Florida Water and Climate Alliance (Florida WCA)

"Assessment of Sea Level Rise and Storm Surge Impacts"

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MDWASD Overview

Largest water and sewer utility in Florida, serving more than 2.2 million residents

Water System:

- 3 large regional and 5 small water treatment plants
- Supplying an average of 302 million gallons per day (MGD)
 - > 90% of the County's public water supply
 - Per capita water use 132 gpcd
 - 14 wholesale customers
 - 424,764 retail customers
 - 100 water supply wells
 - 7,918 miles of pipes
 - ➢ 38,204 fire hydrants
 - > 126,000 valves







MDWASD Overview (continued)

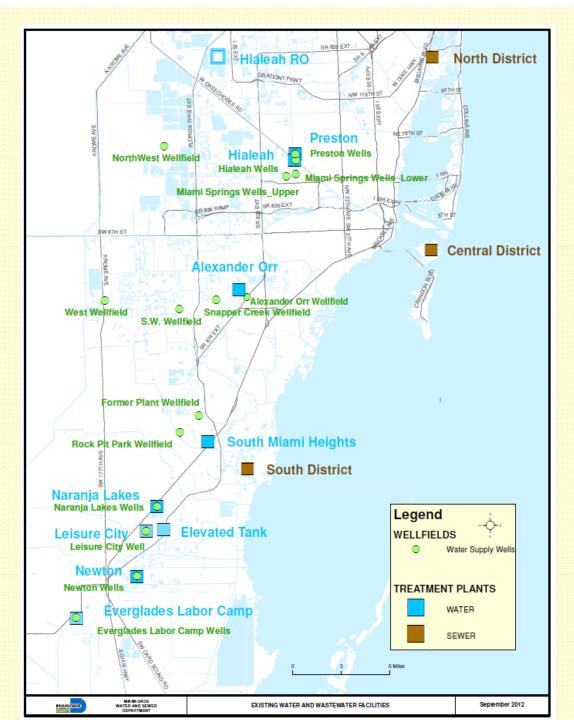
Wastewater System:

- 3 wastewater treatment plants
- 2 ocean outfalls and 21 deep injection wells
- Collecting, treating, and disposing 307 MGD
 - ➢ 342,539 retail customers
 - 13 wholesale customers
 - 6,277 miles of mains and laterals
 - 1,042 sewer pumps stations
 - Reusing 10.2 MGD





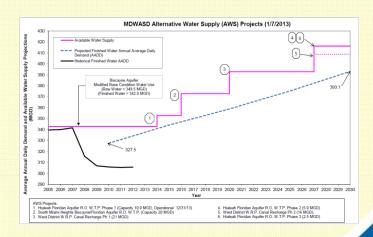




Water & Wastewater Treatment Facilities

Integrated Master Plan (Water, Wastewater, & Reclaimed Water)

- Updated demand projections to 2035
- Alternative water supply (including reclaimed water)
- Ocean Outfall Compliance Plan (June 2013) (no ocean discharge after 2025)
- New wastewater treatment plant in the West
- Infrastructure improvements
- Redundancy analysis
- Energy savings projects
- Climate Change impacts

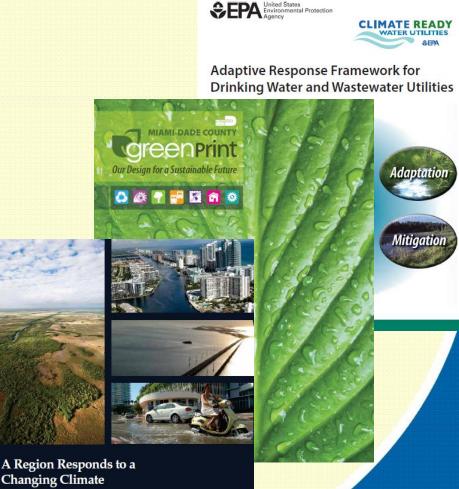




Climate Change References

- Miami-Dade County GreenPrint:
 - Miami-Dade County Climate Change Advisory Task Force
 - The Mayor's Sustainability Advisory Board
- Southeast Florida Regional Climate Action Plan
- EPA's Climate Ready Water Utilities





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Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact Counties

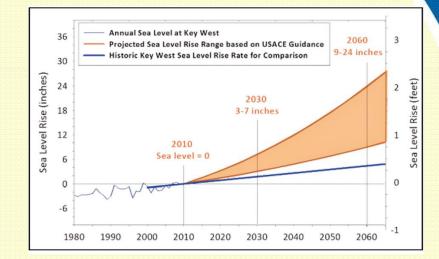
Regional Climate Action Plan





Assumptions on Climate Change Impacts

- 3 ft SLR by 2075
- Saltwater intrusion in water supply wellfields
- Increased flooding and infiltration and inflow
- Impacts from storm surges on coastal facilities
- Drought conditions







