

Water Levels in WCA-3A and S-12D Maintenance

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WCA-3A Water Levels

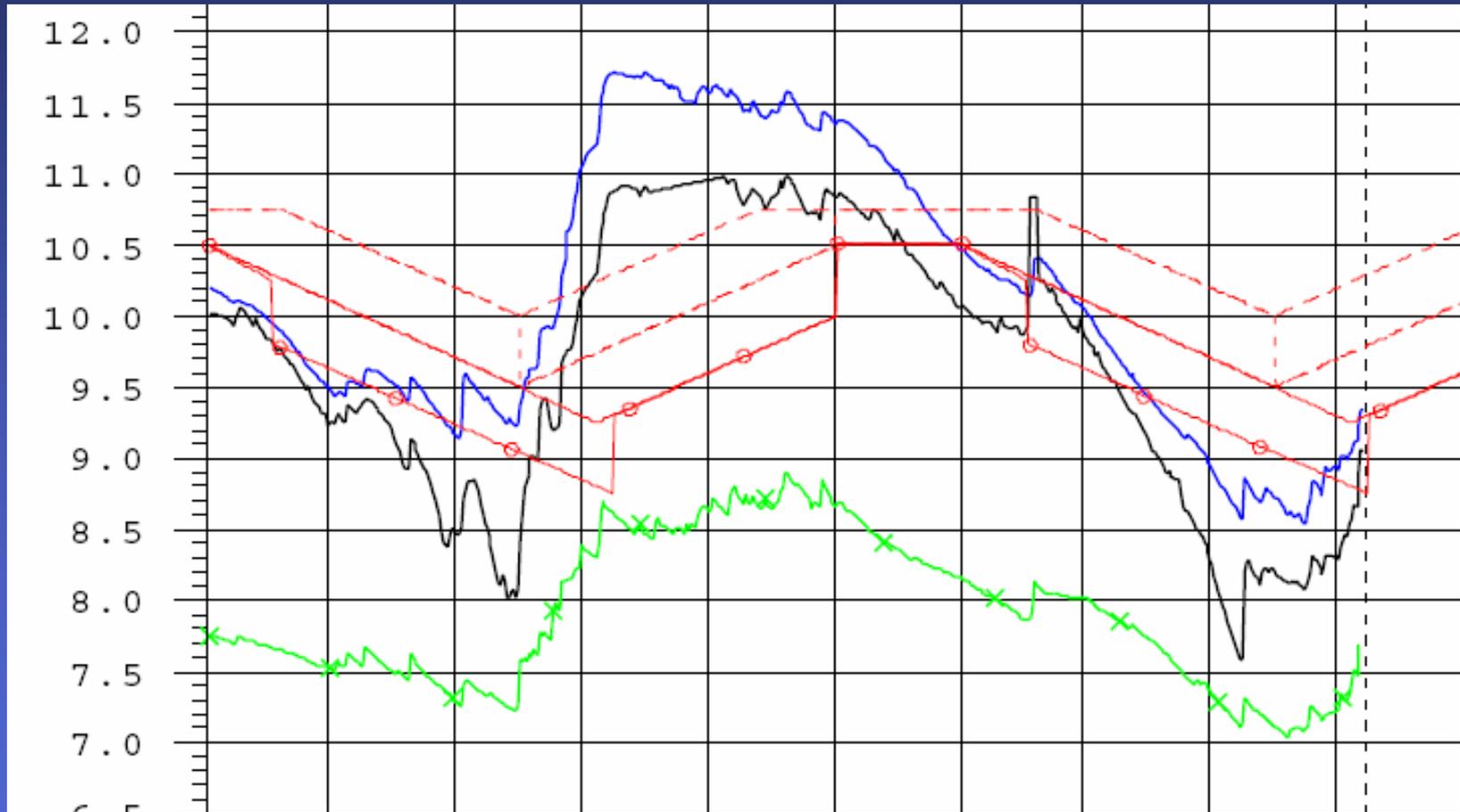
- ✿ **The water levels in WCA-3 are considerably lower than this time last year due to a very dry season and the below average rainfall for this calendar year.**
- ✿ **Rainfall for this calendar year (January 1st through July 17th) is below average by 4 inches or more in the WCAs, 7 inches in the EAA, and 9 inches for Lake Okeechobee.**
- ✿ **The three gage average (Site 63, Site 64, Site 65) is over two feet lower than this time last year.**

WCA-3A Water Levels (cont'd)

- ✱ **These lower water conditions increase the probability of water levels favorable for the maintenance dredging.**
- ✱ **These lower water levels do not guarantee dry season water levels compatible with the maintenance dredging as a large rainfall event, especially at the end of the wet season, could result in prohibitively high water levels.**

