



NEWSLETTER

MAY 2018

P.O. Box 4436, Stockton, CA 95204

Dear Homeowners and Businesses:

First, an update on the Wisconsin Pump Station No. 7. As mentioned in previous newsletters, the pump station is several decades old and no longer meets Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requirements. The current pump station is dated and not large enough to provide FEMA requirements in pumping runoff from a 100-year storm event out of the District.

The Wisconsin pump station is responsible for pumping storm water runoff from more than 40 percent of the District's area, including storm water runoff from Interstate 5, into the Calaveras River. The District has been exploring several alternatives to update the station and ensure its ability to meet FEMA requirements.

The District's Board of Trustees has preferred the long-term solution of replacing the existing pump station and has been working to secure matching funding necessary to cover the cost of the project. As of the date of this letter, the District has been unable to secure the necessary matching funding required for the project. As an alternative solution, the Board is exploring a shorter-term solution of upgrading the existing pump station facilities and adding two new 75 horsepower pumps and discharge pipes. The cost estimate for the upgrade work is \$1,207,000.00.

By upgrading the Wisconsin pump station and increasing its pumping capacity, the District will meet FEMA's 100-year drainage standards. Together with the completion of the Sn Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency's (SJAFC) Smith Canal Closure Structure project, these improvements should eliminate the possibility of having portions of the District remain in a FEMA-designated Special Flood Hazard Area, as well as minimize impacts to flood insurance requirements for property owners.

Thank you for your steadfast vigilance of our levees.

Sincerely,

Board of Trustees
Reclamation District 1614

Waterside Levee Inspections

The Board of Trustees of the District recently authorized the District Levee Superintendent to purchase a pontoon boat to inspect the levees from the water, along with a concrete slab and a garage to store the boat. The boat will enable the Levee Superintendent Lonnie Lobosco to inspect all 2.8 miles of levee from the water. You may occasionally see the boat which will be identified with signage.



Rodents

Please watch for and report signs of any beaver and rodent activity on or around the levees. According to recent news reports, a dog-sized rodent called nutria has been spotted in the Delta. Nutria are the invasive, semi-aquatic,



20-pound Argentinean swamp rats that have migrated north into the delta and are known to eat aquatic roots and crops and to burrow into levees. The nutria resemble beaver—except for round, rat-like tails and glowing orange front teeth. So if you see anything that may resemble a beaver or nutria, call the Levee Superintendent immediately.



Other Reminders

As a reminder, if you live on or own property with a levee on it, 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 the necessary permit.

Operations Manual

Last year the District adopted an Operations and Maintenance Manual that is now available for review on the district website: www.RD1614.com. The Manual is located in the “Documents Section” of the website.

Town Hall Meeting Reclamation District I6I4

6:00 p.m.

June 4, 2018

Amblers Club

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



Franklin Pump Station & Work Unit