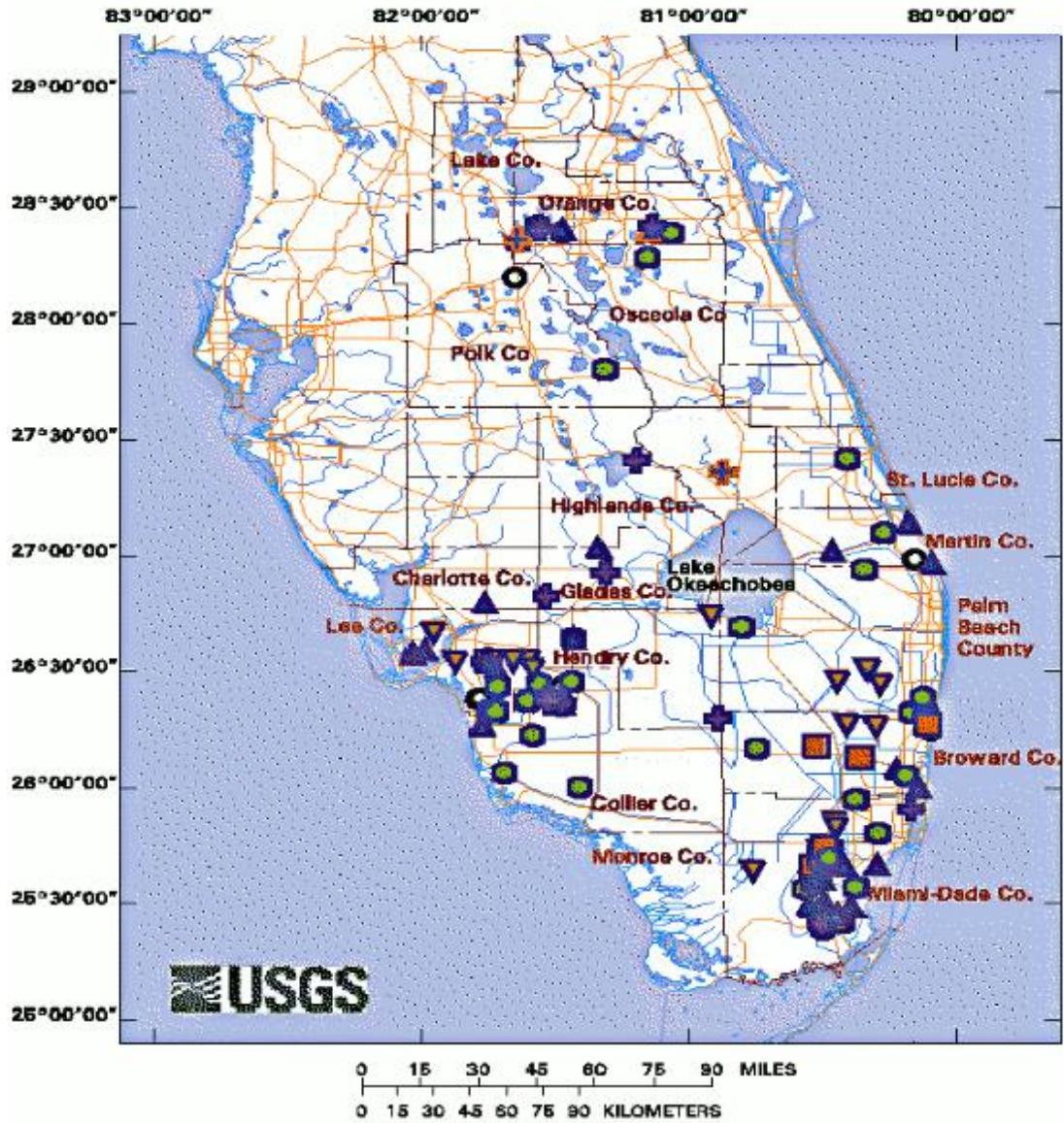
TO: John Mitnik, Bureau Chief, Engineering and Construction
THROUGH: Dean Powell, Bureau Chief, Water Supply
FROM: SFWMD Staff Water Supply Advisory Team
DATE: September 22nd, 2015
SUBJECT: Water Supply Report

District-wide Conditions

Groundwater levels showed mixed trends throughout most of the District over the last week. The United States Geological Survey (USGS) real-time wells in the Kissimmee Basin (KB) within the District boundaries were in the median percentile range or higher for this time of year. Almost 85% of surface and groundwater stations in the KB recorded decreases in water levels during the last seven days. Stages in the Upper East Coast (UEC) canals C-23, C-24, and C-25 were at 20.54, 18.69, and 17.27 feet, respectively, well above the 14 feet NGVD agricultural cutoff level. All of the UEC surficial aquifer wells were in the median percentile range or higher for this time of year. Surface and groundwater levels increased in all but one of the stations in the Biscayne aquifer over the last week. Over half of the USGS Biscayne aquifer monitor wells in Miami-Dade County are in the median percentile range or higher for this time of year. Low water levels persist in Everglades National Park (ENP) at the G-620 site.

