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S-127 Navigation Lock to be Placed Back into Service

Lake Okeechobee lock will resume operation on January 25

Okeechobee, FL – The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) will resume normal operation of the S-127 navigation lock on Lake Okeechobee in Buckhead Ridge beginning on Monday, January 25, at 5:30 a.m.

The navigation lock was taken out of service several months ago to protect the canal system in Buckhead Ridge during a dredging project in a Lake Okeechobee navigation channel. In addition, the District needed to make repairs to the hydraulic lift mechanism on the lock gates. Gate repairs have been complete for several weeks, and dredging in the Pearce Canal finished on Friday, January 22.

For more information about the navigation lock opening or for general information about the District, please call the Okeechobee Service Center at (863) 462-5260.

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About the South Florida Water Management District

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.