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Navigation Lock on Lake Tohopekaliga Reopened to Boat Traffic *Inspection of the S-61 lock completed ahead of schedule*

Orlando, FL – The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) has resumed operation of the S-61 navigation lock on Lake Tohopekaliga after completing a routine inspection and refurbishment that will extend the structure's service well into the future.

The lock, also known as the Southport Lock, had been closed to boat traffic entering or leaving the south end of the lake via the C-35 canal since May 26. It was not set to reopen until June 12, but the District finished the refurbishment work ahead of schedule.

The inspection and refurbishment are part of a continuous maintenance schedule designed to ensure that SFWMD water control structures that provide flood protection for all of South Florida work properly. Information collected during periodic inspections is used to identify aspects of District structures that need to be repaired or replaced.

For more information on this or any other SFWMD projects, please contact the Orlando Service Center at (407) 858-6100.
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About the South Florida Water Management District – [Celebrating 60 Years \(1949-2009\)](#)

The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.