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****Media Advisory for Wednesday, Jan. 19 at 10 a.m.****

Representatives Robin Bartleman, Demi Busatta Cabrera and Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez File Legislation to Expedite Upgrades to South Florida's Aging Flood Control System

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - Representative Robin Bartleman (D-Weston), Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez (R-Doral), and Representative Demi Busatta Cabrera (R-Coral Gables) will be holding a press conference on their bills, [House Bill 513](#) and [Senate Bill 1326](#): Comprehensive Review Study of the Central and Southern Florida Project.

The Central and Southern Florida Project, South Florida's extensive flood control system impacting over 11 million residents, is currently under stress by sea level rise and more intense rainfall. Parts of this system require immediate upgrades to protect the communities in South Florida from flooding. Under current law, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is required to annually publish, by Sept. 1, a Sea Level Rise and Flood Resilience Plan. **HB 513/ SB 1326** directs the SFWMD to consolidate the portions of the plan related to the C&SF Resiliency Study and submit the document to the Office of Economic and Demographic Research (EDR), the Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), the Governor, the Senate President, and Speaker of the House by Oct. 1, annually. These consolidated annual project status reports will create a mechanism for the state to monitor flood mitigation projects and develop a system of accountability.

WHO: Representative Robin Bartleman
Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez
Representative Demi Busatta Cabrera

Broward County Elected Officials

WHAT: Press Conference on Senate Bill 1326 and House Bill 513:
Comprehensive Review Study of the Central and Southern Florida Project.

WHEN: Wednesday, Jan. 19 at 10 a.m.

WHERE: 4th Floor Rotunda
Florida Capitol Building
Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82820711714>

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