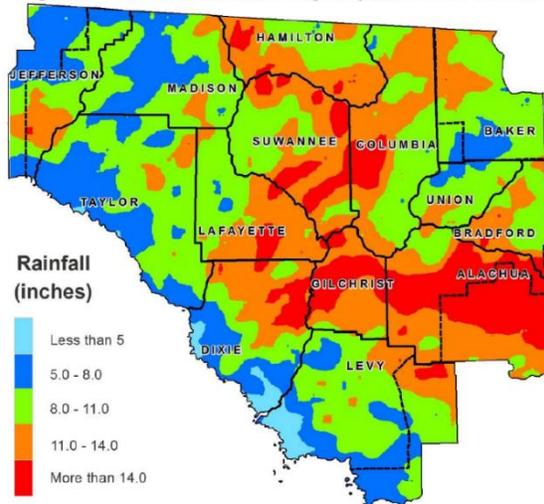


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Figure 2: June 2017 SRWMD Gage-adjusted Radar Rainfall Estimate



Rainfall amounts across the District for June 2017

DISTRICT HYDRO REPORT JUNE 2017

LIVE OAK, FLA., July 21, 2017 – The amount of rainfall for June 2017 across the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) was recorded as 10.65", the fifth highest historical District rainfall amount for June since 1932. June rainfall patterns were unique not only because they were relatively high, but because they ended an 8-month dry period across the District. June rainfall was 4" above the long-term June rainfall average of 6.57". The District's 12-month rainfall deficit shrank from 5.4" at the end of May to only 0.71" by the end of June.

Most major rivers in the District were recorded at low or very low levels at the beginning of June. By the end of June, all rivers were flowing at normal conditions or higher. Additionally, while some areas of the Floridan Aquifer remain low—particularly in coastal Dixie and Levy counties—groundwater levels across the District rebounded by almost 1' during June, promoting normal aquifer levels in most of the District.

The water shortage warning that was issued for Alachua, Bradford, and Levy Counties by the District Governing Board on May 4, 2017, is set to expire on July 31, 2017. The U.S. Drought Monitor report for the week ending July 18, 2017 showed the District and state of Florida as having no drought conditions present.

Although the water shortage warning will be lifted, the District continues to encourage water conservation and limits excessive and/or unnecessary water use. During Daylight Savings Time, for example, landscape irrigation for District residents is limited to twice per week unless otherwise regulated by a District-issued permit. More information on year-around water conservation measures can be found on the District's website.

For further information on hydrological conditions, you may call the District's Water Resources Director Tom Mirti at 386.362.1001.

The mission of the Suwannee River Water Management District is to protect and manage water resources using science-based solutions to support natural systems and the needs of the public. The District holds true to the belief of water for nature, water for people. Headquartered in Live Oak, Florida, the District serves 15 surrounding north-central Florida counties.

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