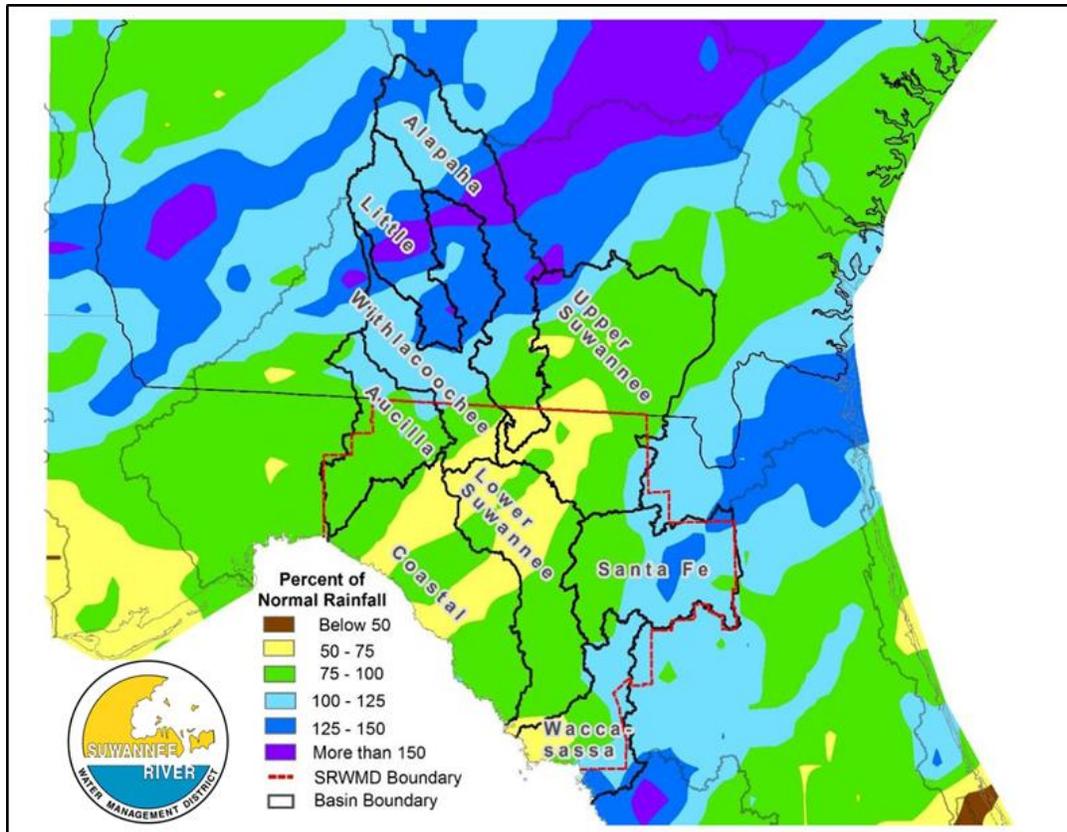


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February 2016 Hydrologic conditions across SRWMD



February 2016 Percent of normal rainfall.

