

**MEETING AGENDA FOR
RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 1608
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
8:00 A.M. JANUARY 3, 2025**

**NEUMILLER & BEARDSLEE
3121 WEST MARCH LANE, SUITE 100
STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA**

Call to Order.

Roll Call.

Agenda Items.

1. Public Comment. The public may comment on any matter within the District's jurisdiction that is not on the agenda. Matters on the agenda may be commented on by the public when the matter is taken up. All comments are limited to a maximum of 3 minutes for general public comments on items within the District's subject matter jurisdiction and 3 minutes before or during the Board's consideration of each agenda item, subject to the sole discretion of the Board President to allow additional time for a comment in accordance with Resolution 2019-04.
2. Approval of Minutes. Minutes of the regular meeting of December 4, 2024.
3. Financial Report. Review, discuss, and accept financial report.
4. Property Assessment for Levee Maintenance and Capital Services. Discussion and direction.
 - a. Review and approve Official Ballot
 - b. General discussion and direction for 2025 Assessment Election
5. Engineer's Report. Discussion and Possible Action on Engineer's Report.
 - a. Abandoned and derelict vessels impacting the levee slope
6. Newsletter. Discussion and direction.
7. Superintendent Report. Request for directions and approvals.
8. Meetings. Report by Trustees on meetings attended and upcoming meetings. Request for direction.
9. Report and possible action on Progress of Tasks Assigned at Previous Board Meetings.
10. Discussion and direction on Short-Term and Long-Range Goals.
11. District Calendar. Discussion and direction.
 - a. Next Meeting is February 5, 2025.
12. Correspondence.
13. Approval of Bills.

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14. Staff Reports.

(a) Attorney. The Agenda for this meeting was posted on the window outside the meeting room at 3121 West March Lane, Stockton, California, at least seventy-two (72) hours preceding the meeting.

15. Adjournment.

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**AGENDA PACKET
RECLAMATION DISTRICT 1608
January 3, 2025**

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>COMMENTARY</u>
1.	Self-explanatory.
2.	Please see attached.
3.	Please see attached.
4.	Please see attached.
5.	Self-explanatory
6.	Self-explanatory.
7.	Self-explanatory.
8.	Self-explanatory.
9	Self-explanatory.
10.	Please see attached.
11.	Please see attached.
12.	Self-explanatory.
13.	Please see attached.
14.	Self-explanatory.
15.	Self-explanatory.

ITEM 2

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR RECLAMATION DISTRICT 1608
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District 1608 was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by President Panzer on December 4, 2024, at the law offices of Neumiller & Beardslee, 3121 W. March Lane, Suite 100, Stockton, California.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

MICHAEL PANZER
DAN MacDONNELL
DOTTIE LOFSTROM

OTHERS PRESENT

ANDY PINASCO
CHRIS NEUDECK
JOE BRYSON
ELVIA TRUJILLO
ADAM RILEY (via Zoom)
KIM FLOYD
DOMINICK GULLI

Note: At approximately 8:06 a.m. a recess was taken. President Panzer left the meeting. The meeting reconvened at 8:28 a.m.

1. **Public Comment.** There was no public comment.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** Minutes regular meeting of November 6, 2024. The Trustees reviewed the draft minutes. After review,

It was moved, seconded (D. MacDonnell/D. Lofstrom) and unanimously carried by the Board Trustees of Reclamation District 1608, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 6, 2024, be approved as presented.
3. **Financial Report.** Review, discuss, and accept financial report. District Secretary Elvia Trujillo presented an oral and written report. After review,

It was moved, seconded (D. Lofstrom/D. MacDonnell) and unanimously carried by the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District 1608 that the Financial Report presented at the December 4, 2024, meeting be approved.
4. **Engineer's Report.** Discussion and Possible Action on Engineer's Report. No engineer's report was presented by District Engineer, Chris Neudeck.

5. **Resolution 2024-06. Resolution Initiating Proceedings, Providing Intention to Levee Assessments, Preliminarily Approving Engineer’s Report, and Providing for Notice of Hearing for the Formation of the Maintenance and Capital Services Assessment District.**

Adam Riley from LWA presented this item. This resolution initiates the proceedings to establish an assessment district and preliminarily approves the November 13, 2024 Preliminary Engineer’s Report which is included as Exhibit B to the resolution. Adam Riley reported that based on feedback, the report was reviewed and revised. This report identifies the impacted areas and the benefits to the assessment. As described in paragraph 4 of this resolution, *The Preliminary Engineer’s Report set forth a full and detailed description of the cost to be financed by the assessment, the parcels to be assessed, the duration of the assessment, the basis upon which the assessment was calculated and the proposed assessments upon assessable lots and parcels.* This resolution also establishes the hearing date of March 25, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. and the location at Mable Barron Elementary School. Now that the Preliminary Engineer’s Report has been completed, with adoption of this resolution, the Proposition 218 process starts and will establish the Board’s authority.