In the Lower West Coast (LWC), groundwater levels increased in all but one of the monitoring stations over the last seven days. All of the wells in the surficial and Lower Tamiami aquifers are at median levels or higher for this time of year. Two thirds of the Sandstone aquifer wells are at median levels or higher, with the remainder in the lower 10th to 30th percentile range. Over half of the Mid-Hawthorn aquifer wells are higher than median levels for this time of year, with the remainder split between the lower 10th to 30th percentile and the lowest 10th percentile. **Figure 1** is a USGS map showing conditions on September 20th, 2015, from a 7-day running average of daily recorded water levels compared to the statistical distribution of daily water levels for the period of record for selected sites in southern Florida.

PROVISIONAL DRAFT -- Subject to Revision



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rivers and canals Roads and highways County boundaries Telemetry site No telemetry, monthly download | <p>Water level compared to historical data, without trend analysis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insufficient information available to compute water-level statistics In lowest 10 percent of past water elevations Within lowest 10 to 30 percent of past water elevations Within 20 percent of the median of past water elevations Within highest 10 to 30 percent of past water elevations In highest 10 percent of past water elevations |
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**Water levels at selected sites in South Florida,
Based on PROVISIONAL DATA, as of September 20, 2015.**

Figure 1. Current Water-level Conditions in South Florida (source: USGS, http://www.sflorida.er.usgs.gov/ddn_data/index_ndt.html)

Water Supply Technical Input to LORS2008

The Palmer Index for Lake Okeechobee (LOK) Tributary Conditions is -0.67, classified as “normal,” and is in the “low” risk category. The LOK stage for the next two months is projected to be in the Base Flow Sub-Band, and the risk to water supply is categorized as “moderate.” The Climate Prediction Center’s (CPC) Precipitation Outlook is projected as “normal” for one month and for three months, leaving both the one month outlook and the three month outlook in the “low” risk category. The LOK Seasonal Net Inflow Forecast is in the “normal to extremely wet” range, with “low” risk to water supply. The Multi-Seasonal Net Inflow Forecast is projected as “wet,” with “low” risk to water supply. The stages in the Water Conservation Areas are all above line 1 and are in the “low” risk category. Groundwater levels in LEC Service Areas 1, 2, and 3 are in the “low” risk category. The Year-Round Irrigation Rule is in effect for the LEC Service Areas. **Figure 2** summarizes the water supply risk indicators.

LORS2008 Implementation on 9/21/2015 (ENSO Neutral Condition):

Water Supply Department Technical Input

Water Supply Outlook:

District wide, Raindar rainfall 2.65 inches for the week ending 9/21/2015. Lake stage on 9/21/2015 is 14.37 ft, up 0.59 ft from last week.

The updated September 2015 SFWMM Dynamic Position Analysis [percentile graph](#) and [tracking chart](#) for Lake Okeechobee show that the lake stage is in the Base Flow Operational Sub-Band.

The LORS2008 tributary [indices](#) are classified as **Very Wet**. The PDSI indicates normal condition and the LONIN is Very Wet. The classification is based on the wetter of the two.

Water Supply Risk Evaluation

Area	Indicator	Value	Color Coded Scoring Scheme
LOK	Projected LOK Stage for the next two months	Base Flow Sub-Band	M
	Palmer Index for LOK Tributary Conditions	-0.67 (Normal)	L
	CPC Precipitation Outlook	1 month: Normal	L
		3 months: Above Normal	L
	LOK Seasonal Net Inflow Forecast	3.18 ft (Normal to Extremely Wet)	L
	AMO warm/El Nino		
	LOK Multi-Seasonal Net Inflow Forecast	3.99 ft (Wet)	L
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WCAs	WCA 1: Site 1-8C	(16.56 ft)	L
	WCA 2A: Site 2-17 HW	(12.90 ft)	L
	WCA-3A: 3 Station Average (Site 63, 64 and 65)	(9.77 ft)	L
LEC	Service Area 1	Year-Round Irrigation Rule in effect	L
	Service Area 2	Year-Round Irrigation Rule in effect	L
	Service Area 3	Year-Round Irrigation Rule in effect	L

Note: The water supply risk classification based on the Palmer index, as well as the LOK seasonal and multi-seasonal net inflow forecasts use slightly different classification intervals than those used by the 2008-LORS for classifying the tributary hydrologic condition (THC).

Figure 2. Water Supply Risk Indicators