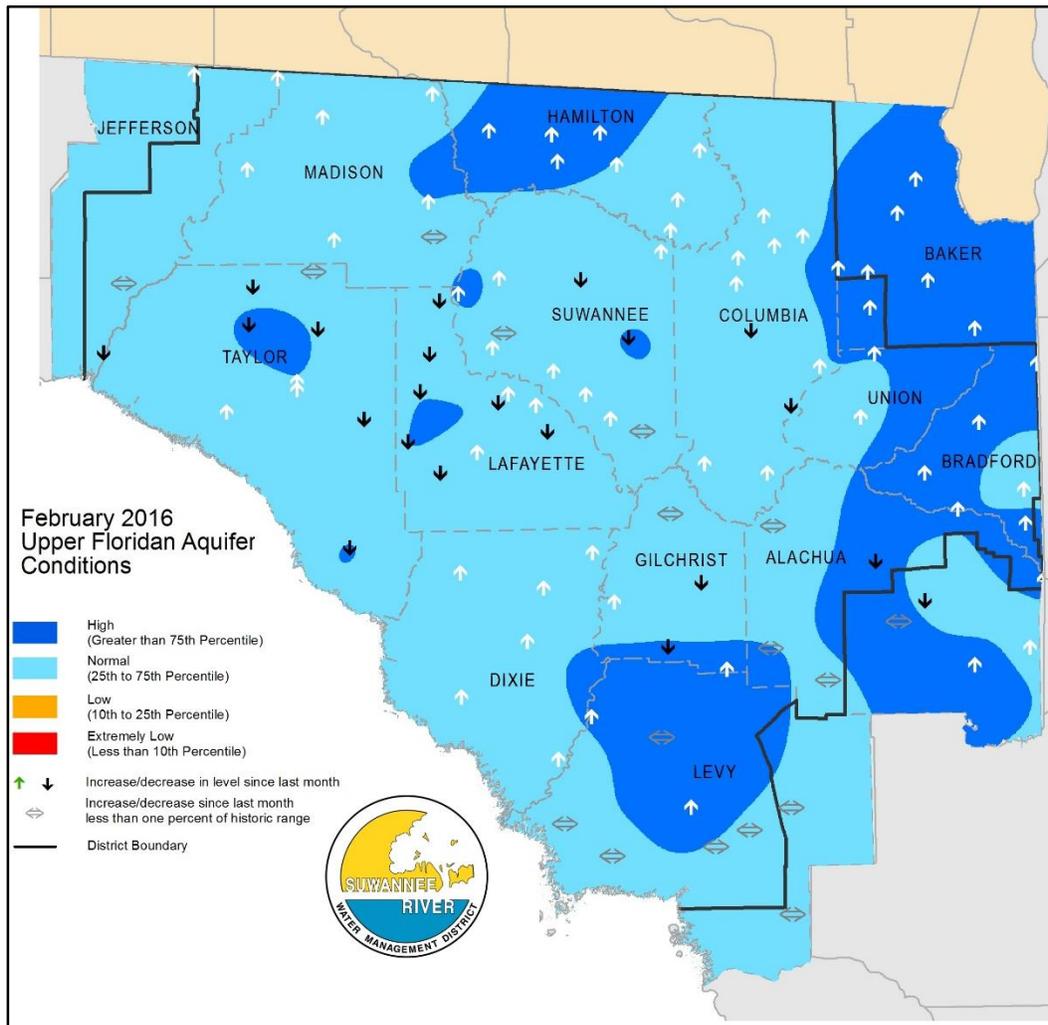
LIVE OAK, FLA, March 10, 2016 – Across the Suwannee River Water Management District (District), rainfall in February was 3.49 inches, which is about 90 percent of the long-term average February rainfall of 3.89 inches. All areas of the District received at least 2.25 inches of rain during February. Areas throughout the District have received average or below average rainfall since September of 2015.

Jefferson County captured the highest monthly gauged total of 4.94 inches. Levy County recorded the highest daily gauged total of 3.07 inches. The lowest gauged monthly total of 2.63 inches was recorded in Suwannee County. Rainfall average across the District for the 12-month period ending February 29 was 49.5 inches, whereas the long-term average across the District is 54.7 inches. The cumulative 12-month deficit rose slightly to 5.2 inches.

All major rivers in the Suwannee River basin in Florida ended the month within the normal range of flows. Due to relatively high river levels in the Suwannee River system, many springs experienced reverse flows during the month

Most all lake levels monitored by the District increased in February. Lake Sampson in Bradford County receded by 0.2 feet.

Aquifer levels rebounded in the south and east portions of the District. Increased aquifer levels were also evident along the Withlacoochee, Alapaha, and Suwannee river corridors as a result of backflow of river water into the aquifer through springs and floodplain sinks. The remainder of the District displayed normal aquifer conditions.



Upper Florida Aquifer levels for February 2016

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