Before taking action, public comment was recommended. Public comment was opened at 8:35 a.m. Trustee Lofstrom and Trustee MacDonnell felt confident on all the work that has been done in order to complete the Preliminary Engineer’s Report. Dominick Gulli commented on the boundary and Adam Riley responded the District can’t collect fees outside of the legal boundary. After public comment ended,

It was moved, seconded (D. Lofstrom/D. MacDonnell) and unanimously carried by the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District 1608 to adopt Resolution 2024-06 Initiating Proceedings, Providing Intention to Levee Assessments, Preliminarily Approving Engineer’s Report, and Providing for Notice of Hearing for the Formation of the Maintenance and Capital Services Assessment District as presented.

6. **Resolution 2024-07. Resolution Adopting Proposition 218 Procedures for the Maintenance and Capital Services Assessment Ballot Proceeding.**

Adam Riley presented this item. Mr. Riley explained this resolution is to approve the ballot procedures for the proposed assessment district. The resolution expands on the procedures for the following: mailed notice, posted notice, assessment ballot notice, public hearing, and tabulating ballots. This resolution memorializes the process and is a roadmap of what is being done so people are informed and for transparency. Before taking any action, public comment was recommended. Public comment was opened and there being no public comment,

It was moved, seconded (D. Lofstrom/D. MacDonnell) and unanimously carried by the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District 1608 to adopt Resolution 2024-07 Adopting Proposition

218 Procedures for the Maintenance and Capital Services
Assessment Ballot Proceeding as presented.

7. **Newsletter.** Discussion and Direction. Kim Floyd presented this item. She reported the newsletter in progress needs two more small edits, otherwise, it is ready for mailing. It is anticipated the newsletter will be mailed out next week with another newsletter to follow in January.
8. **Superintendent Report.** Request for directions and approvals. Levee Superintendent Joe Bryson gave an oral and written report. For a complete list of items reported, please refer to the Levee Superintendent's Report.
9. **Meetings.** Report by Trustees on meetings attended and upcoming meetings.
Request for direction. No report given.
10. **Report and Possible Action on Progress of Tasks Assigned at Previous Board Meetings.** No report given.
11. **Discussion and direction on Short-Term and Long-Range Goals.** Andy Pinasco reviewed the short-term and long-range goals with the Board. Among the items discussed:
 - The San Joaquin Feasibility Project continues to be monitored.
 - It is anticipated the District website will be updated in the near future.
 - On the Emergency Operations Plan, Mr. Neudeck is doing minor updates.
 - Both Mr. Neudeck and Mr. Pinasco continue to work on the Levee Standards.
12. **District Calendar.** Discussion and direction.
 - a. Next Meeting is January 1, 2025.

The January Board Meeting falls on holiday. Schedules were checked and it was determined that the January 2025 Board meeting take place on Friday, January 3, 2025. Mr. Neudeck mentioned he will not be available on that date. District Secretary Elvia Trujillo is to follow up with President Panzer on his availability.
13. **Correspondence.** None of note.
14. **Approval of Bills.** District Secretary Elvia Trujillo presented an oral and written report on District expenses. After discussion,

It was moved, seconded (D. Lofstrom/D. MacDonnell) and
unanimously carried by the Board of Trustees of Reclamation
District 1608 that the list of Bills for Approval provided at the
December 4, 2024, Board Meeting be approved as presented.
15. **Staff Reports.** None.

- (a) Attorney. The agenda for this meeting was posted on the window outside the meeting room at 3121 West March Lane, Stockton, California, at least seventy-two (72) hours preceding the meeting.

16. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elvia C. Trujillo
District Secretary

Acronyms Frequently Used

AC Repairs = Asphalt Concrete Repairs
CEQA = California Environmental Quality Act
CVFPB = Central Valley Flood Protection Board
District= Reclamation District 1608
DWR = Department of Water Resources
KSN = Kjeldsen, Sinnock & Neudeck
LWA = Larsen Wurzel & Associates
MCSA = Maintenance and Capital Services Assessment District
N&B = Neumiller & Beardslee
Prop 218 = Proposition 218
RD 1608 = Reclamation District 1608
SJAFCFA = San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency
San Joaquin OES: San Joaquin County Office of Emergency Services
USACE = United States Army Corps of Engineers

