

# 2013 WATER WATCH

*Keeping an Eye on Water Resources*

## District-Wide Conditions for January 13, 2014

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

Record rainfall on January 9 and 10 along portions of the East Coast and above-average rainfall across the 16-county area during the past two weeks have boosted water levels and increased the regional water supply.

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. During last week's deluge, the District closely coordinated with local drainage districts and communities to move water as efficiently and safely as possible.

Water Levels in Key Locations (January 13)		
Location	Today's level	Water Supply Floor
WCA-1	16.38 feet	14.00 feet
WCA-2	12.13 feet	10.50 feet
WCA-3	9.95 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](http://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](http://www.sfwmd.gov/ePermitting).
- For tips and information about water conservation, visit [www.savewaterfl.com](http://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](http://www.sfwmd.gov/opsreports).

Lake Okeechobee Levels	
Today (Jan. 13)	14.04 feet
Historical Average for Today	14.71 feet
This Date One Year Ago	15.00 feet

### Navigation

- Information on navigational locks can be found at [www.sfwmd.gov/recreation](http://www.sfwmd.gov/recreation).

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