

CURRENT RAINFALL AND CLIMATE OUTLOOK

For May 2026 to date, rainfall within the SFWMD is below normal at 3.08" (88%), with the SW Coast and the West EAA Agriculture regions being the only two areas with above normal rainfall (111-113%).

<https://www.sfwmd.gov/weather-radar/rainboard>

For the 2025/2026 dry season to date (October 11, 2025-May 14, 2026), the SFWMD has received 11.86" of rain (65% of normal). Rainfall has varied across the District, with the SW Coast, Western EAA, Water Conservation Area 3, and Lake Okeechobee regions being the driest (54-58% of normal), and the east coast counties (Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade, and the Florida Keys) being the wettest (75-77% of normal).

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The NOAA Climate Prediction Center one-month Probability Outlook for June 2026 indicates a 33-40% chance of above normal rainfall for south Florida and a 40-50% chance of above normal rainfall for central and north Florida.

https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/long_range/lead14/

The three-month outlook for Jun-Jul-Aug 2026 indicates equal chances of above normal, normal, and below normal rainfall for Florida.

https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/long_range/lead01/off01_prpc.gif

NOAA ENSO Report (updated on 5/18/2026):

- ENSO-neutral conditions are present.
- Equatorial sea surface temperatures (SSTs) are near-to-above-average across the central and eastern Pacific Ocean.
- El Niño is likely to emerge soon (82% chance in May-July 2026) and continue through Northern Hemisphere winter 2026-27 (96% chance in December 2026-February 2027).
- https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/analysis_monitoring/lanina/enso_evolution-status-fcsts-web.pdf

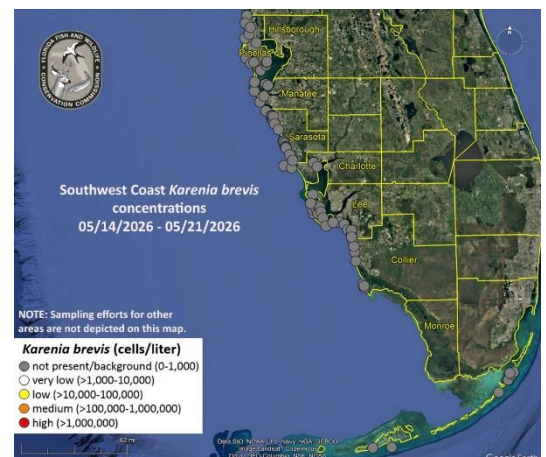
ALGAE BLOOMS

Red Tide: FWC Update for May 22, 2026

<https://myfwc.com/research/redtide/statewide/>

Over the past week, the red tide organism, *Karenia brevis*, was observed at background concentrations in one sample from Northwest Florida.

Fish kills & respiratory irritation suspected of being related to red tide were not reported.



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Blue-Green Algae: ProtectingFloridaTogether.gov

A blue green algae caution is in effect for the Caloosahatchee River-Sebastain Canal as of 5/18/2026 and at Lake Okeechobee – S308C (east side of Lake O).

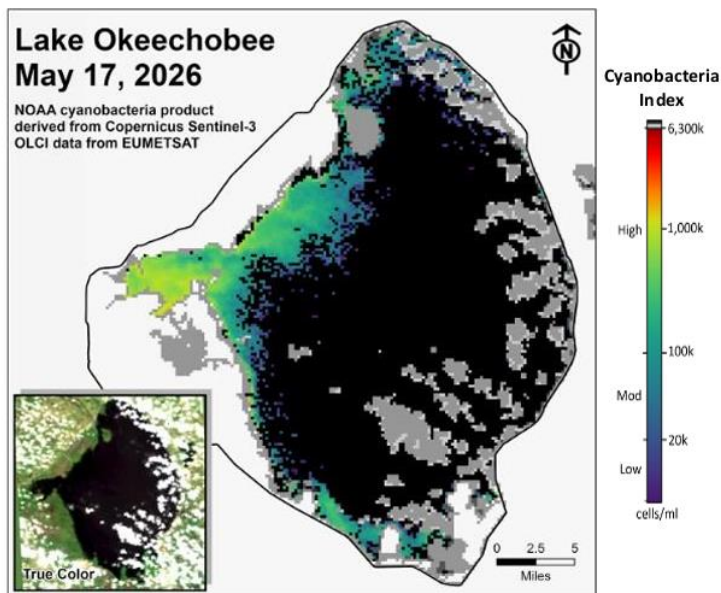


Figure LO-6. Cyanobacteria bloom index level on Lake Okeechobee, based on NOAA's harmful algal bloom monitoring system. Gray color indicates cloud cover. *Provisional NOAA image, subject to change*.