Reclamation District 1608
Bills for Approval - December 4, 2024, Board Meeting

NAME	Date	INVOICE #	AMOUNT	TOTAL \$	WARRANT #	CHECK #	RATIFICATION
Michael Panzer (11/6/24 Board Mtg)	11/6/2024	Trustee Fee	\$299.92				
				\$299.92	6864		
Dan MacDonnell (11/6/24 Board Mtg)	11/6/2024	Trustee Fee	\$299.92				
				\$299.92	6865		
Dottie Lofstrom (11/6/24 Board Mtg)	11/6/2024	Trustee Fee	\$299.92				
				\$299.92	6866		
Elvia Trujillo (November Services)	12/4/2024	Secretary Fee	\$1,287.78				
				\$1,287.78	6867		
Kjeldsen Sinock & Neudeck	11/22/2024	39112	\$1,296.00				
	11/22/2024	39113	\$844.50				
	11/22/2024	39114	\$519.75				
	11/22/2024	39115	\$15,439.17				
	11/22/2024	39116	\$785.00				
	11/22/2024	39117	\$180.00				
				\$19,064.42	6868		
Neumiller & Beardslee	11/26/2024	351294	\$2,609.01				
				\$2,609.01	6869		
U.S. Postal Service (Yearly P.O. Box Fee)	11/27/2024	#4857	\$182.00				
				\$182.00		1639	
State Compensation Insurance Fund	11/1/2024	401518566	\$1,197.58	\$1,197.58		e-Check	
Bank of Stockton Visa	11/6/2024	9/27/24-10/27/24	\$8,728.45	\$8,728.45		Online	
ADP, Inc.	11/1/2024	674469437	\$86.91	\$86.91		Online	
ADP, Inc.	11/15/2024	675781114	\$83.92	\$83.92		Online	
State of California Payroll Taxes		10/31/24 and 11/15/24 Payroll	\$907.26	\$907.26		Online	
Federal Government Payroll Taxes		10/31/24 and 11/15/24 Payroll	\$4,259.65	\$4,259.65		Online	

Reclamation District 1608
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Joe L. Bryson (Payroll)	11/1/2024	10/1/24 - 10/31/24	\$6,163.89	\$6,163.89		Direct Deposit
Roger Lamarra (Payroll)	11/1/2024	10/16/24-10/31/24	\$1,145.34	\$1,145.34		Direct Deposit
Roger Lamarra (Payroll)	11/15/2024	11/1/24-10/15/24	\$1,005.40	\$1,005.40		Direct Deposit
Joe C. Godinez Sr. (Payroll)	11/1/2024	10/16/24-10/31/24	\$959.44	\$959.44		1637
California State Disbursement Unit	11/1/2024	Child Support	\$330.00	\$330.00		ADP Processed
(J Godinez Sr. Income Withholding)						
Joe C. Godinez Sr. (Payroll)	11/15/2024	11/1/24-11/15/24	\$648.43	\$648.43		1638
California State Disbursement Unit	10/15/2024	Child Support	\$330.00	\$330.00		ADP Processed
(J Godinez Sr. Income Withholding)						
Cash V. Lucero	11/1/2024	10/16/24-10/31/24	\$870.54	\$870.54		Direct Deposit
Cash V. Lucero	11/15/2024	11/1/24-11/15/24	\$417.13	\$417.13		Direct Deposit
		WARRANT TOTAL:		\$23,860.97		
		CHECKING TOTAL:		\$27,315.94		
		TOTAL BILLS PAID		\$51,176.91		

