



**SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

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## **C.R. 621 to Experience Five Months of Periodic Traffic Interruptions** *S-68 flood gate overhaul project to run from March through July*

**Okeechobee, FL** – Work planned for the S-68 water control structure, located on County Road 621 in Highlands County, will result in intermittent road closures beginning March 9 and lasting through July 2010.

As part of its ongoing maintenance program, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) will be overhauling the three flood control gates on the S-68 structure, which provides flood protection for residents within the Lake Istokpoga watershed. The structure also serves as a bridge for C.R. 621 as the road skirts the eastern edge of Lake Istokpoga.

The District will take only one gate out of service at a time to continue providing flood protection with the other two gates. In order to access the gates, workers must be positioned on the C.R. 621 bridge periodically for the next five months.

Traffic interruptions are expected to occur only a few days each month. A flag man will be present to allow traffic to pass in one direction at a time. Each work day will last from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information about this project, including specific road closure dates or traffic routing, 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.*