



NEWSLETTER

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P.O. Box 4436, Stockton, CA 95204

Dear Homeowners and Businesses:

We have just come through a spectacular winter season of rain and wind. We are happy to report that the pump stations performed well and continue to operate normally, including the Wisconsin Pump Station.

The Wisconsin Pump Station replacement is planned since it is several decades old, no longer meets Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requirements, and is nearing the end of its useful life. The station is responsible for pumping storm water runoff from more than 40 percent of the RD 1614 area, including storm water runoff from I-5, into the Calaveras River. Replacing the pump station is critical for removal of the area from being designated as a flood plain and subject to FEMA restrictions.

The District continues to apply for grants to obtain the remaining \$1,175,000 so that it can proceed with the replacement of the Wisconsin Pump Station. In addition, at the request of the District Trustees, Assemblymember Susan Eggman has introduced Assembly Bill No. 200 asking the State to fund the \$1,175,000 as a general appropriation. The bill is working its way through the legislative process which may take some time.

Thank you for your steadfast vigilance of our levees.

Sincerely,

Board of Trustees
Reclamation District 1614

Board of Trustees Update

Robert Wise, who was a Trustee of RD 1614 for the last five years, retired as a Trustee. Mr. Wise commented that his time on the Board has been "an authentic, self-actualized experience" and that "[I]t was a privilege to serve." The District very much appreciates the service of Mr. Wise.

Please join us in welcoming Kevin Kaufmann who was elected as the new Trustee replacing Mr. Wise.

Vandals in the District

Vandalism is a continuing problem for our District. A recent break-in at the Plymouth and Smith Canal pump station resulted in significant damage to the front door and the theft of the bubbler compressor.

If you observe anyone breaking into or vandalizing any of the pump stations, immediately call the District's Levee Superintendent Orlando, "Lonnie" Lobosco.

Annual Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, September 20, 2017

The District will hold its annual Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, September 20, 2017, 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 replacing the Wisconsin Pump Station and the general state of the District levees.

SJAFCA Smith Canal Closure Structure

The Board of Trustees has given conditional approval of the SJAFCA Smith Canal Closure Structure. The District's Engineer will perform an evaluation of the Final Draft Plans and Specification for the connection of the closure structure to the District's levee before the District issues a permit to tie it into the District's levee.

Reminder

If you live on property with or next to a levee, you must first obtain a permit from the District before adding any landscaping or construction on or next to the levee. The Levee Superintendent can assist you in applying for and obtaining permits for landscaping or construction of any kind on or next to a levee.

Vigilance

Vigilance, determined vigilance on the part of each of our residents and property owners, is necessary to ensure that our levees remain intact and our residents remain safe. Please report any rodent activity and changes in the levee such as water seeping out of it, erosion, scouring, and boils. Scouring occurs when a section of soil on the levee is washed away by flowing water. Boils occur when water bubbles up like a spring through the ground on the landward side of a levee.



If you notice any of these conditions, please immediately call the Levee Superintendent. He will want to schedule a time to meet you to point out the problem area.

Hauling Power

RD 1614 has purchased a pickup truck to assist the Levee Superintendent in performing his duties, including transporting bulky and/or very heavy items, such as those needed for temporary power and pumping. Lonnie will also be using the truck to inspect the 2.5 miles of District levees twice weekly. The new pickup has already proven to be a very useful tool for him in meeting the District's needs during high tides.



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

