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### **Buckhead Ridge Navigation Lock Scheduled for Gate Repair**

*S-127 navigation lock to be out of service from July 6 through July 23*

**Okeechobee, FL** – The S-127 navigation lock at Buckhead Ridge will be out of service from July 6 through July 23 while the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) makes repairs to the lock gate.

The gate hoist mechanism has required periodic adjustments since the navigation lock resumed normal operation in January following several months out of service. The lock was closed during that time to protect the canal system in Buckhead Ridge during a dredging project in a Lake Okeechobee navigation channel and to allow the District to repair the hydraulic lift mechanism on the lock gates. The upcoming work will complete those repairs.

The District appreciates the public's patience during these activities. For more information about the navigation lock operations or for general information about the District, please call the SFWMD 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.*