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### **Taylor Creek Lock Opens for Navigation into Lake Okeechobee**

**Okeechobee, FL** – The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) has opened the navigation lock at Taylor Creek (S-193) on the northern edge of Lake Okeechobee.

The lock, which allows boaters to navigate around flood control structures and into the lake, was closed to boat traffic in February in order to maintain canal water levels in the area during the recent record-breaking dry season.

The lock will remain in the open position with no lock tender until the lake elevation reaches 14 feet NGVD. At that time, the lock will again be closed to navigation until the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers completes installation of the manatee protection upgrade.

Lake Okeechobee's elevation stood at 13.56 feet NGVD on July 31.

For more information, please contact the SFWMD Okeechobee Service Center at (863) 462-5260 or (800) 250-4200 or the SFWMD Orlando Service Center at (407) 858-6100 or (800) 250-4250.

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*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.*