



BIG CYPRESS BASIN

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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February 13, 2020

**Subject: Golden Gate Canal Tree Removal Project
for GG-1 to Airport Pulling Rd. –2nd Notice**

Dear Resident,

The Big Cypress Basin (Basin) of South Florida Water Management District (District) is a regional governmental agency that oversees the water resources within Collier County. One of our missions is to protect homes and businesses from flooding and one of the ways we accomplish that mission is to remove dangerous trees and vegetation from the canal drainage easement.

If left unchecked and unmanaged, vegetation such as shrubs and trees can uproot or break during storms and fall into the canals that serve as your flood protection system. Limbs, trees, and shrubs can block water flow, causing serious local and upstream flooding, as well as severely damage water control structures and bridges—all of which impact our abilities to protect our community from flooding.

As part of our work to protect your home from flooding and the residents and businesses east of you, the Basin will have all vegetation within the canal drainage easement/right-of-way removed on the south side of the canal. Beginning on March 2, 2020, our contractor, Southwest Ag Services will be removing trees and shrubs within the drainage easement along the Golden Gate Main canal from the Golden Gate #1 Structure (GG1) to Airport-Pulling Road (see enclosed map).

Tree removal will include stump grinding and sodding of disturbed areas from top of bank to your property line. Vegetation will also be removed from the canal banks and the areas treated with herbicide to prevent re-emergence. These activities are part of our normal cycle of maintenance of its rights-of-way to ensure that canals function optimally during a storm or hurricane event.

Staff will continue to update residents impacted by the project until all work is complete. A website is available for you to access details and updates to the status of the project at www.sfwmd.gov/our-work/golden-gate-canal. We anticipate tree removal work will be completed in April 2020.

Thank you for your understanding as we conduct this critical work to provide flood protection for our community. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this project, please feel free to contact me at 239-263-7615 or lkoehler@sfwmd.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa Koehler".

Lisa Koehler
Basin Administrator

Encl.



Big Cypress Basin

GOLDEN GATE MAIN VEGETATION REMOVAL PROJECT LIMITS

South Right of Way – GG1 Structure to Airport Road North

