



# NEWSLETTER

## MAY 2016

P.O. Box 4436, Stockton, CA 95204

Dear Homeowners and Businesses:

Over the last year, you may have noticed that Reclamation District 1614 representatives have been busy inspecting and maintaining the levee and storm pump station system protecting the Country Club area. The District's storm pumping stations handled all of the storm water from the series of winter storms, including several intense downpours. In addition, the District has been busy maintaining the levee system as well as removing the vegetation that can interfere with the visibility of levee slopes during regular and stormy weather inspections.

We also appreciate the vigilance of those who own property next to the levees and on Smith Canal in maintaining their property on the levee as well as in reporting issues to the District's Levee Superintendent Orlando "Lonnie" Lobosco. You can reach Lonnie with your questions and to report any problems by calling him at (209) 992-2827.

Thank you for helping to keep our levees safe.

Sincerely,

Board of Trustees  
Reclamation District 1614

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### District Superintendent Activities

Each time rain falls in the Country Club area, the rain water flows through the gutters and storm drains until it arrives at the District's storm water pumps where it is pumped over the levee. Twice a week, every week, Lonnie Lobosco, District Levee Superintendent, checks each of the District's 11 pump stations to ensure they are clean and operating efficiently and properly. In addition, he knows every low spot in the District where water tends to accumulate after rain falls and visits each low spot to see if there are any problems.

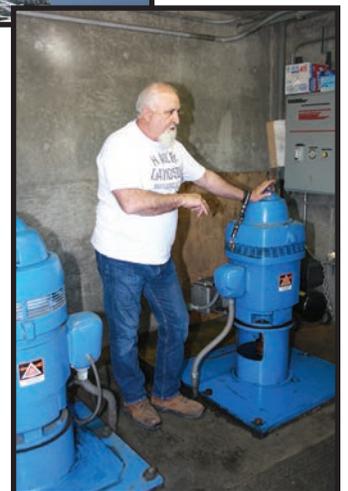
He also inspects the 2.5 miles of District levees twice weekly for any problems such as unpermitted encroachments (vegetation and other), erosion, seepage, boils/toe drains, and evidence of rodents and insects. Thank you, Lonnie!

Lonnie also assists property owners on or next to a levee to apply for and obtain permits for landscaping or construction of any kind on or next to a levee. It is important to remember that those living on property with or next to a levee must first obtain a permit from the District before doing any landscaping or construction on or next to the levee! Carefully review the permit requirements and process for every project as set forth in the Levee Encroachment Standards available on the District's website. Be very specific as to exactly what kind of plants, shrubs, or trees you plan for when you submit your permit application. The eventual growth of any plants, shrubs, or trees must also be considered. The District Superintendent can help you fill out the application. Be sure to include a schematic or drawing of the planned improvements in your permit request.



### WWW.RD1614.COM

Last year, the District created a new website that offers a wealth of information for you at your convenience. The website at [www.RD1614.com](http://www.RD1614.com) contains copies of the District's newsletters, board agendas and minutes, levee encroachment standards and permit applications, and notices of board meetings, as well as a listing of the board trustees, District Superintendent, District Counsel and consulting engineers.



## Pump Station Vandalism

The District continues to suffer from acts of vandalism and damage. Recently, an air compressor was stolen from a District pump station. On February 9, someone backed up to the rear of the Plymouth Road and River Road station and dumped a pickup load of garbage behind and on the station roof. Fortunately, San Joaquin County Public Works crews helped the District haul away the garbage, which was very much appreciated. If you see someone vandalizing or breaking into any of the pump stations, please call 911 or the District's Levee Superintendent immediately.

## Emergency Operations Plan Adopted

On March 7, 2016, the District's Board of Trustees adopted a new Emergency Operations Plan for responding to a flood emergency should one ever occur. Visit the District's website to review a copy of the Plan, which includes a detailed account of the following District procedures:

- Flood Preparedness
- Levee Patrol
- Flood Fight
- Flood Water Removal
- Recovery and After-Action Procedures

The Board of Trustees will review the plan annually and make changes and updates as needed.

## New Pump Station Alarm System

Cellular alarm modems are being installed at five storm water pump stations that will immediately notify the District Superintendent if there are problems with the operation of those pumps. The modems will also be configured to notify the Superintendent if the station loses power.

## Rampant Rodents

Have you observed beavers, ground squirrels, and other rodents invading your yard from the levee or wandering on the levee? These animals will dig into the levee causing significant and

expensive damage

that must be repaired. Please call the District Superintendent immediately if you see any evidence of rodents.



## Annual Town Hall Meeting on June 16, 2016

The District will be holding its annual Town Hall Meeting on June 16, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. at the Amblers Club, 2000 Amblers Lane, in Stockton. The District will provide an overview of its current operations, including progress on the Wisconsin Pump Station project and the newly adopted Emergency Operations Plan.

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



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