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SFWMD Begins Drought E-Briefing for the Media
Regular emails detail the latest rainfall data and photography



(SFWMD, 3-5-09, Click on picture for larger version.)

Wildlife tracks replace water in Water Conservation Area 2 west of Boca Raton as drought conditions continue. The site is normally accessible only by airboat.

West Palm Beach, FL — In an effort to keep the public informed about the dry

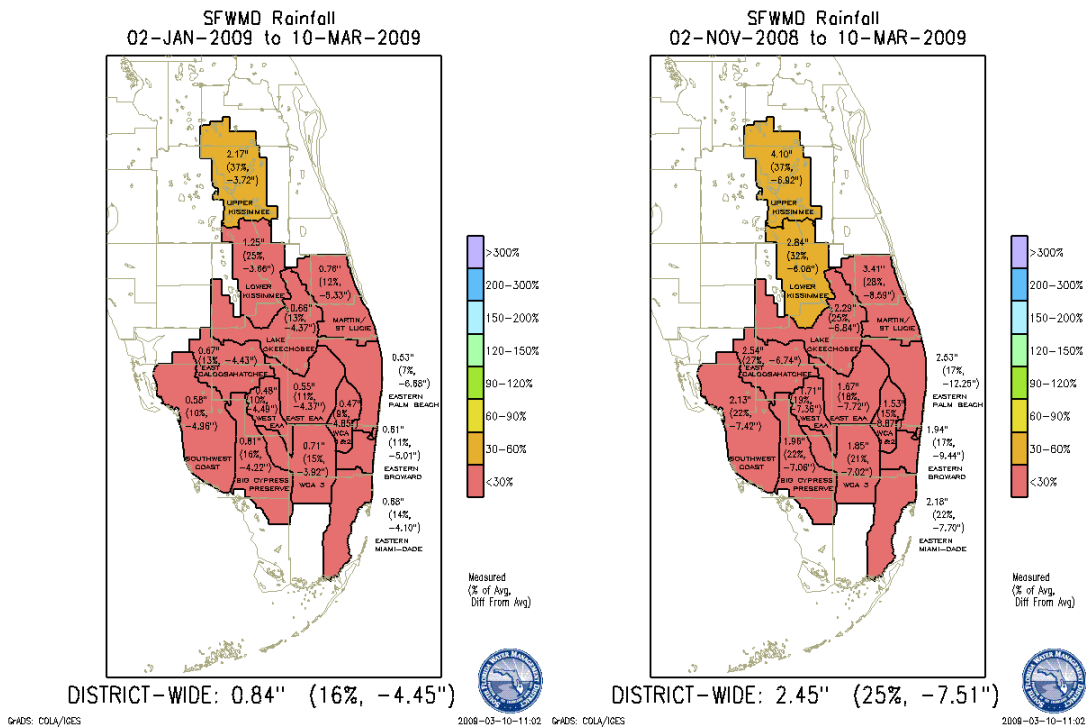
conditions gripping much of the state, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) plans to distribute a regular email report of the latest conditions.

The report includes up-to-date information on rainfall for 2009, the deficit, the dry season deficit, the level of Lake Okeechobee and other pertinent information. The SFWMD is closely monitoring water levels and is urging residents and businesses to conserve water and follow landscape irrigation restrictions to stretch the public supply. More information about limits by area is available on the District's [water restrictions](#) Web site.

As of March 10, 2009

RAINFALL to Date, Jan. 1 - March 10:	+ 0.84 inches
DEFICIT to Date, Jan. 1 -- March 10:	- 4.45 inches
DRY SEASON DEFICIT, Nov. 2, 2008 - March 10:	- 7.51 inches
LAKE OKEECHOBEE:	March 10, 2009: 12.54 March 10, 2008: 10.13

Rainfall Maps



Click on maps for larger versions.

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About the South Florida Water Management District – [Celebrating 60 Years \(1949-2009\)](#)

The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.