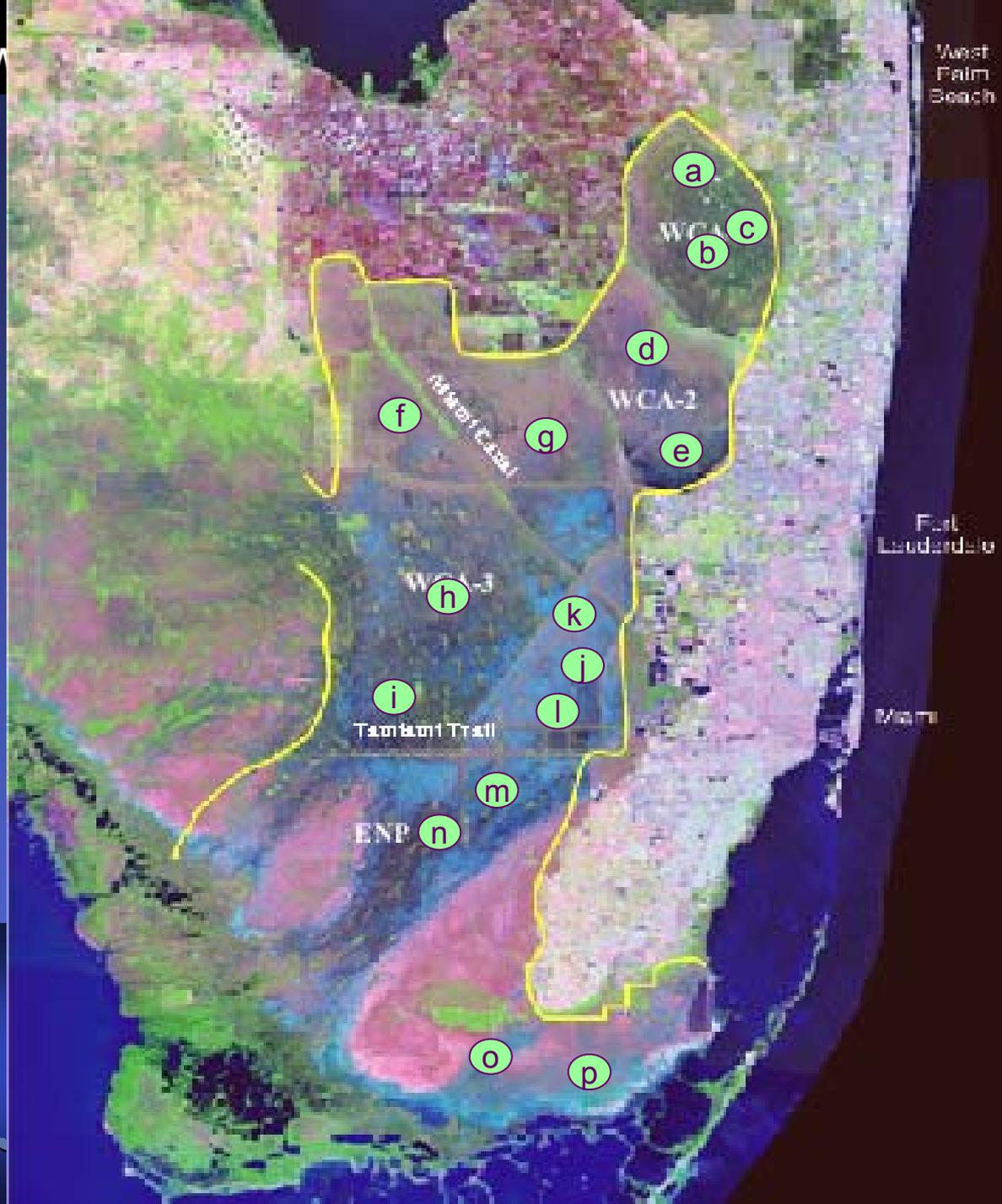
WCA-3A Water Levels (63, 64, & 65)

* <http://pillar.saj.usace.army.mil/h2o/>



Stage Recorders for Performance Measures

WCA-1	(a) 1-7
	(b) 1-9
	(c) 1-8T
WCA-2	(d) 2-17
	(e) 99
	(f) 62
WCA-3A	(g) 63
	(h) 64
	(i) 65
	(j) 76
WCA-3B	(k) 71
	(l) SRS1
	(m) NESRS2
ENP	(n) P33
	(o) Taylor
	(p) Panhandle



S-12D Maintenance

- Contractors have completed the removal of exotic vegetation along Old Tamiami Trail and have cleared the canal of obstructions to facilitate equipment movement by barge.

- The maintenance dredging drawings and specification are being prepared by SFWMD staff. Two hydraulic dredging options are being evaluated for minimal environmental impact.

- The request for bids will be completed by August to allow Governing Board approval in November.

- The notice to proceed for maintenance dredging is targeted for December contingent on water levels.

S-12D Maintenance Permitting Status

- **The District will respond to FDEP RFI this week. District staff have met with FDEP regulation staff to identify all permitting concerns. It is anticipated that FDEP will provide a letter of exemption for this maintenance activity.**
- **The USACE regulatory branch has requested this exemption letter (or a permit) to approve the Nationwide 31 permit.**