ITEM 3

RECLAMATION DISTRICT 1608
FINANCIAL REPORT - JANUARY 3, 2025
% OF FISCAL YEAR ELAPSED THROUGH END OF DECEMBER 2024 - 50%

Budget Item	Budget Amount	Expended MTD	Expended YTD	% YTD
Operations & Maintenance Expenses				
O1 Levee Superintendent	\$80,000.00	\$7,990.08	\$50,863.68	63.58%
O2 Part Time Employees	55,000.00	5,568.75	33,926.31	61.68%
O3 Payroll Taxes and Expenses	10,000.00	550.12	3,897.43	38.97%
O4 Fences & Gates	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
O5 Locks & Signs	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
O6 Weed and Rodent Control & Clean up	10,000.00	39.25	7,039.25	70.39%
O7 Levee Repair Fund (General Operations & Maintenance)	30,000.00	1,661.94	40,950.51	136.50%
O8 Levee Repair Fund (Levee Capital Improvement Projects)	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
O9 Pump System Maintenance	1,000.00	9.49	97.18	9.72%
O10 Wireless Services (Cell and Mobile Computer)	1,000.00	527.73	3,293.25	329.33%
O11 Garbage Service	5,000.00	0.00	1,513.95	30.28%
O12 District Vehicle (Fuel, Maintenance and Repairs)	5,000.00	258.52	20,063.81	401.28%
TOTAL	\$273,000.00	\$16,605.88	\$161,645.37	59.21%
General Expenses				
G1 Trustee Fees	\$13,000.00	\$899.76	\$7,198.08	55.37%
G2 Secretary Fees	12,500.00	1,409.58	7,626.49	61.01%
G3 Office Expenses (includes storage facility)	1,000.00	0.00	432.00	43.20%
G4 General Legal	30,000.00	0.00	19,741.37	65.80%
G5 Audit	5,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
G6 County Administration Costs	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
G7 Property and Liability Insurance	24,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
G8 Workers Compensation Insurance	10,000.00	1,197.58	8,487.46	84.87%
G9 Election Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
G10 Newsletters & Public Communications	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
TOTAL	\$102,000.00	\$3,506.92	\$43,485.40	42.63%
Debt Service				
D1 Registered Warrant Expense	\$112,000.00	\$0.00	\$112,085.11	100.08%
	\$112,000.00	\$0.00	\$112,085.11	100.08%
Engineering Expenses				
E1 General Engineering	\$20,000.00	\$4,282.00	\$20,638.78	103.19%
E2 Plan Review Engineering	25,000.00	0.00	4,688.60	18.75%
E3 Administration of Delta Levee Subventions Program	20,000.00	827.25	13,580.96	67.90%
E4 Periodic Levee Property Inspections and Surveys	7,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
E5 Routine Levee Maintenance Consultation	3,500.00	99.00	2,435.60	69.59%
E6 Engineering, Mgmt & Inspection of Capital Imp. Projects	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
E8 Assessment Engineering	4,000.00	0.00	3,050.86	76.27%
E9 Assesment Development	250,000.00	29,330.71 *	57,182.56	22.87%
TOTAL	\$340,000.00	\$34,538.96	\$101,577.36	29.88%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$827,000.00	\$54,651.76	\$306,708.13	37.09%

* \$9,411.21 KSN Invoice + \$19,919.50 KFC Invoice for work 6/1-11/30/24

Budget Item	Anticipated Income	Income MTD	Income YTD	% YTD
Income				
Property Taxes	\$260,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,648.47	2.17%
Interest Income	4,000.00	0.00	12,306.00	307.65%
Assessments	298,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Subvention Reimbursement	306,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Other	0.00	0.00	1,004.00	0.00%
Totals	\$868,000.00	\$0.00	\$18,958.47	2.18%

Cash On Hand

Cash Balance as of July 1, 2024	\$625,605.58
Revenues (YTD), as of November 30, 2024	19,708.47
Expenses (YTD), as of November 30, 2024	360,331.25

Fund Balance as of December 27, 2024	\$556,185.72
Proposed Warrants for 1/3/2025 Board Meeting	\$76,897.04
TOTAL CASH	\$479,288.68

Checking Account Balance as of December 23, 2024	\$23,278.71
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TOTAL CASH ON HAND	\$502,567.39
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Reserves

Board-Designated Reserve (For District Operations Only)	100,000.00
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ITEM 4

OFFICIAL BALLOT PROPOSED ANNUAL ASSESSMENT

Property Owner:

Parcel Number; Site Address; Proposed Assessment:

Total Proposed
Annual Assessment
for the listed parcel:

HOW TO COMPLETE YOUR BALLOT

1. Mark an "X" in the box next to "Yes" or No"
2. PRINT, SIGN, and DATE your ballot in the spaces provided.
3. DO NOT TEAR YOUR BALLOT. Ballots that are torn cannot be counted. Place the entire ballot into the postage-paid official ballot return envelope and return by either:
 - a) Mailing the ballot in the postage-paid security envelope. Ballots must be received no later than 5 p.m., Tuesday, March 25, 2025. Postmarks will not be considered.
 - b) Delivering by hand to Neumiller & Beardslee, 3121 W. March Lane, #100, Stockton, no later than 5 p.m., Tuesday, March 25.
 - c) Delivering by hand to the public hearing at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 25, at Mable Barron Elementary School, 6835 Cumberland Place, Stockton.

Ballots must be received before the close of the public hearing. Ballots received after the close of the public hearing cannot be accepted as per state law.

Need a replacement ballot? Contact us at 209-475-7861, or info@rd1608.com.

BALLOT QUESTION

Shall Reclamation District No. 1608 (District) establish a new assessment district and levy an assessment commencing in fiscal year 2025/26 and increasing annually by the annual change in the Consumer Price Index up to a maximum of 4% per year, on all parcels within the boundary receiving special benefit, generating a total levy of \$330,000 in fiscal year 2025-26 and increasing thereafter, to pay for levee and flood control capital improvements, operation and maintenance services of benefit to parcels within the assessment district area, with the assessment ongoing in perpetuity for as long as services are provided, all as described in the Preliminary Report dated November 13, 2024, and with the approval of the District Board of Trustees?

