### **Evapotranspiration Trend in South Florida**

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### **Presentation Outline**

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## **Introduction & Background**



(Rainfall & ET: District-wide Average over the Past 25 Years)



Pan Evaporation (popular most)



Lysimeter (direct measure of ETp)



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### **Datasets & Trend Analyses**

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### Trends Of Annual & Seasonal Epan At S7 (1961-2020)



## Lake Okeechobee (ETp) vs. S7 (Epan)

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## **Trends of Meteorological Variables**



### **Trends Of Air Temperature & Relative Humidity At SFWMD**

#### = Vapor Pressure Deficit 1 Relative Humidity

### Period of Records: 1995 - 2020



Trends Of Solar Radiation & Wind Speed At SFWMD

### **Driving Factors:**

- Solar Radiation
- Relative Humidity (or Vapor Pressure Deficit) 2.
- Air Temperature 3.
- Wind Speed 4.

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Rainfall vs. RAD (Annual)

50

Rainfall-Thiessen (in/yr)

40

60

70

4250

30

## **Correlation to Rainfall (Annual)**



Hurricane, Tropical Storm, or Cold Front Contribute Disproportional or Excessive Rainfall over a Short Period of Time.

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## **Correlation to Rainfall (Dry Season)**



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# Links / Hypothesis



### **Summary & Conclusions**

# Upward Trend (↑ ET)
# Rate of Change: + 0.1 in/yr
# Driving Variables: Solar RAD (↑), Rel Humd (↓), Air Temp (↑)
# Climate Cycle: AMO (Atlantic Multidecadal Oscillation)









### **DBHYDRO Insights (Environmental Data)**



**DBHYDRO** is the South Florida Water Management District's corporate environmental database that stores hydrologic, meteorologic, hydrogeologic, and water quality data. This database is the source of historical and up-to-date environmental data for the 16-county region covered by the District.

The DBHYDRO Browser allows you to search DBHYDRO, using one or more criteria, and to generate a summary of the data from the available period of record. You can then select data sets of interest and have the time series data dynamically displayed on your screen in tables or graphs. You can also download data to your computer for later use.

In 2021, SFWMD released a new tool called **DBHYDRO** Insights to make data more easily accessible to the public and stakeholders. New features to access data are under development and the District welcomes feedback and ideas on how to improve the user experience.

To access the database, DBHYDRO Browser training videos, and contacts page visit https://www.sfwmd.gov/dbhydro If you wish to provide feedback on features, please contact Lokendra Matoli, Chief Architect – IT, *Imatoli@sfwmd.gov* Brian Turcotte, Enterprise Scientific Data Mgr., *bturcott@sfwmd.gov*  The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is a regional governmental agency that oversees the water resources in 16 counties – from Orlando to the Florida Keys.

With a population of 9.0 million, this region covers 17,930 square miles (31 percent of the entire state) and includes vast areas of agricultural lands, water conservation areas, and urban development.

### **OUR MISSION**

To SAFEGUARD and RESTORE South Florida's water resources and ecosystems, PROTECT our communities from flooding, and MEET the region's water needs while CONNECTING with the public and stakeholders



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