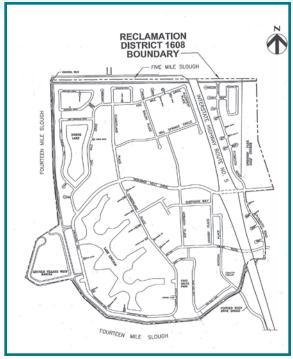
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# Reclamation District (608)

April 2010





## Dear Homeowners and Businesses:

Good news: our levees are FEMA-certified! We appreciate your diligence in maintaining the levee standards in Reclamation District 1608 to help achieve the FEMA certification.

As mentioned before, flood insurance is not required but is recommended by the Board of Trustees.

We must not rest our efforts to keep our levees safe, so please do review "Joe's Maintenance Minders" on the reverse side of this newsletter.

The time is almost here for another Reclamation District 1608 election. The District, which provides flood protection for the special benefit of the land within Lincoln Village West, is entirely financed by local landowners through District

assessments and receiving a fraction of your property taxes. It does not receive any money from the city, county, state or federal governments.

Watch your mail for a ballot and more detailed information about the election.

The District Trustees will hold a public hearing on the election at 7:00 p.m. at the law offices of Neumiller & Beardslee, 5th Floor, 509 West Weber Avenue, Stockton,

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CONSULTING ENGINEERS Johnnie Mack (916) 436-6050 HDR Engineering, Inc. California, on June 11, 2010. The ballots will be counted at the hearing.

Prior to the hearing, two informational meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. on April 28, 2010, and 7:00 p.m. on May 12, 2010, at Mable Barron Elementary School, 6835 Cumberland Place, Stockton. You are welcome to attend either or both of the meetings.

We have included a map of Reclamation District 1608 in this newsletter.

Feel free to call the District Hotline at (209) 406-9142 with any questions or comments, or come join us at the 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.

Sincerely, Board of Trustees Reclamation District 1608

#### Joe's Maintenance Minders

District Superintendent, Joe Bryson, has these quarterly reminders for our homeowners:

- A lot of tagging is being done on the signs and roads in the District. New types of signs were placed, but those were slashed by knife-wielding vandals. Signs are also being destroyed or removed. Please promptly report any vandalism that you observe.
- Please shut off any water lines on your docks and/or on the water side of the levee when not in use. If a water pipe breaks, the resulting water flow will wash away the levee.
- Inspect your pipes frequently for leaks.
- No bonfires are allowed on the levee slopes or crown.
- Please report any damage done to the District fences, so that repairs can be made immediately.
- Keep the fence lines trimmed, so that Joe can look into backyards without obstruction 10 feet from the levee toe.
- Call the Hotline at (209) 406-9142 to report any wild animals on the levee.

#### Save the Rocks!

Thieves are stealing the rocks on the levee or throwing them into the water. Not just small rocks are being tossed. Remember: all the rocks are needed to protect the levee from erosion. Dirt areas without rocks increase the risk of levee damage. And, the cost of the rocks adds up for the property owners in our District.





# Reminder:

A walk-through of all the backyards on the southwest side of the District will be conducted this month.

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