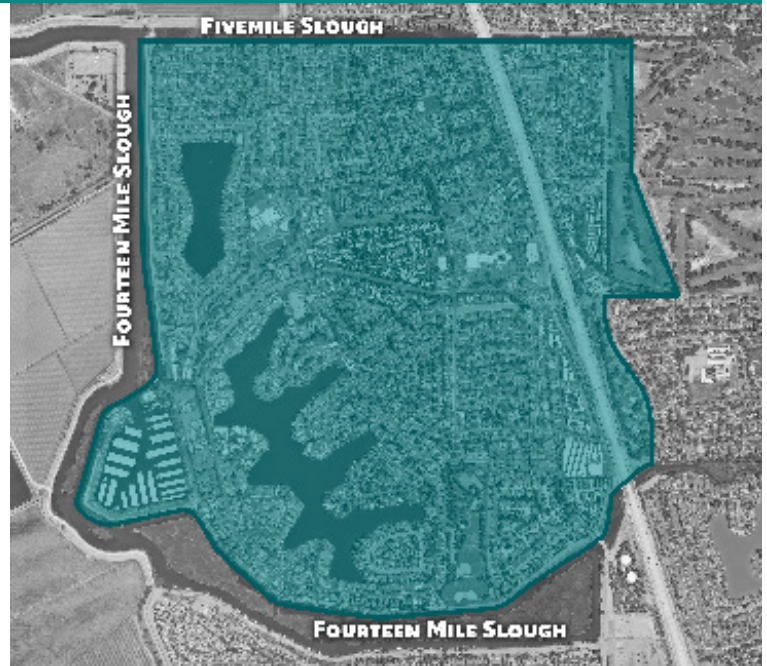


RD 1608 Maintains the Levees that Protect Your Property from Flooding

RECLAMATION DISTRICT 1608 (RD 1608) is the public agency responsible for maintaining levees to reduce flood risk for Lincoln Village West. The community is bordered by waterways on three sides (see map). To reduce the chance of flooding, RD 1608 takes care of (“maintains & operates”) 3.5 miles of levees that act as a barrier to flooding from these waterways. These levees are Lincoln Village West’s only defense against flooding from the Delta. Proper maintenance of the levees is critical to ensuring they prevent flooding especially during storms and high-water events.



January 2023 rains and winds uprooted trees in Lincoln Village West

January 2023 Storm Report

STOCKTON RECEIVED ONE-HALF ITS ANNUAL RAINFALL -- 11 inches -- over a 17-day period in January 2023. The heavy rains were accompanied by strong winds that downed trees throughout the region, knocking out power to drainage pumps and creating street flooding throughout the Stockton region. RD 1608’s engineer, superintendent and maintenance crew patrolled Lincoln Village West’s levees during the storms to ensure levees were holding up against wind and rains. No major damage was identified, but several fallen trees were removed to maintain access for levee patrols.

Lower San Joaquin River Project to Improve Levees along San Joaquin, Calaveras Rivers

Although RD 1608 maintains 3.5 miles of levees that protect Lincoln Village West, it’s not the only agency involved in reducing flood risk for the community. Major levee repairs and reconstruction are the also the responsibility of the San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency (SJAFCA). Other levees that provide some protection to Lincoln Village West are maintained by the San Joaquin County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Zone 9 (Zone 9).

SJAFCA is responsible for reducing flood risk for the greater-Stockton metropolitan region through planning, financing and implementing projects and programs to improve flood protection. The San Joaquin County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Zone 9 (Zone 9), a division of San Joaquin County, maintains 112 miles of urban levees that protect approximately 90,000 Stockton properties. SJAFCA and Zone 9 are jointly proposing a new Levee Construction and Maintenance property assessment to:

1. Fund the local cost share (10%, or \$140 million) for the \$1.4 billion Lower San Joaquin River Project. The project includes 23 miles of levee improvements along the San Joaquin and Calaveras Rivers. It also includes the Smith Canal Gate Project and another flood control gate (location still being evaluated). The project will move the community closer to a 200-year level of flood protection and provide some additional buffer to increasingly strict state and federal regulations for levee maintenance.
2. Address a \$1.5 million annual shortfall between existing and needed revenues for the proper maintenance of Zone 9 levees.
3. Ensure continued Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) accreditation of the levees protecting North and Central Stockton.

SJAFCA’s Levee Construction and Maintenance Assessment is different than the annual assessment that RD 1608 collects for maintenance of the 3.5 miles of levees that border Lincoln Village West. RD 1608’s assessment revenues pay for routine maintenance – such as installation of riprap, minor erosion repairs, vegetation removal, and access road maintenance. RD 1608 will continue to provide levee maintenance services for Lincoln Village West, even after SJAFCA’s project is complete, as it has for over 100 years. **Please be aware that RD 1608’s existing assessment will expire in 2025 and must be renewed (approved by property owners), or RD 1608 will not be able to continue providing maintenance for the 3.5 miles of levees that border Lincoln Village West [see map].**

SJAFCA will be sending more information on its proposed assessment in coming months. For more information, please visit www.sjafca.org/LCMA. More information about RD 1608 is available at www.rd1608.com.

Rock Slope Protection Project Update

ONE OF RD 1608'S PRIORITIES is ensuring levees are armored with riprap (quarry stone) on the waterside slope of levees to prevent erosion from tides, high water, waves and rain. Recently, RD 1608 completed a rock slope protection maintenance project along the levee adjacent to Village West Marina [see photo]. The project anticipates receiving partial reimbursement of costs through the Delta Levees Subvention Program administered by the CA Department of Water Resources. RD 1608 continues to seek state funding to reduce flood risk and keep costs for maintenance as low as possible.



Rock slope protection

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What is RD 1608?

RD 1608, A PUBLIC AGENCY FORMED IN 1914, is responsible for operating and maintaining levees that reduce flood risk for approximately 3,000 properties and 9,000 residents in Lincoln Village West. RD 1608 is governed by a three-member elected Board of Trustees composed of property owners within the district's boundaries. Learn more at www.rd1608.com.

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