

SRWMD Prepares for Hurricane Season

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The Suwannee River Water Management District (District) participated in the 2014 Statewide Hurricane Exercise as part of Hurricane Preparedness Week, May 25-31.

In coordination with the Florida Department of Emergency Management, the District and other agencies worked to anticipate the effects of a simulated Hurricane named Jones.

The District prepared for both internal and external responses to the storm. The District's simulated external response was to suspend permitting, close District lands to the public, and send staff to support the efforts of the state and county Emergency Operations Centers (EOC). The internal response included securing the building and notifying staff of the impending dangers of the storm. The District has designated Dave Dickens as the primary staffer to support the EOC and Leroy Marshall II, is the alternate staffer.

Annually the State of Florida prepares for hurricane season through the State Emergency Response Team. Participating counties simulate problems and the State Emergency Operations Center works to respond. The results of the simulation have

shown the District its strengths and opportunities to better serve all of the citizens in the District. Overall, the District is ready for Hurricane Season 2014.

Leroy Marshall II, Senior Professional Engineer, explained, "By participating in this exercise the district will be more efficient when responding to a disaster. Our emergency response team is better prepared to assist local governments with disaster relief."

For more information about the District's preparation contact Leroy Marshall II, P.E., CFM, Senior Professional Engineer, at 386.362.1001 or 1.800.226.1001

Additional resources for hurricane preparedness are available on the National Weather Service's Hurricane Center <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/prepare/> and Florida Disaster, a division of the Florida's Emergency Management. <http://www.floridadisaster.org/index.asp>

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