

WATER WATCH

Keeping an Eye on Water Resources

District-Wide Conditions for March 17, 2015

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

Across 16 counties, the South Florida Water Management District saw little rain during the past week. This included an important respite in rainfall within the Kissimmee basins, which slowed the flow of water into an already high Lake Okeechobee.

South Florida's dry season typically runs from mid-October to mid-May, with about 18 inches of rain on average.

Water Levels in Key Locations (March 17)		
Location	Today's level	Water Supply Floor
WCA-1	16.38 feet	14.00 feet
WCA-2A	11.17 feet	10.50 feet
WCA-3A	9.59 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.
 - 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 (March 17)	14.53 feet
Historical Average for Today	14.42 feet
This Date One Year Ago	13.69 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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