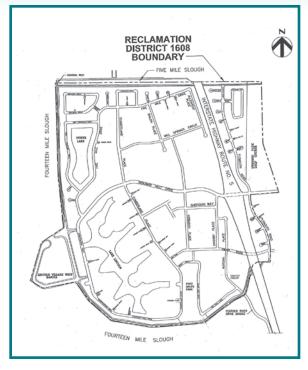
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Reclamation District 1608

December 2010





Dear Homeowners and Businesses:

We are pleased to report that the Proposition 218 assessment election held earlier this year resulted in a positive outcome. Voters approved—by an overwhelming margin—the proposed assessment for the next 15 years that provides the funds to properly maintain our levees.

Rock has been disappearing from the levee at Grupe Park. The resulting situation not only makes the levees more vulnerable to erosion by tidal and other forces, but is also costly to you and other district property owners. The damage and rock replacement are estimated to cost about \$60,000 annually. Help our District

Superintendent stop these thefts. Call 406-9142 when you observe the thieves and vandals at work. Rocks must extend all the way to the crown.

Please make an extra effort to help our District Superintendent inspect for "live" water. If you discover or suspect a leak in your irrigation system or other parts of your water system, call for assistance immediately. If you find a water valve left on and running water, turn the valve

CONTACT INFORMATION

DISTRICT TRUSTEES
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ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT Dan Schroeder (209) 948-8200

CONSULTING ENGINEERS Johnnie Mack (916) 436-6050 HDR Engineering, Inc. off immediately. Left untended, "live" water may threaten levee integrity.

Respect the crown. Our maintenance checks reveal that several property owners have overgrown vegetation spilling over to the levee crown. This presents a danger to the inhabitants of RD 1608 who depend on the levees. Please keep all unauthorized vegetation, trash, and rocks off the crowns. A setback of at least three feet from the road is a necessary safety measure.

One last reminder: Flood insurance is not required but is recommended by the Board of Trustees.

Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

Board of Trustees Reclamation District 1608



Joe's Maintenance Minders

Joe Bryson, District Superintendent, asked that you be reminded of the following items:

- You must remove any and all unpermitted wood steps on the levees.
- Please prohibit children from playing on the levees and from throwing rocks in the area. A clear example of this problem is the children who often throw rocks and dirt by the District's storage shed.
- Trampolines cannot be installed next to a levee without a permit granted by the District.
- Help us keep trash off the levee. Do not throw trash from your backyard onto the levee. This can lead to dangerous conditions. (It also attracts seagulls.)
- Please report any stolen or damaged signs.

Did You Know?

For reclamation districts in the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta to be eligible for public assistance from the California Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency, District Annual Maintenance Plans must be prepared and must include, at a minimum:

- Regular maintenance and inspection schedule and frequency;
- Work items and standards to be employed for each scheduled cycle;
- The method used to identify, prioritize, and carry out maintenance needs;
- Items that would warrant immediate corrective action and the corresponding action; and
- The annual maintenance budget.



Gophers, squirrels, and other rodents endanger the integrity of our levees. Be vigilant. Call our District Superintendent immediately if you spot these potentially dangerous mammals on the levees.

Questions? Comments?

Feel free to call the District Hotline at (209) 406-9142 with any questions or comments, or come attend the board meetings. An opportunity for public comment is offered at each board meeting.

Board 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.







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