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Construction to Begin on New Golden Gate Canal Weir No. 3

Replaces original structure built in the early 1960s

WHAT: The Big Cypress Basin, the local arm of the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) in Collier County, is breaking ground on a construction project to replace and relocate Golden Gate Canal Weir No. 3.

The new gated weir with automated control operation will be located two miles north of the existing water control structure. The weir will improve flood protection for Golden Gate Estates, reduce freshwater discharges into Naples Bay and create additional storage capacity in the Golden Gate Main Canal to help recharge groundwater supplies during the dry season. The original structure, built in the early 1960s as part of the stormwater system for Golden Gate Estates, will eventually be demolished.

WHEN: Tuesday, October 20, 2009

TIME: 9 a.m.

WHERE: 3710 31st Ave. S.W., Naples, approximately one mile east of Collier Boulevard

WHO: Big Cypress Basin Board members, SFWMD staff, appointed and elected officials and community leaders

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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.