THIS IS A WEIGHTED BALLOT. The total votes for this ballot equal the total proposed annual assessments in the box above.

YES, I support the proposed annual assessment.

NO, I oppose the proposed annual assessment.

The assessment will not be imposed if the ballots submitted, and not withdrawn, in opposition to the assessment exceed the ballots submitted, and not withdrawn, in favor of the assessment, with ballots weighted according to the proportional financial obligation of the affected property.

Property Owner/Authorized Representative must sign in his/her own handwriting for ballot to be counted:

SIGNATURE of Owner/Authorized Representative (DO NOT PRINT)

Date

Name of Owner/Authorized Representative (PRINT)

Witness Signature*

*Only required if property owner is unable to sign due to illness or injury. In that case, he/she may make a mark witnessed by one person.

PLEASE READ THE BACK OF THIS BALLOT AND THE BALLOT INFORMATION GUIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION

Ballots must be received before the close of the public hearing on Tuesday, March 25. By law, ballots received after the close of the public hearing cannot be accepted or counted, in accordance with California Proposition 218 law.

WHY DID I RECEIVE THIS BALLOT?

In 2010, RD 1608 property owners approved a 15-year assessment to fund a portion of ongoing operations, maintenance, capital projects, and assessment administration costs. The 2010 Assessment totaled \$298,830.64 per year for each of the fifteen years. Increases for inflation were not allowed, so RD 1608 has lost purchasing power as a result. The 2010 assessment will expire on June 30, 2025.

Property assessments account for about 45% of RD 1608's total revenue. The remainder comes from a portion of ad valorem property taxes and funding from the State's Delta Levees Maintenance Subventions Program. The purpose of the proposed assessment is to replace the 2010 assessment.

A proposed annual assessment of \$330,000 is required to fund operation, maintenance, and capital project services to provide no less than 100-year flood protection. The specific maintenance activities may include, but are not limited to levee inspections and evaluations, debris cleanup, spraying for weed control, rodent control, levee patrols during warning and flood stages, encroachment permitting and compliance monitoring, resurfacing of levee roads when required to keep them passable for patrolling and maintenance purposes, replacing erosion protection materials as needed, in-channel vegetation and capacity management, repair of the embankment to ensure levee integrity, and general operations and administration of the agency required to provide flood protection services. Additionally, Services include capital projects as needed to maintain levels of protection.

The proposed assessment, in combination with RD 1608's other revenue sources, will also provide for reserves to support capital projects, for emergency response and preparedness services, routine repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of facilities, and would be levied in perpetuity so long as services are provided.

To ensure that RD 1608 can provide the needed services over time, it is important to allow for an increase to address the rising costs of labor, supplies, and materials. Therefore, the maximum authorized assessment may be increased based on the annual change in the Consumer Price Index for San Francisco- Oakland-Hayward, subject to a minimum of zero percent and a maximum of 4% in any given year, and only upon approval by the RD 1608 Board of Trustees. The adjustment to the maximum authorized assessment would be applied to the prior year's annual assessment rate.

Questions?

Assessment Hotline
(209) 475-7861

Email
info@rd1608.com

<https://rd1608.com/about-us-2/proposed-property-assessment/>

HOW TO COMPLETE & RETURN YOUR BALLOT

Ballots must be received before the close of the public hearing on Tuesday, March 25. By law, ballots received after the close of the public hearing cannot be accepted or counted.

TO COMPLETE YOUR BALLOT:

- 1 Cast your **VOTE** by marking an "X" in the box next to "Yes" or "No"
- 2 Print and **SIGN**
- 3 **DATE** your ballot
- 4 Place your entire ballot in the **POSTAGE-PAID RETURN ENVELOPE**

IMPORTANT!

Do not tear off any portion of the ballot or it may not be accepted.



TO RETURN YOUR BALLOT:

- A) BY MAIL** — Ballots must be in the postage-paid security envelope, mailed and received no later than 5 p.m., Tuesday, March 25. Postmarks cannot be accepted.
- B) BY HAND** — Place in the security envelope and
- Deliver to **RD 1608's secure ballot box at Neumiller & Beardslee**, 3121 W. March Lane, #100, Stockton, no later than 5 p.m., Tuesday, March 25; or.
 - Deliver to the **public hearing** at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 25, at Mable Barron Elementary School, 6835 Cumberland Place, Stockton.

IMPORTANT!

You must return the official ballot in the security envelope (photocopies and regular envelopes can't be accepted). Please don't tear any portion of the ballot or it may not be accepted. If you need a replacement ballot and/or security envelope, please contact us at 209-475-7861, or info@rd1608.com.

