

P.O. Box 4857
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Reclamation District 1608

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Dear Homeowners and Businesses:

Your ongoing support in maintaining our levee system that protects Lincoln Village West residents and property owners is very much appreciated. Daily vigilance is imperative.

Joe Bryson, our levee superintendent, is on the levees daily to monitor the area and ensure that levee encroachment standards are being adhered to. Your help in maintaining those standards is always appreciated. Do call Joe at (209) 298-3307 if you notice any problems, unusual activity, or dumped trash or have any questions about what is or is not permitted.

Thank you for helping to keep our 3.34 miles of levees safe for each of you, your families, and our community.

Sincerely,
Board of Trustees
Reclamation District 1608

a detailed listing of encroachment standards and requirements for a permit application for an encroachment. While an encroachment may seem minor to a resident or property owner, every contemplated encroachment does require a review and consideration of a permit.

The District's Emergency Operations Plan for responding to a flood emergency is outlined in the website. Detailed in the Plan are flood preparedness, flood fight methods, flood water removal, and recovery and after-action procedures. You will also find a flood contingency map that identifies the special considerations that would be implemented in the event of a flood; an evacuation plan; a communications plan; and a levee patrol plan that would be launched in the event of a flood or impending flood. A flood fight history is also included.

Your observations and comments on the Emergency Operations Plan can be very helpful, as the District Board members review the plan annually.



WWW.RD1608.COM

Emergency plans are now online. We encourage you to visit www.RD1608.com.

At the website, you will also find past newsletters, agendas and minutes of RD 1608 Board of Trustees meetings, Board meeting dates, a list of the Board members, and contact information for the RD 1608 superintendent, Joe Bryson. Also, you will find

Keeping the Levee Clean and Clear

Dumped garbage, trash, and other items are a problem—and not just unsightly. Should a need arise, emergency responders must be able to safely and quickly move through the levee system. Call Joe Bryson immediately if you observe items being dumped on the levee or that have been

left on the levee. Also, do call Joe if you observe tents or other encampments on the levee.

And, please, do not store lawn chairs, your BBQ, or other items on the levee. Do keep your possessions off the levee and within your own property lines.



Activity on The Levees

Accessibility to levee sections varies. Some sections can be walked on. Some cannot. If you are unsure, check with Joe before walking, running, or bicycling on a levee section.

Please, do not plant any vegetation on the levee. Levees must be kept clear to permit inspections of their slopes to ensure that no leaks are present and or other conditions that might allow leaks to form.

Observe the signs. Superintendent Joe Bryson will be placing signs in levee areas that are not accessible to walkers, runners, or bicyclists.

Also, contact Joe immediately if you see any homeless or other encampments on the levee. They must be removed to ensure the safety of the entire levee system. Call Joe if you observe damaged fencing or gates. Your vigilance is appreciated.

Animal Activity

Please be aware that damage by rats, beavers, gophers, squirrels, and other animals endangers the integrity of our levees. If you see any of these critters, let Joe know.

Permit Reminders

Permits are required for planting trees, shrubbery, or other vegetation. Permits are required for large pieces of play equipment and for any type of construction within the district easement or property line. One example: replacing an existing fence. Feel free to call Joe, who can help guide you through the permit process.

Questions? Comments?

Feel free to call the District Hotline at (209) 298-3307 with any comments, suggestions, or questions.

You are also welcome to attend the District Board of Trustees meetings, which are held the first Wednesday of each month at 8:00 a.m. in the offices of Neumiller & Beardslee,



District Superintendent Joe Bryson



Assisting Joe, Gabe Banks

509 West Weber Avenue, 5th Floor, Stockton. An opportunity for public comment is offered at each board meeting.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Visit From Levee Superintendent

Levee Superintendent Joe Bryson and his crew will be knocking on the door of each house next to the levee to introduce themselves and explain what the residents can and cannot do on the levee.

