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## **Big Cypress Basin to Mark Completion of New Weir**

*New Golden Gate Main Canal Weir No. 3 replaces original structure built in the 1960s*



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**WHAT:** The Big Cypress Basin, the local arm of the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) in Collier County, will host a celebration to mark the completion of the new Golden Gate Main Canal Weir No. 3.

The new gated weir replaces an existing water control structure that was built in the early 1960s. The weir will improve flood protection for Golden Gate Estates, help 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.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, October 19, 2010

**TIME:** 10 a.m.

**WHERE:** Golden Gate Canal Weir No. 3  
3710 31st Ave. S.W.  
Naples, FL 34117

**WHO:** Big Cypress Basin Board members, SFWMD staff, appointed and elected officials and community leaders are expected to attend.

**DIRECTIONS:**

From Collier Boulevard/County Road 951, turn east onto 17th Avenue Southwest and then south onto 39th Street Southwest. Travel to the end of 39th Street and turn left onto 31st Avenue Southwest. Look for the SFWMD event sign at 3710 31st Ave. S.W.

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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.*