"YES" OR "NO," WHAT HAPPENS?

YES
✓

Existing assessment ends in June 2025

New assessment begins in July 2025, and RD 1608's levee maintenance program will be adequately funded

RD 1608 will invest 100% of assessment revenues into levee maintenance activities and capital services

RD 1608 levees will remain accredited by FEMA, and property owners can voluntarily purchase lowest-cost flood insurance

RD 1608 can assure state and federal agencies that it can maintain USACE levee improvements to state and federal regulations

NO
x

Existing assessment expires in June 2025, cutting RD 1608's budget by 45%

Levee maintenance and capital services will be significantly reduced

Levees will degrade more quickly, increasing the likelihood of a flood

Ultimately, levees won't meet state and federal regulations for flood protection

The community will be at risk of being "mapped" into a FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area. In that case, any property with a mortgage would be required to carry high-cost flood insurance

RD 1608 could not provide assurances to state and federal agencies that it could maintain USACE levee improvements, putting the levee improvements in jeopardy of not being constructed

ABOUT 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.](http://www.rd1608.com)

Reclamation District 1608

PROPOSED PROPERTY ASSESSMENT FOR LEVEE MAINTENANCE & CAPITAL SERVICES *to Replace Assessment that Expires in June 2025*

Official Notice & Ballot Information Guide

Questions?

www.rd1608.com | info@rd1608.com | 209-475-7861

VISIT RD 1608'S WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Assessment calculator

Preliminary Draft Engineer's Report

Frequently asked questions

District Budgets & Audits



COMMUNITY MEETINGS & PUBLIC HEARING

Community Meeting

6:30 p.m., Wed., February 19

Mable Barron Elementary

Multi-Purpose Room

6835 Cumberland Place, Stockton

Public Hearing

6:30 p.m., Tue., March 25

Mable Barron Elementary

Multi-Purpose Room

6835 Cumberland Place, Stockton

EXISTING PROPERTY ASSESSMENT ENDS JUNE 2025

Reclamation District 1608 [RD 1608] is the public agency responsible for maintenance of 3.5 miles of levees along the waterways that nearly surround Lincoln Village West. These levees are Lincoln Village West's only defense against flooding from the Delta along Fourteen Mile and Five Mile Sloughs.

Proper levee maintenance is critical to providing a strong level of flood protection, especially during storms and high-water events. RD 1608's operations are funded in near equal amounts by an annual property assessment approved by property owners in 2010, and a percentage of property taxes. The existing property assessment will end on June 30, 2025. This will leave RD 1608 with little more than one-half of its required annual operating revenues.

PROPOSED PROPERTY ASSESSMENT TO REPLACE EXISTING ASSESSMENT

RD 1608 cannot continue providing a high-level of flood protection unless the annual property assessment that ends on June 30, 2025, is replaced. Therefore, RD 1608 is proposing a new annual property assessment to replace the one that's ending. The proposed assessment also updates how assessments are calculated to comply with CA Proposition 218 law. This is the law that outlines requirements for property-related charges.

RD 1608's existing assessment generates approximately \$298,000 per year for levee maintenance and repairs. This amount has not increased since being approved by property owners in 2010, not even for inflation. The proposed replacement assessment is expected to generate \$330,000 in Fiscal Year 2025-26, which represents a modest increase to account for increases in labor costs and materials/supplies over the past 15 years. The proposed property assessment does allow annual adjustments for inflation, but only with RD 1608 Board approval (the lesser of CPI, or a maximum of 4%).

ASSESSMENT REVENUES PAY FOR LEVEE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

RD 1608 uses 100 percent of property assessment revenues on levee maintenance and repairs that prevent flooding. It employs one full-time superintendent and four part-time maintenance workers to ensure the levees meet state and federal flood protection regulations. Activities include:

- Routine inspection of levees and drainage facilities
- Removal of debris that obstructs flood flows, or otherwise damages levees
- Maintenance of channel depth to provide access to marine mounted equipment (material and crane barges)
- Vegetation removal and control
- Rodent removal and control
- 24/7 levee patrol during high water warning and flood stages
- Resurfacing of levee maintenance and patrol roads
- Construction of erosion repair and protection
- Repair of levee embankments
- Storing and maintaining emergency flood fight materials
- Inspection and repair of gates
- Placement and distribution of sandbags and riprap during high water events
- State and federal environmental permit application and compliance
- Identification of encroachments and coordination with property owners to remove any that threaten levee stability/integrity

RD 1608 also certifies levees for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) accreditation. FEMA accreditation prevents the community from being "mapped" into a FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area and being subjected to mandatory flood insurance.

