

# SAVE OUR LAKES



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# SOLO BLACK CREEK PROJECT CELEBRATION

At YMCA CAMP IMMOKALEE

OCTOBER 25, 2024 3-7 pm

Food, Fun, Music & More!

(DETAILS IN OCTOBER NEWSLETTER)

**VIVIAN SAYS:** “Now that the Black Creek Project is almost at our door, our SOLO Members and neighbors are not only getting excited, but asking questions about what area lake levels will look like. There are also questions about what clearing IS or IS NOT allowed.

In an effort to answer the first question regarding expected lake levels from the Black Creek Project, SOLO Board Member Scott Slater worked with SJRWMD survey staff to get answers. (See Scott’s Report on page 2)

To answer the second question about clearing, we will be asking the FWC and FDEP to come to a SOLO meeting to make a presentation and answer questions about these issues. We’re shooting for either the November 2024 or January 2025 SOLO meeting. We will keep you posted.”

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## What will be the new lake levels expected once the pipeline is complete and water levels are restored in Lake Geneva? Scott Slater Reports

Per CD Smith Memorandum dated March 16th 2022, during completion of design phase for Black Creek Water Resource Project:

Normal Low Water Level: 99.1 ft NAVD  
 Mean Water Level: 100.9 ft NAVD  
 Normal High Water Level: 102.9 ft NAVD

On Thursday, August 22nd SOLO Board member Scott Slater accompanied SJRWMD staff in shooting elevations at Keystone Beach and Lake Geneva boat ramp at 5th Street off Highway 100 across from CR 214.

The included photos represent these elevations of expected restored lake levels on Lake Geneva

Scott Slater: "Exciting times to have the visual reference of what we can expect from this very important recharge project. These new elevations also allow SOLO to move the Keystone Beach ADA accessible Fishing Pier to the final design stage.

I wish to send out a special thanks to Clay Coarsey with SJRWMD for providing staff and instrumentation to assist SOLO in obtaining these needed staked elevations."

Further updates and discussion on the "Geneva Project" to remove trees and undergrowth along the shores of Lake Geneva are in the works and will need to continue sooner than later with the rising lake levels from our summer rains.

SOLO has engaged many of our elected representatives to assist in accelerating these discussions with the FDEP whom regulates these removal/restoration operations. Further discussion with FWC on beneficial fish habitat will be included in the restoration plans for Lake Geneva.



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*Please feel free to check us out!*

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**Verify on website: [www.sjrwmd.com/governingboard/](http://www.sjrwmd.com/governingboard/) (Live Streaming is available)**



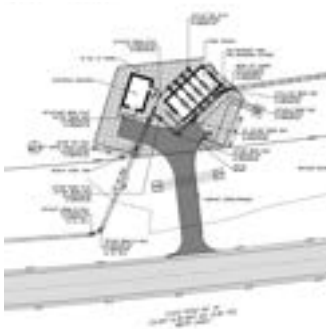
**08/26/2024 DATA** (Elevations NAVD88)

Brooklyn Level: 109.9 Ft  
Alligator Creek Flow: 9.7 MGD; Level: 110.9 Ft  
Geneva Level: 94.1 Ft  
S. Fork Black Creek (SR-16): Flow: 162 MGD: Level: 13 Ft  
Monthly Rainfall: 7.0" (Source: SJRWMD and USGS)



**BLACK CREEK PROJECT:** Top - Pump Station, only paving the driveway and erecting the fence remain. Left - Black Creek on 8/6/24. Right - The lower rock layer is being placed and graded in the Treatment Area.

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**SOLO's next members' meeting will be at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, Sept. 10th, in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Look for our meeting signs around Keystone Heights, See you there!**

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