# Variations in Sea Levels -Implications for Water Management

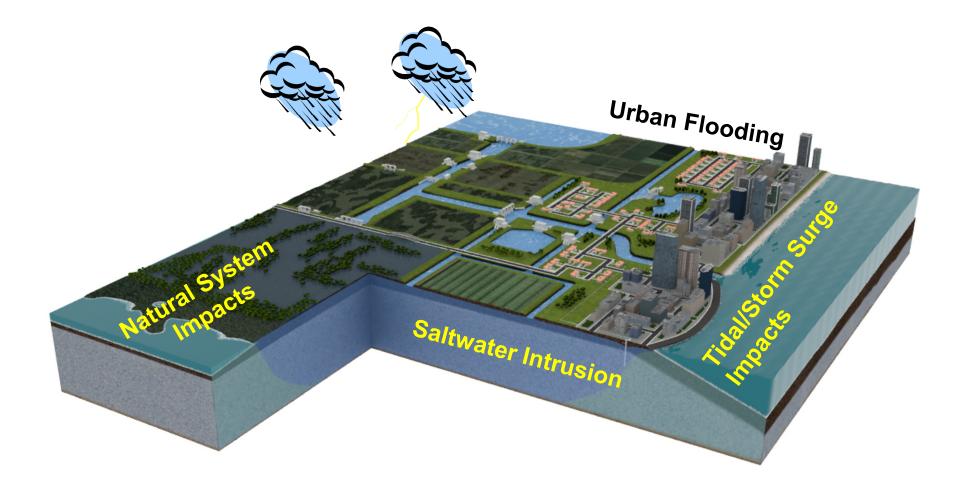
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## **Regional Water Management System**



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## **Exposure & Vulnerability**

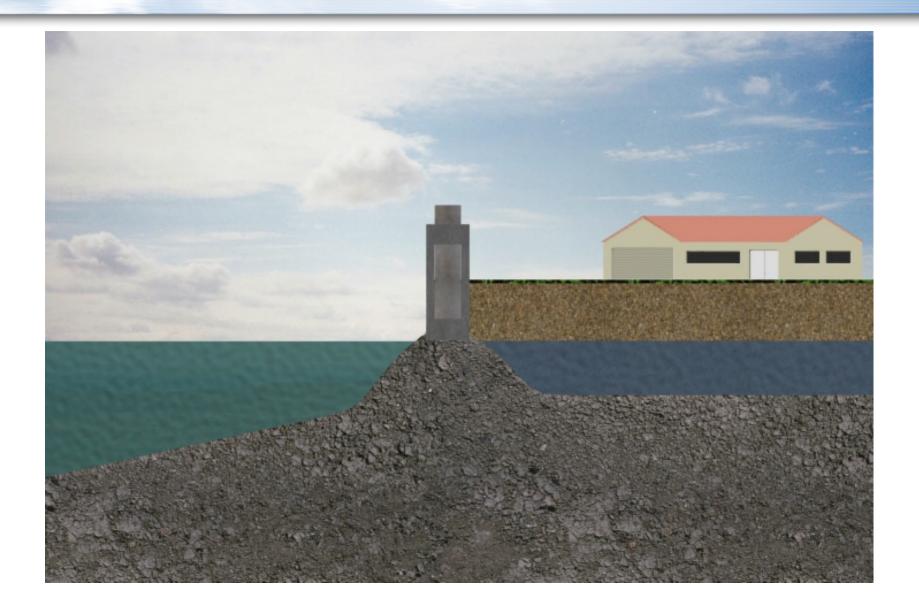
#### Most vulnerable structures are in Miami-Dade County Broward counties



## **Regional Water Control System**



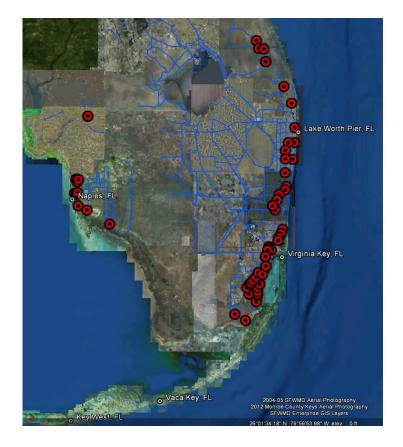
#### Flood risk due to rising sea levels