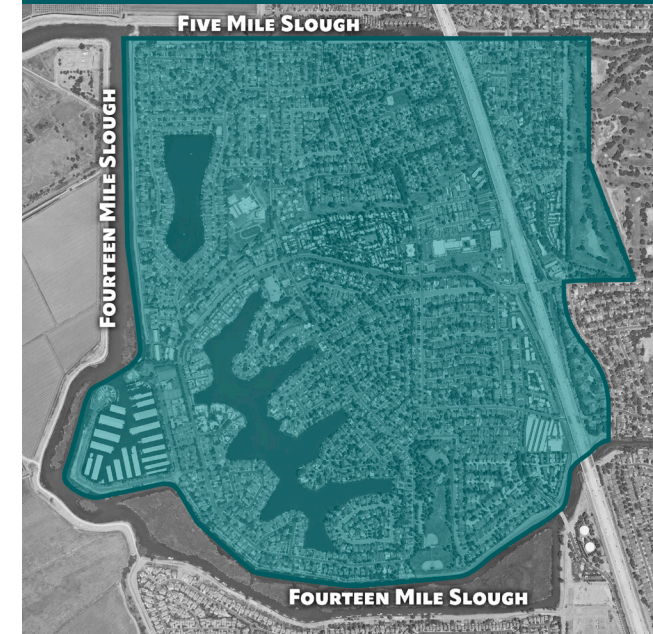


HOW PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS ARE CALCULATED

Under CA Proposition 218 law, only properties that receive benefit from the Agency's levee maintenance activities can be assessed. The benefit to each property is the avoidance of flood damage to land and structures due to proper levee maintenance. Each property's assessment is different based upon the following factors:

- Land use type (e.g., Single-family residential; Commercial; Industrial)
- Parcel size (acreage)
- Structure square footage
- Average depth of flooding

RD 1608 BOUNDARY MAP



VISIT [RD1608.COM/ABOUT-US-2/](https://rd1608.com/about-us-2/) PROPOSED-PROPERTY-ASSESSMENT TO:

- Use the Assessment Calculator to review the factors for your property's proposed assessment, and to compare your existing assessment to your proposed assessment
- Review the Preliminary Draft Engineer's Report, which details the assessment methodology

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SHORT TERM GOALS 2025

1. Renewal of District Assessment.
2. Participate in stakeholder groups. Status: Ongoing.
3. Work on slumping areas.
4. Monitor San Joaquin Feasibility Project.
5. Vegetation encroachments.
6. Annual Levee Inspection.
7. Repair/Maintenance of Gates on Crown of Southwest Levee.
8. Central Valley Flood Protection Plan.
9. Revise District Website.
10. Approve Emergency Operations Plan Update.
11. All-Weather Road Resurfacing.
12. Review and analysis of Levee Standards.

LONG TERM GOALS

1. Raising Elevation of Southwest Levee.
2. Sediment Removal Project.

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RD 1608: MASTER CALENDAR

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

- Annual Review of Trustee Compensation
- Send out Form 700s, remind Trustees of April 1 filing date

MARCH

- Yearly Employee Evaluations
- Spring Newsletter
- Review Insurance Proposal (Renews April)

APRIL

- April 1: Form 700s due
- Notify School District of Vegetation Control

MAY

- Draft Budget
- Planning of Levee Tour
- Annual CEQA Exemption
- Subventions Resolution

JUNE

- June 15: Provide notice/make available to the public, documentation/materials regarding determination of Appropriations (15 days prior to meeting at which Appropriations will be adopted) (*Government Code §7910*).
- Approve Audit Contract for expiring fiscal year
- Adopt the Final Budget

JULY

- Adopt Resolution for setting Appropriations and submit to County Assessor's Office.

AUGUST

- August 1: Deadline to certify assessments for tax-roll and deliver to County (duration of current assessment: FY 2025).
- Send handbills for collection of assessments for public entity-owned properties
- In election years, opening of period for secretary to receive petitions for nomination of Trustees (75 days from date of election.) (*Cal. Wat. Code §50731.5*)
- Submit End of the Year Financial Report.

SEPTEMBER

- In election years, last legal deadline to post notice that petitions for nomination of Trustees may be received (7 days prior to close of closure.) (*Cal. Wat. Code §50731.5*).
- In election years, closing of acceptance of petitions for nomination of Trustees (54 days from date of election.) (*Cal. Wat. Code §50731.5*).
- Letter to Property owners on levee regarding levee standards and permit requirements
- Review Local Agency Biennial Notice – Due early October (even years)

OCTOBER

- Publish Notice of Election, odd numbered years (once per week, 4 times, commencing at least 1 month prior to election.)
- Fall Newsletter.
- Update District Information Sheet.
- Review District Emergency Supplies
- Emergency Plan Review in 2022 (every three years thereafter)
- Deadline to Notify Insurance of Non-Participation in JPRIMA for Subsequent Year

NOVEMBER

- Election: to be held first Tuesday after first Monday of each odd-numbered year.

