



NEWSLETTER

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P.O. Box 4807, Stockton, CA 95204

Dear Homeowners and Businesses:

Flood insurance is the issue on property owners' minds in the Stockton area.

The entire Reclamation District 1614 has been placed in Zone A, a designation by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, better known as FEMA. The Zone A designation means that flood insurance will be required by Fall 2009 for homes that have mortgages by federally-insured financial institutions. It also means that building restrictions will be in place. (This is changed from the earlier published date of April 2009.)

Congress created the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in 1968 to reduce future flood damage through floodplain management, and to provide people with flood insurance through individual agents and insurance companies. FEMA manages the National Flood Insurance Program.

If you have access to the Internet, you can get a useful "Summary of Coverage" of the National Flood Insurance Program, as well as other information by going to www.fema.gov/pdf/nfip/summary_cov.pdf. FEMA also has a toll-free number (800) 621-FEMA. Hearing-impaired persons can access the TTY (800) 462-7585. Another useful website is www.floodsmart.com.

Included with this newsletter, you will find a Frequently Asked Questions document. We hope this is helpful. If you have additional questions, call the District's Hotline at (209) 469-3133, or send e-mail to Hotline@buethcommunications.com.

The District is continuing to work with San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency (SJAFCA) to find a solution to flooding in the District by installing a canal closure device at the end of Smith Canal to act as a dam. Discussions with FEMA on this issue have been fruitful to date.

There is always a risk when living behind flood control levees. Each of us can do our part to minimize the risk by keeping the levees free of unauthorized plant growth and other encroachments. Those encroachments, such as a recent tree that was felled down the levee and into the water, end up costing you and other District landowners. If you have a question about what is or is not authorized, please call the Hotline at (209) 469-3133. We also want to express our appreciation to those of you who are diligent in keeping the levees clean and well maintained and free of vegetation.

Sincerely,

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Following is a list of work that has been done since the last newsletter was published.

Lake Drive Pump Station #2

1. Removed the old unsafe fence and cleared all vegetation from the property.
2. Installed retaining wall to keep dirt on the levee from washing into the storm drain and ending in the pump sump.
3. Reclaimed property boundaries by installing a six-foot chain link fence to remove personal liability from RD 1614.



Franklin Avenue Pump Station #3

1. Installed electronic programmable controller.
2. Had two pump motors serviced.
3. Installed 45-foot-long "good neighbor" wooden fence.
4. Installed gravel access road into Franklin Avenue storm station and a wider gate to accommodate heavy equipment.
5. Removed vegetation and leveled property to accommodate the storage container and installation of gravel access road.



Plymouth Road (Smith Canal) Pump Station #4

1. Installed new pump #1.
2. Installed electronic programmable controllers on all three pumps.
3. Extended Pump #3 from 14 feet to 20 feet. Also extended sump.
4. Installed new magnetic motor starter on control panels #1 and #2 and brought pump controls wiring up to electric code.
5. Installed new fence and gate, as well as gravel access road, to accommodate access for heavy equipment to clean sumps.



Kirk Avenue Pump Station #8

1. Installed new fence with gate.
2. Replaced wood cover on wet well with steel grating to comply with safety regulations.
3. Lowered operating probes to keep water level down and avoid flooding streets.



Plymouth Road (Calaveras River) Pump Station #9

1. Installed new fence with gate.
2. Installed new pump.

Hogue Avenue/Tyler School Pump Station #10

1. Installed new gate to allow access for heavy equipment.
2. Contracted with San Joaquin County Maintenance Department to clean the well sump.
3. Removed accumulated heavy debris from sump.