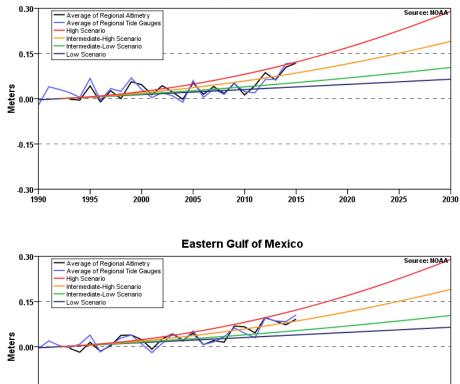


-0.15

-0.30+

#### **Recent Sea Level Variations**

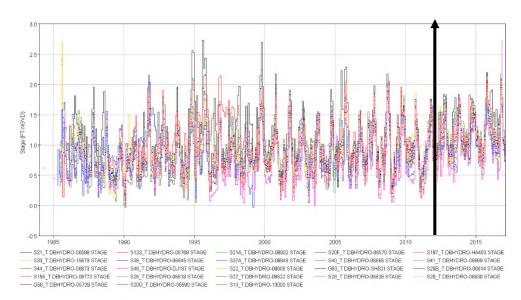




South Atlantic Coast

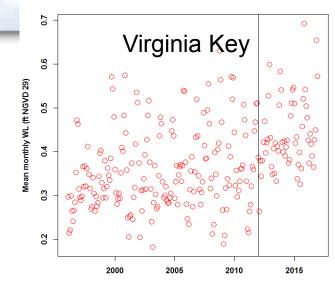
#### **Mean Monthly Sea Levels**

Ocean side of water control structure On East Coast

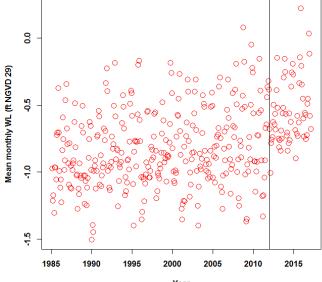


#### What happened after 2012?

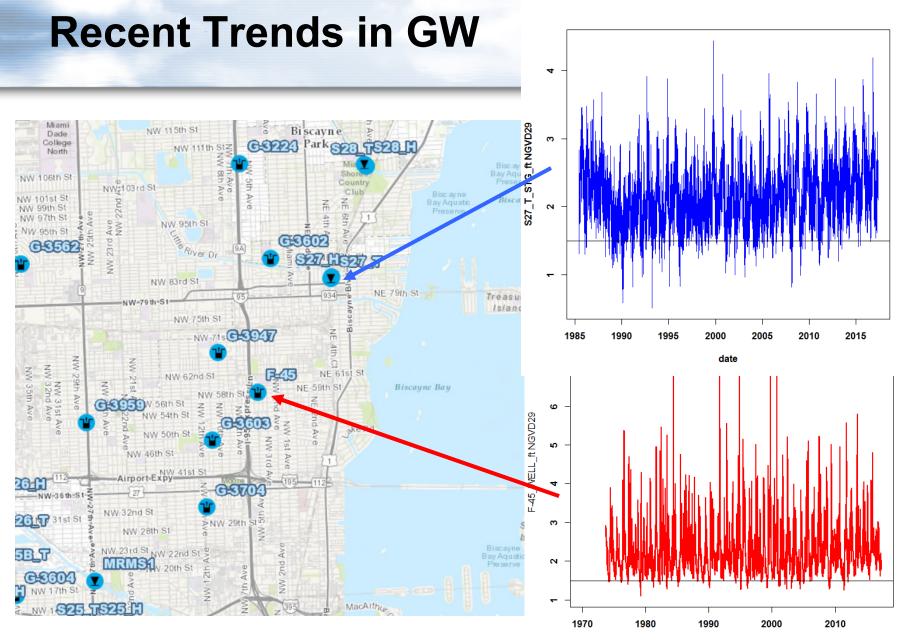


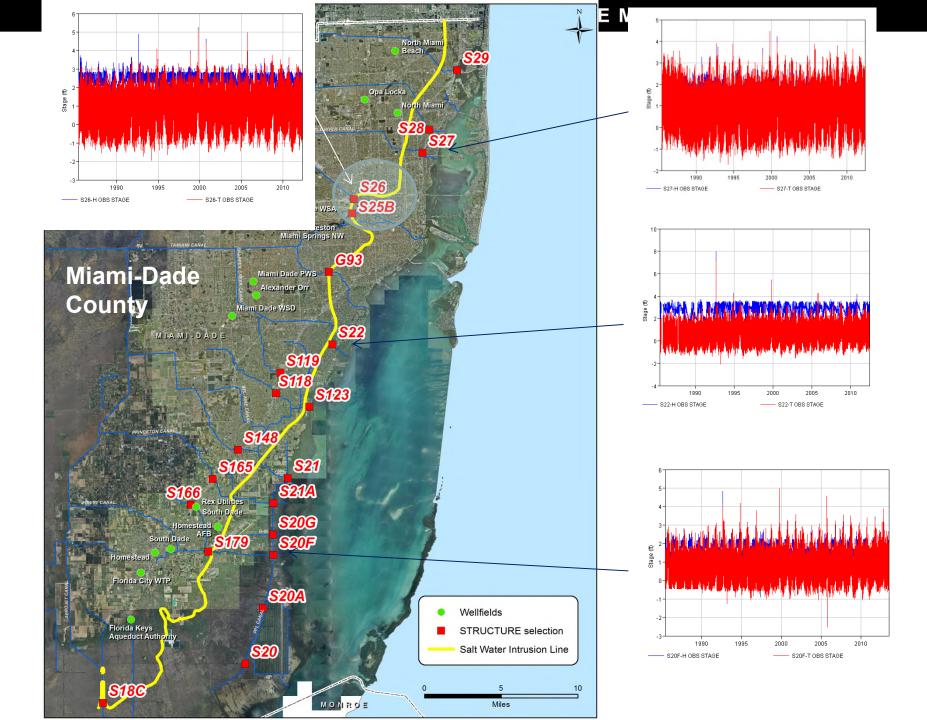


Key West



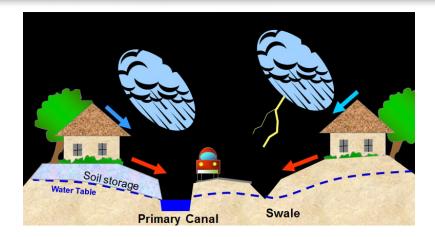
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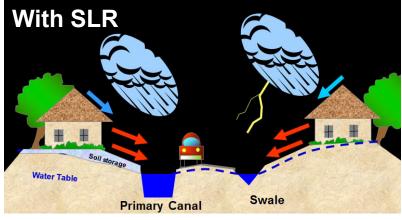




