Reclamation District 1608

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Dear Homeowners and Businesses:

Ensuring maintenance standards of the levees in Reclamation District 1608 is of the utmost importance. As stated in our previous newsletter, preventive action is needed to keep our levees safe. On the reverse side of this newsletter, we review some of the more common issues our District Superintendent encounters during his regular inspections of the levees. Do review "Joe's Maintenance Minders." Keeping the levees clear of obstacles is especially important during the upcoming winter months.

The flood insurance map became final in October, 2009. The Reclamation District is not presently in a flood hazard zone. Flood insurance is therefore not required but is recommended by the Board of Trustees.

The District has repaired several gates and installed one new gate on the levee.

At a recent Board meeting, a presentation was made on the Interstate 5 North Stockton Corridor Project—an 11.5 mile project, extending from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. to two miles north of Eight Mile Road. Twenty-two bridges and five water crossings are involved. If you wish to have more information on Interstate 5 North Stockton Corridor Project, call (209) 464-8707, Extension 101, or send e-mail to Hotline@buethecommunications.com.

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Always remember: You must obtain permits before placing any encroachment—temporary or permanent—on the levees. To request a permit, contact Joe Bryson, District Superintendent, at (209) 406-9142. Or, write to Board of Trustees, Reclamation District 1608, P. O. Box 4857, Stockton, CA 95204.

Feel free to call the District Hotline at (209) 406-9142 with any questions or comments, or come join us at a board meeting the first Friday of each month. An opportunity for public comment is offered at each board meeting. Meetings are held the first Friday of each month at 8:00 a.m. at the offices of Neumiller & Beardslee, 509 West Weber Avenue, 5th Floor, Stockton.

We do want to thank you, owners and residents, for your support of the clean-up efforts. Together, we maintain our levees to required standards and keep our residents safe.

Sincerely,
Board of Trustees
Reclamation District 1608

Joe's Maintenance Minders

Our District Superintendent, Joe Bryson, must conduct inspections frequently to ensure that the integrity of the levees is maintained. You can help. Here's how:

- An RD 1608 sign states "Do Not Remove the Rocks." Removing the rocks on the levees is a violation of the California Penal Code. If you observe anyone removing stones, throwing rocks in the water or disturbing the rip-rap, call the Hotline (209) 406-9142. The rocks are there for flood protection purposes.
- Do not use the levee or area near the levee for storage or dumping.
- Do not cast off building materials onto the levee.
- Remember: No grass or other vegetation on top of the levee.
- Wild animals on the levee? Call the Hotline.
- Please keep the fence lines trimmed. Joe must be able to look into backyards without obstruction 10 feet from the levee toe.
- Please do not lock gates on your property along the levee crown that would prevent inspection or access during an emergency.
- Make sure any irrigation pipes (or other pipes) on the levees are not pressurized except when being used. Also, inspect your pipes frequently for leaks. The control valve turnoff must be at least 10 feet away from the toe of the levee on the land side.

The large piece of plywood and long boards obscure holes or cracks in the levee.

Inappropriate use of levee for storage

Non-compliant intrusion of vegetation on the levees.

Examples of levee cracks that must be monitored.

Thank you for your efforts in keeping our levees safe and well maintained.