



NEWSLETTER

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P.O. Box 773, Stockton, CA 95201-0773

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Dear Homeowners and Businesses:

Thank you for your help in keeping our levees clean and safe. It requires the commitment and cooperation of each property owner and resident of the District, and your efforts are appreciated.

We live in an area surrounded by water and protected by levees, and constant vigilance is required by each of us to appropriately and safely maintain our levees.

The safety of our District neighborhoods is dependent on our attention to maintaining a strong levee system. Feel free to contact Lonnie Lobasco, our new District Superintendent, for clarification on any requirements.

The Board of Trustees extends its appreciation to Max Gallegos, our retiring District Superintendent, for his years of dedicated and effective services

Sincerely,

Board of Trustees
Reclamation District 1614

Wisconsin Pump Station Update

History

In June 2013, District property owners approved an assessment to assist in the replacement of the Wisconsin Pump Station (Station). The Station pumps storm water from a large portion of properties and streets within (RD 1614). The Station is nearing the end of its useful life and is in an advanced state of deterioration. The estimated cost to replace the Station so that it meets the FEMA requirements is \$2.6 million.

Funding Issues

The assessments approved by the property owners in 2013 were to cover 50% of the cost of replacing the Station with the remaining 50% anticipated from a

joint state grant for which the RD 1614 and Stockton East Water District applied. Unfortunately, the grant application was unsuccessful. At this time, District representatives are working to identify and apply for possible funding sources for the remaining 50% of the costs.

Emergency Plan

While RD 1614 work to locate grant funding, it has taken steps to stabilize and repair the Station so it can continue to pump storm water as it has for decades until it is replaced. As a precaution, the RD 1614 has prearranged the use of portable pumps that can be utilized immediately to continue pumping storm water from the Station should a problem arise with the existing equipment.

Planning

RD 1614 will continue to plan for the replacement of the Station and will report to you and other property owners when grant funding for the project is located.



District Superintendent Responsibilities

Did you ever wonder what our RD 1614 Superintendent does? Following are some examples of the wide range of services each month that are needed to maintain and protect our pump stations and levees.

The pump stations are inspected for wear, noisy bearings, vandalism, and property damage. Pump oil reservoirs are inspected to ensure proper bearing lubrication. Safety inspections of motor starters, motors, electrical switching equipment, siphon brake valves, and general electrical equipment are made at each visit. The Superintendent designs and re-engineers, as needed, electrical wiring systems to comply with the National Electrical Codes for California, state safety orders, and Cal-OSHA industrial safety requirements.

The Superintendent maintains the operation of the Programmable Pump Controller's air compressor and drains water out of the air tank monthly, or as needed.

The pump discharge pipes through the Smith Tract levees are inspected for any signs of metal fatigue and possible water leaks. The security fences and buildings that house and protect pump station equipment are inspected. The roads are inspected and maintained into and out of all pump station facilities.

The levees are inspected twice weekly for any encroachments, erosion, rodent control (especially beavers), seepage, and boils/toe drains. The vegetation control program is conducted monthly, year-round.

When rain storms occur, the Superintendent performs additional inspections and monitors any street flooding, at all hours of day or night.

In the event of major utility power failures, the Superintendent provides emergency services with portable emergency pumps or generators.

Lastly, the Superintendent also maintains and provides information and documentation for the RD 1614 Operation and Maintenance Manuals (O&M).



Superintendent immediately. These pesky creatures can significantly damage RD 1614 levees.



Rodent Reminders

If beavers, ground squirrels, or other large, semi-aquatic rodents pop up in your neighborhood, please call our District



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Thank you for your individual efforts in keeping our levees safe and well maintained.

