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Big Cypress Basin to Dedicate New Administrative Office

Former state Rep. Mary Ellen Hawkins and past SFWMD Governing Board member Stanley Hole to be honored

WHAT: The Big Cypress Basin will honor two local water management leaders at a dedication ceremony and open house for its new administrative office.

The building will be dedicated to Mary Ellen Hawkins, a state representative from 1974 to 1994 who was instrumental in the creation of the Big Cypress Basin. The main conference room will be named in memory of Stanley Hole, a former member of the South Florida Water Management District Governing Board and the first chairman of the Big Cypress Basin Board.

WHEN: Wednesday, May 26, 2010

TIME: 10 a.m.

WHERE: Big Cypress Basin Administrative Office
2660 N. Horseshoe Drive
Naples, FL 34104

WHO: Big Cypress Basin Board members, along with local elected officials and government staff, will be attending.

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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.