Tools to Assess Climate Change Impacts

- Integrated surface/groundwater model for Biscayne aquifer
- Sea Level Rise NOAA Viewer
- Storm surge assessment for coastal facilities (preliminary assessment by Hazen and Sawyer, Feb 2013)





Sea Level Rise NOAA Viewer



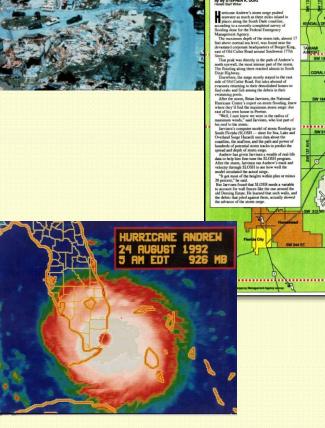
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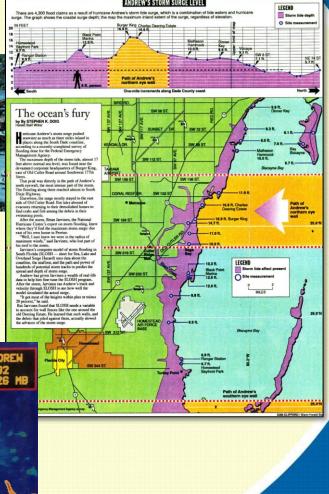
Previous Experience with Storm Surge

- Hurricane Andrew, August 1992:
- 16 ft. storm surge
- 140 mph winds
- SDWWTP Impacted (12.5 ft surge), back in service in approximately 30 days

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Coastal Storm Tide Evaluation

				Coastal Storm Tide				
Category	Surge Range	Surge Value	High Tide	Current (no SLR)	2030 Low (0.25 ft SLR)	2030 High/2060 Low (0.67 ft SLR)		2075 High (3 ft SLR)
1 - Minimal	4 - 5 feet	4.5	2.5	7	7.25	7.67	9	10
2 - Moderate	6 - 8 feet	7	2.5	9.5	9.75	10.17	11.5	12.5
3 - Extensive	9 - 12 feet	10.5	2.5	13	13.25	13.67	15	16
4 - Extreme 5 -	13 - 18 feet	15.5	2.5	18	18.25	18.67	20	21
Catastrophic	> 18 feet	16.9	2.5	19.4	19.65	20.07	21.4	22.4

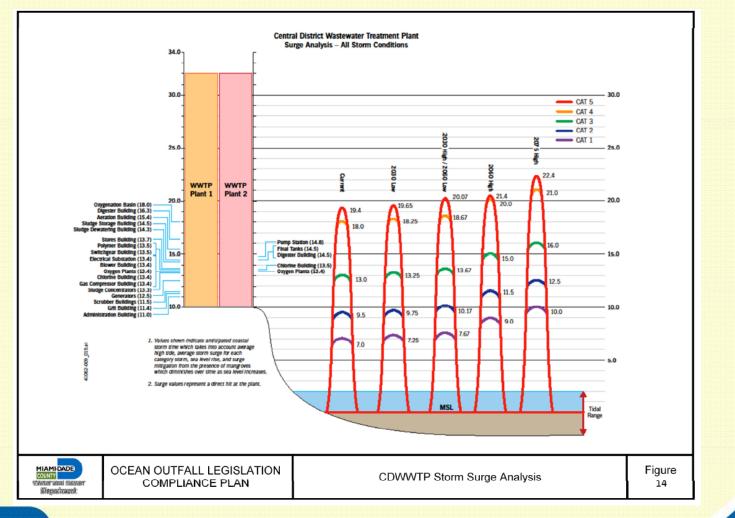
Notes:

1) Storm categories are based on wind speed and central pressure - surge is estimated

2) Hurricane Andrew (Category 5 storm) resulted in a measured surge of 16.9 feet



Storm Surge Analysis





Cost Estimates

- Full Plant Replacement \$7.5 billion
- Total estimated loss (electrical, instruments & controls) from storm \$1.7 billion (23 %)
- Hardening of facilities (partial walls, flood logs, watertight doors) - \$20 million



Existing Adaptation and Mitigation Measures

- Water conservation
- Emergency backup power
- Standby pumps in all pump stations
- SCADA at all major plants, pump stations w/malfunction alarms
- 24/7 Emergency Call Center
- Parallel trains at all wastewater treatment plants
- Large inventory of portable power generators, piping, valves, and fittings
- Contracts with construction firms for emergency repairs
- New design criteria (higher elevation)









Next Steps

- 1. Refine Storm Tide Criteria
- 2. Perform more detailed asset analysis
- 3. Evaluate mitigation alternatives
- 4. Continue hardening program
- Develop design criteria for new development



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Water Conservation Program: http://www.miamidade.gov/waterconservation

> Ocean Outfall Compliance Plan http://www.miamidade.gov/water

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