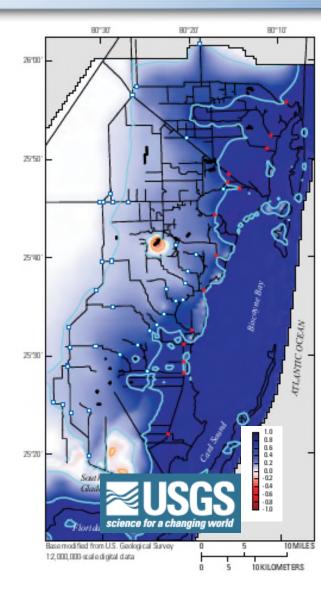
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#### Non-uniform water table increase: modeling (USGS/M-D WSD) results



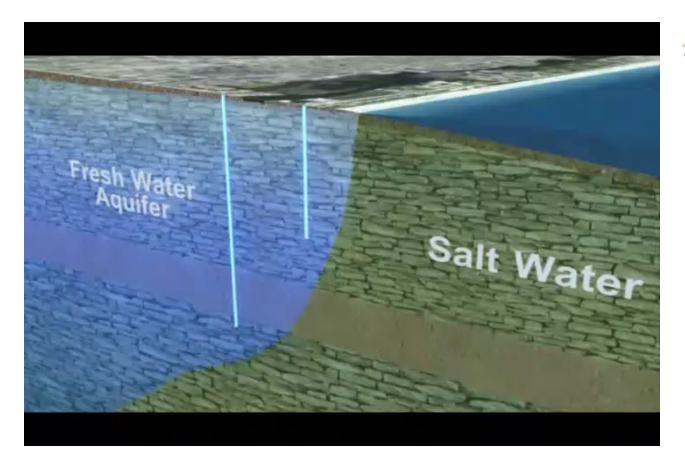


Higher water table & more runoff



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# Will Sea Level Rise Accelerate Saltwater Intrusion?

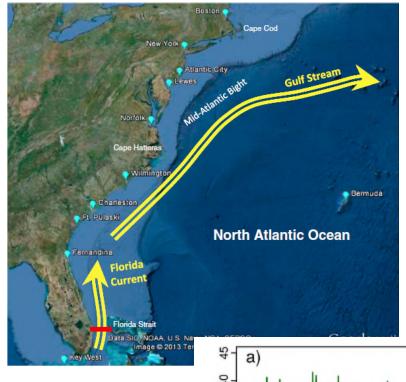


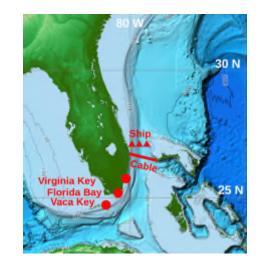


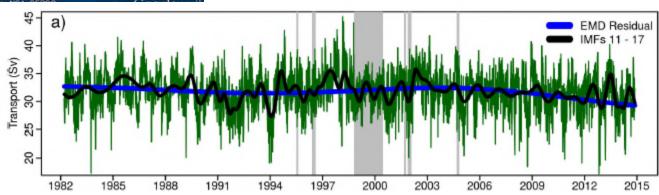
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## **Decline in Florida Current Transport?**







## **Latest Regional Sea Level Projections**

