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QUANTIFYING HYDROLOGIC FLUXES TO A SMALL IMPOUNDED PIEDMONT LAKE, GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA
Water Budget Concept

What is a water budget?

\[(ppt + SW_{in} + R + GW_{in}) - (E + SW_{out} + GW_{out} + WD) = \Delta S\]

- \(ppt\) = precipitation
- \(Sw\) = surface water flows (in or out)
- \(Gw\) = groundwater flows (in or out)
- \(R\) = overland runoff
- \(E\) = evaporation
- \(WD\) = irrigation withdrawals
- \(\Delta S\) = Net change in lake storage
Water Budget Concept

Why at Furman Lake?

- The lake has suffered from years of pollution.
- Furman Lake restoration project.
- Necessary for a chemical and nutrient budget.

Why make a water budget?

- Assess the condition of a lake.
- Plan for the future.
- Ultimate goal is sustainable management.
Figure 1. Distribution of Instrumentation Around Furman Lake. FUW refers to land well locations, PZ refers to piezometers in the lake and SW refers to stilling well locations.
Components/Results

- Results tabulated for three months of data.
- Precipitation – totaled 10.86 inches for the study. Majority fell on 8/12.
Surface Water Flow

North Village Inflow

Stage Height (m)

8/1/07  8/15/07  8/29/07  9/12/07  9/26/07  10/10/07  10/24/07
Surface Water Flow

Picnic Shelter Inflow

Stage Height (m)

Surface Water Flow

Dam Outflow

Stage Height (m)

8/1/07  8/15/07  8/29/07  9/12/07  9/26/07  10/10/07  10/24/07
Lake Storage

Feet
- 1 - 3
- 3 - 6
- 6 - 9
- 9 - 12
- 12 - 15
- 15 - 18
Components/Results

Measured Pan Evaporation

Stage Height (m)

8/2/07  8/10/07  8/18/07  8/26/07  9/3/07  9/11/07  9/19/07  9/27/07  10/5/07  10/13/07
Irrigation and Groundwater

- The most difficult to quantify.
- Data from facilities services is questionable.
- Groundwater is difficult because it is subsurface.
The Big Picture: What Does this Mean for Furman?


- Surface-Water Inflow: 64%
- Precipitation: 36%

Budget Inflows-October

- Precipitation: 64%
- North Village: 23%
- Picnic Shelter: 10%
- Runoff: 3%
The Big Picture: What Does this Mean for Furman?

Budget Outflows - September
- Dam: 37%
- Evaporation: 33%
- Groundwater: 29%
- Irrigation: 1%

Total Outflows Aug.-Oct.
- Dam: 46%
- Evaporation: 27%
- Groundwater: 26%
- Irrigation: 1%