



St. Johns River

Water Management District

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March 21, 2012

Michael J. Perry
Executive Director
Lake County Water Authority
107 North Lake Avenue
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Dear Mr. Perry:

Thank you for your letter of March 13, 2012, and for your continued interest in water levels and flows within the Harris Chain of Lakes and Lake Apopka.

As you know, the District Governing Board on January 10, 2012, modified low-flow discharges at the three water control structures after receiving significant input from the public, stakeholder groups and District staff. The discharges were temporarily set at 23 cubic feet per second (cfs) at the Apopka-Beauclair Lock and Dam, 23 cfs at the Burrell Lock and Dam and 0 cfs at the Moss Bluff Lock and Dam.

As of March 18, Lake Apopka's water level had dropped 5.8 inches, the Superpond's level had dropped 2.4 inches, and Lake Griffin's level had increased 3 inches. These results are within the range of what we anticipated, especially with the continuing drought conditions. Therefore, the District plans to continue the current low flow releases through the end of April. We are also continually evaluating water levels and whether additional changes would be beneficial for the system, public and stakeholder groups.

If you would like further detail regarding our ongoing analysis, please contact Casey Fitzgerald, Bureau Director of Basin Programs, at cfitzgerald@sjrwmd.com or (386) 329-4554.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hans G. Tanzler III'.

Hans G. Tanzler III
Executive Director

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