DECEMBER

- New Trustee(s) take office, outgoing Trustee(s) term(s) end on first Friday of each odd-numbered year.
- Provide updated version of electronic copies of properties within District

Term of Current Board Members:

Name	Term Commenced	Term Ends
Dan MacDonnell	2021	First Friday of Dec 2025
Dottie Lofstrom	2023	First Friday of Dec 2027
Michael Panzer	2023	First Friday of Dec 2027

Assessment Expires 6/30/2025

Emergency Operation Plan Review – June 2022

Reclamation District Meetings

- **First Wednesday of each month, at 8:00 A.M.
at the offices of:
Neumiller & Beardslee
3121 W. March Lane, Suite 100
Stockton, California 95219**

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Reclamation District 1608
Bills for Approval - January 3, 2025, Board Meeting

NAME	Date	INVOICE #	AMOUNT	TOTAL \$	WARRANT #	CHECK #	RATIFICATION
Michael Panzer (1/3/25 Board Mtg)	1/3/2025	Trustee Fee	\$299.92				
				\$299.92	6870		
Dan MacDonnell (1/3/25 Board Mtg)	1/3/2025	Trustee Fee	\$299.92				
				\$299.92	6871		
Dottie Lofstrom (1/3/25 Board Mtg)	1/3/2025	Trustee Fee	\$299.92				
				\$299.92	6872		
Elvia Trujillo (December Services)	1/3/2025	Secretary Fee	\$1,409.58				
				\$1,409.58	6873		
PG&E (Stone River)	12/19/2024	2999432760-8	\$9.49				
				\$9.49	6874		
Kjeldsen Sinock & Neudeck	12/20/2024	39311	\$1,410.75				
	12/20/2024	39312	\$827.25				
	12/20/2024	39313	\$9,411.21				
	12/20/2024	38314	\$2,871.25				
	12/20/2024	39315	\$99.00				
				\$14,619.46	6875		
SJC Mosquito & Vector Control District	Dec-24	SJ10038	\$39.25				
				\$39.25	6876		
Kim Floyd Communications	12/8/2024	V43355-12	\$19,919.50				
				\$19,919.50	6877		
Reclamation District 1608	1/3/2024	Transfer to Checking Acct	\$40,000.00				
				\$40,000.00	6878		
State Compensation Insurance Fund	11/30/2024	1002202595	\$1,197.58	\$1,197.58		e-Check	
Bank of Stockton Visa	12/16/2024	10/28/24-11/26/24	\$2,468.18	\$2,468.18		Online	

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ADP, Inc.	11/30/2024	676323900	\$86.91	\$86.91		Online
ADP, Inc.	12/15/2024	677557059	\$83.92	\$83.92		Online
State of California Payroll Taxes		11/31/24 and 12/15/24 Payroll	\$697.46	\$697.46		Online
Federal Government Payroll Taxes		11/31/24 and 12/15/24 Payroll	\$3,583.87	\$3,583.87		Online
Joe L. Bryson (Payroll)	11/30/2024	11/1/24 - 11/30/24	\$5,590.53	\$5,590.53		Direct Deposit
Roger Lamarra (Payroll)	11/30/2024	11/16/24-11/30/24	\$1,024.67	\$1,024.67		Direct Deposit
Roger Lamarra (Payroll)	12/15/2024	12/1/24-12/15/24	\$1,107.92	\$1,107.92		Direct Deposit
Joe C. Godinez Sr. (Payroll)	11/30/2024	11/16/24-11/30/24	\$471.73	\$471.73		1640
California State Disbursement Unit	11/30/2024	Child Support	\$330.00	\$330.00		ADP Processed
(J Godinez Sr. Income Withholding)						
Joe C. Godinez Sr. (Payroll)	12/15/2024	12/1/24-12/15/24	\$565.62	\$565.62		1641
California State Disbursement Unit	12/15/2024	Child Support	\$330.00	\$330.00		ADP Processed
(J Godinez Sr. Income Withholding)						
Cash V. Lucero	11/30/2024	11/16/24-11/30/24	\$508.37	\$508.37		Direct Deposit
Cash V. Lucero	12/15/2024	12/1/24-12/15/24	\$388.00	\$388.00		Direct Deposit
		WARRANT TOTAL:		\$76,897.04		
		CHECKING TOTAL:		\$18,434.76		
		TOTAL BILLS PAID		\$95,331.80		