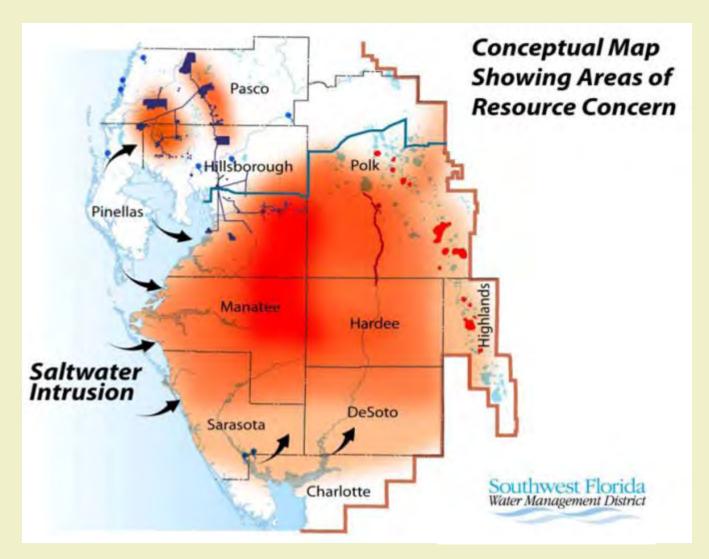


Hydrology of the Peace River

Southern Water Use Caution Area





The Peace River is our Source Water









The Peace River near Arcadia - typical dry and wet season views





Picture from FDEP's "Florida's Water" webpage

The Upper Peace River can go Completely Dry



Picture by Sam Stone during 2000-1 drought



Figure 7-4.
Historically, the upper
Peace River flowed yearround in all but the
driest years.



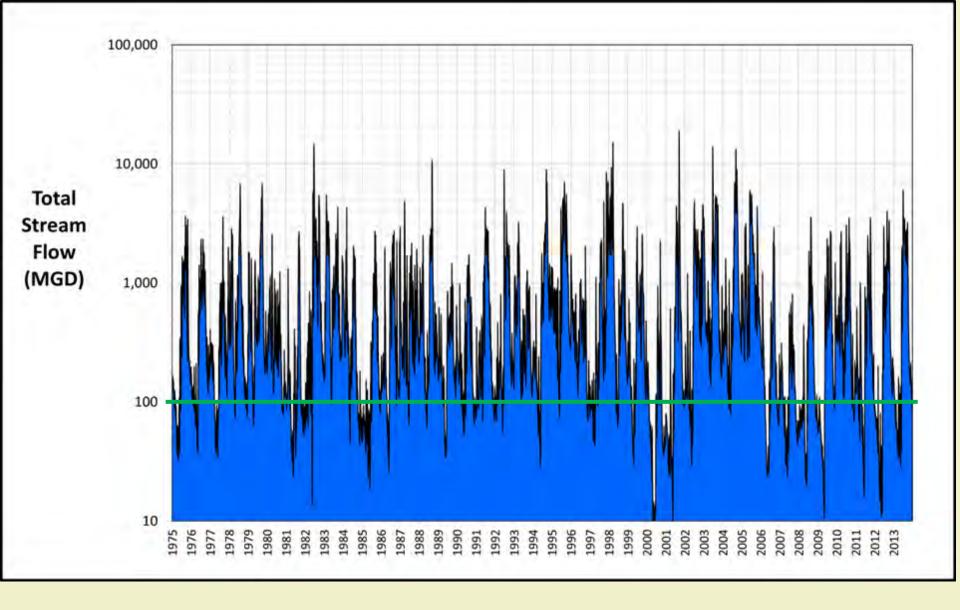
Figure 7-5.

Excessive groundwater withdrawals and hydrologic alteration from urban, agricultural and industrial development in the upper Peace River watershed have resulted in the river often completely disappearing into sinkholes or not flowing at all.

Credit to the Southwest Florida Water Management District



Figure 7-17.
Peace River flowing into sinkhole near Bartow
Wastewater Treatment
Plant, May 2001.



- River flows vary dramatically (8 Mgd 18 Bgd)
- Three orders-of-magnitude!

2000-01 Drought is Our Challenge Event



