



NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2007

Dear Homeowners and Businesses:

During the public hearings held last year in support of the assessment election for Reclamation District 1614, this Board of Trustees promised to regularly inform the District's homeowners and businesses on the actions of the District and the issues facing those who live within it. We are pleased to publish this first newsletter doing just that. The information in this newsletter will tell you where we have spent District money, update you on activities of the board, and inform you on regulatory issues that are, or are likely to, impact the District and its residents and businesses.

First, I want to update you on what I feel is the most important matter concerning the District. The purpose of the public hearings last year was to provide you with the information needed to make an informed decision on funding the District through an assessment. That funding was necessary to:

1. Repair and upgrade the District's aging pumping stations,
2. Participate in a levee restoration project with the San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency, and
3. Provide for an emergency reserve to support the District's operations.

The assessment passed. We immediately went to work to repair failed pump equipment, and we informed the San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency (SJAFC) that we now had funding for our portion of the levee project. We were ready to move forward.

As you may be aware, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, state and federal agencies are imposing new and additional requirements for qualifying flood zones. Therefore, in what it felt was a prudent move, SJAFC put a hold on the Smith Canal Levee project. The agency's concern is that the monies SJAFC had slated for Smith Canal may now be required to upgrade and certify all levees within their jurisdiction.

So where does that leave us? We are without the expected funding for the levee project we had planned but faced with the very issue we were prepared to undertake—rehabilitating and upgrading our levee to keep us out of a flood zone. At this time, we are working with the regulatory agencies that are set to impose guidelines or directions for qualifying our levee systems to determine specifically what will need to be done. Along with our local governments, we are looking for financial assistance.

The issues that Reclamation District 1614 brought to your attention at the public hearings last year are still tasks for this board to resolve and remedy. Our course has been altered some by these current events, but we are still charged with maintaining our levees in a condition that will protect the homes and businesses within the District. This board is still committed to using the funds provided through the assessment for maintaining and rehabilitating the District's pump equipment. We are also committed to providing a program for maintaining our levee systems to the compliance standards required by our governing agencies. We will assess only the amount allowed—and only when necessary to fund those commitments and to provide for a responsible emergency reserve.

We will also continue to update you on the state of the District, and we invite your oversight of this board in maintaining these commitments we made to you. Also, feel free to leave a message, along with your phone number, on the District's Hotline at (209) 469-3133. Your call will be returned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randy Norman".

Randy Norman, Chair
RD 1614 Board of Trustees

WHAT IS RECLAMATION DISTRICT 1614—SMITH TRACT?

Reclamation District 1614, which was founded in 1914, is a governmental special district. About two dozen such districts are within the County of San Joaquin. The reclamation districts were originally formed to protect against flooding, for drainage and for irrigation. Currently, RD 1614 is considered an urban district and provides two of the three purposes—protecting against floods, and drainage.

RD 1614 owns and operates ten storm drain/pump station facilities. The City of Stockton and/or the County are responsible for the storm drain lines conveying the storm water to the District pumping facilities. The District boundaries are generally as follows: the Calaveras River on the north, San Joaquin River on the west, Smith Canal on the south, and Pershing Avenue on the east.

The District has an elected board whose trustees are elected for four-year terms with an election held every two years. A part-time superintendent and a District Secretary work for the board.



*Pump Station No. 10
Hogue Avenue/Tyler School-discharge pump*



*Pump Station No. 7
Wisconsin Avenue-discharge pipe*

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The San Joaquin County Flood Protection Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is a subcommittee of the San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Advisory Water Commission.

The TAC's objective is to develop, advocate and make recommendations to the Advisory Water Commission on a unified plan, programs and activities for the betterment of flood protection countywide by incorporating various flood plain interests and to improve and maintain the economic health of the County.

Membership in the TAC includes technical representatives of cities, flood control agencies, reclamation districts, the county, and other stakeholders committed to improving flood protection countywide. Membership is approved by the Advisory Water Commission.

The TAC's responsibilities are to do the following:

1. Identify flood protection deficiencies and develop mutually beneficial projects for improved flood control within San Joaquin County,
2. Advocate and support projects of general interest to its member agencies,
3. Represent countywide interests on federal, state and local committees which influence Delta and tributary flood control interests,
4. Monitor regulatory requirements (DWR, FEMA, ACOE) as they influence flood control benefits in San Joaquin County and make recommendations,
5. Monitor state and federal legislation as it influences countywide flood control interests and make recommendations,
6. Seek and advocate for state and federal funding to support programs, and
7. Recommend actions and provide updates and information as appropriate to the Advisory Water Commission and County Board of Supervisors.

The district engineer for RD 1614, Christopher H. Neudeck, serves on the TAC.



*Pump Station No. 6
Moreing Road-new
secure steel sump
cover*

PROGRESS REPORT

Following is a list of work that has been done since the assessment vote.

Buena Vista Pump Station #1

1. Installed new 15 hp pump and motor, discharge pump 1E
2. Installed new sump grating cover

Lake Street Pump Station #2

1. Installed new steel security door on pump house
2. Secured and reinforced pump #2 mounting brace

Franklin Avenue Pump Station #3

1. Replaced property access gate

Plymouth Road (Smith Canal) Pump Station #4

1. Installed new steel security door on pump house

Gardena Pump Station #5

1. Replaced old wooden sump cover with new secure steel cover
2. Repaired and replaced siphon relief valve seals

Moreing Road Pump Station #6

1. Replaced old rusted sump cover with new secure steel covers
2. Replaced old circuit breaker with new circuit breakers for discharge pump 6 West

Wisconsin Avenue Pump Station #7

1. Installed new, wider access security gate
2. Replaced rusted and thin-walled discharge pipe for discharge pump #2 East
3. Installed new discharge pipe supports
4. Discharge pump #1 West: installed new pump mounting plates to replace minimal, unsecured plate
5. Discharge pump #2 East: installed new pump mounting plates to replace minimal, unsecured plate

Kirk Avenue Pump Station #8

1. Replaced old rusted sump cover with new secure steel grating with access door for debris removal

Plymouth Road (Calaveras River) Pump Station #9

1. Installed new steel security door on pump house
2. Replaced old and worn water level probes and control relay

Hogue Avenue Pump Station #10

1. Install new pump and motor



*Pump Station No. 8
Kirk Avenue-new
steel grating with
access door for
debris removal*



*Pump Station No. 9
Plymouth Road
(Calaveras River)-new
pump house security
door*



*Pump Station No. 6
Moreing Road-new circuit breakers for
discharge pump 6W*



*Pump Station No. 5
Gardena- new siphon relief valve seals*

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