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SFWMD Completes Navigation Lock Maintenance on Kissimmee River Service life extended for critical navigation lock

Orlando, FL – The navigation lock at the S-65A flood control structure, located on the Kissimmee River about 14 miles south of State Road 60, is back in service following four weeks of inspection and maintenance work.

Crews refurbished the mechanism that opens and closes the lock gates, which will extend the life of the navigation lock and allow for years of uninterrupted service.

The lock was returned to normal operations on June 26.

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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.