Red Drift Algae: Locally heavy red drift algae deposits continue to occasionally appear on Sanibel beaches.

Trichodesmium: No reports

Sargassum: No reports

PAST MEETING HIGHLIGHTS & UPDATES

CHNEP Management Committee

May 8, 2026

Port Charlotte, FL

<https://www.chnep.org/management-committee>

- Innovative solutions in water supply — Kristine Morris, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Leveraging wetlands as a multi-benefit one water tool for water supply and water quality enhancement — Allison Lewis, Jacobs

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Meeting

May 13-14, 2026

Fort Myers, FL

<https://myfwc.com/about/commission/commission-meetings/may-2026/>

- Update on Volunteerism and Public Participation in Conservation
- The Nose Knows: Using a detection dog to reveal the hidden ecology of mink, spotted skunks, and weasels.

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SFWMD Governing Board Meeting

May 14, 2026

9:00 AM

West Palm Beach, FL

<https://www.sfwmd.gov/news-events/meetings>

- Executive Director's Report
 - SFWMD will initiate a monthly 1-page summary of the status of the Stormwater Treatment Areas (STAs) in meeting the Water Quality Based Effluent Limit (WQBEL) to ensure that STA discharges meet the Everglades Water Quality Standard of 10 ppb (TP criterion). Water Year (WY) 2027 (5/1/2026–4/30/2027) will be first year of the first 5-year compliance cycle.
 - Report from Friends of the Everglades: [2026 Update on Everglades Water Quality and STA Performance](#)
- Snake Land and Cattle Water and Nutrient Retention Project - As part of the Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program (NEEPP), the Snake Land and Cattle Water and Nutrient Retention Project, located in Glades County, is the result of the Caloosahatchee River Watershed Water Storage Initiative Request for Proposals released in May 2025. Snake Land and Cattle, LLC will provide stormwater retention services utilizing 632 acres of the ranch land located in the West Caloosahatchee Basin. The project is estimated to store approximately 1,800 acre-feet of water per year. The ancillary nutrient retention benefits from the project are approximately 700 pounds of phosphorous and 6,000 pounds of nitrogen annually. The negotiated ten-year agreement includes up to one year for implementation (design, permitting, and construction) and nine years of operation.
- Proclaimed May 17-23, 2026 as Water Reuse Week
- Approved the final project list for submission to FDEP the final project list for the 2026-2027 Alternative Water Supply Funding Program

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Integrated Delivery Schedule (IDS) Virtual Workshop

May 29, 2026

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Virtual

<https://www.evergladesrestoration.gov/workshops/may-29-2026-ids-workshop>

SFWMD Governing Board Meeting

June 11, 2026

9:00 AM

West Palm Beach, FL

<https://www.sfwmd.gov/news-events/meetings>

SFWMD Governing Board Meeting

July 9, 2026

9:00 AM

West Palm Beach, FL

<https://www.sfwmd.gov/news-events/meetings>

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C&SF Water Management: Local Engagement and Collaboration - Seasonal Assessment Point - Wet Season

June 16, 2026

9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Virtual

As part of the Lake Okeechobee System Operations Manual (LOSOM) implementation and to continue the model of seasonal assessments in the Combined Operations Plan (COP), the Central and Southern Florida (C&SF) system operating agencies, will be hosting a Seasonal Assessment Point on Tuesday, June 16th, 2026. The Seasonal Assessment Point will cover both the northern and southern regions of the C&SF system with the intent to identify the desired outcomes for the 2026 wet season. A part of the workshop will be focused on a review of the system-wide conditions over the past several seasons (a look back) and climate projections (a look forward). The workshop discussion will help assess operational goals and strategies for the wet season across the south Florida system – which in turn will set the trajectory that can be reviewed at each subsequent monthly meeting for the north and south regions. Each stakeholder will have an opportunity to provide data, assessments, and desired outcomes/goals for the wet season – which can be provided in writing or verbally during the meeting.

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION: N/A