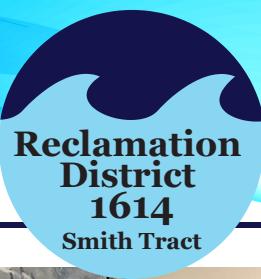


Newsletter

Winter 2020/2021

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A warm hello to all of our residents and homeowners in Reclamation District 1614. Though 2020 has been a challenging year, we hope everyone has remained in high spirits and good health.

We would first like to give attention to the turnover our Board of Trustees is currently experiencing. Trustee Ben Koch is stepping down after serving 12 years on the Board. Trustee Koch has been an active member and an incredible asset to the District during his time on the Board.

The departure of Trustee Koch leaves our Board President, Kevin Kauffman, as our longest-serving

member. Additionally, it leaves room to welcome a new Trustee! Dominick Gulli, PE is a well-respected engineering consultant that has extensive experience in the Delta. The RD 1614 community welcomes and appreciates his willingness to serve.

Please join us in honoring Ben Koch and welcoming our newest Board Trustee, Dominick Gulli!

Sincerely,

*Board of Trustees,
Reclamation District 1614*



THANK YOU BEN KOCH FOR SERVING 12 YEARS ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES!

DISTRICT UPDATES

ROCK SLOPE PROTECTION PROJECT

The Rock Slope Protection Project is taking place on the levee, immediately west of the pedestrian bridge on I-5. This area is historically well-known for usage by the homeless community. To curb this issue, we are working cooperatively with the City of Stockton and the Department of Fish and Wildlife to remove the homeless population and place large, 1-3 ton rocks on the levee to prevent future encampments.

Law firm Neumiller and Beardslee is currently working with the City of Stockton on insurance requirements for the project. Additionally, the City of Stockton has an engineering Request for Proposal out for the removal and replacement of the fencing along the pedestrian path of this bridge. The homeless community has, unfortunately, torn down fencing on the levee slope and began camping atop the levee. New fencing, in conjunction with the Rock Slope Protection Project, will help to prevent the encroachment of homeless encampments in the future and keep the structural integrity of the levee intact.



REMOVING RESIDUAL TRASH LEFTOVER FROM THE ILLEGAL CAMPERS AND ROCK PLACEMENT ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF THE PROJECT AREA.



RODENTS

As always, please watch for and report signs of any rodent activity on or around the levees. On-site research is revealing that the primary rodent damage to the District is being done by beavers. Beavers can cause extensive damage to the integrity of the levees in the District. The damage caused by beavers creates significant flood risk for the residents of the District.

Recently, beaver activity was reported by a resident living on the Smith Canal. Upon District inspection, the beaver activity was found to extend into some of the properties next to the property with the problem. In response, the District performed extensive slope repair and rehabilitation, including placement of a rock to prevent future burrowing of beavers, thus further reducing the risk of a repeat of the problem.

Beaver damage is easily identified by the distinctive cone shaped tree stumps resulting from their gnawing, and often by the presence of their dams and lodges. Usually, when beavers are active in an area, green sticks with the bark freshly peeled off may be found.

The District encourages property owners along the Smith Canal to immediately report any rodent activity, beaver or otherwise, to the District's Superintendent whose phone number is listed below.

WISCONSIN PUMP STATION

We are excited to announce that construction on the Wisconsin Pump Station is set to begin August 1, 2021. The project was successfully granted all necessary permitting and the preliminary planning is nearing completion. The District will begin the bidding process for this project in 2021.

The Wisconsin Pump Station is responsible for pumping stormwater runoff from more than 40 percent of the District's area into the Calaveras River. The pump station consists of two pumps that are currently not of sufficient capacity to provide the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requirements in pumping runoff out of the District from a 100-year storm event. The Board is pursuing a solution of upgrading the existing pump station facility by adding two new 75 horsepower pumps and discharge pipes.

The existing two discharge pipes will be reconstructed as they cross the levee, and

two new pumps and discharge pipes will be added. The reconstruction work will consist of removing the portions of the existing pipes that pass through the existing levee section. Two new replacement pipes will then be installed through the existing levee at a suitable elevation above the 200-year water surface elevation and will reconnect to the remnant pipes at the landside levee toe. The new pipes connected to the two new pumps will also be installed through the existing levee at a suitable elevation above the 200-year water surface elevation.

A new discharge structure will be constructed at the top of the waterside slope of the levee and will include positive closure devices, check valves, and a flow energy dissipater. An articulated concrete mat (Armorflex) will also be constructed at the waterside slope for erosion control purposes. The existing sump and pump house will remain, although interior structural supports will be added.



WISCONSIN PUMP STATION

FLOOD FIGHT SUPPLIES

The District has purchased flood fight materials to be prepared in the event of flooding. As we all know, preparedness and prevention are our best strategies in combating potential levee flooding and protecting our constituents.

DISTRICT FLOOD FIGHT CONTAINER, SUPPLIES CONTAIN ITEMS SUCH AS:
SANDBAGS,
POLYETHYLENE SHEETING,
LARGE (AIRLIFT CAPABLE) SANDBAGS,
WIRE ROPE SLINGS,
EXPEDIENT FLOOD FIGHT PRODUCTS (E.G. HESCO BASTION FLOOD BARRIERS),
FLOOD PUMPS



DISTRICT BY-LAWS/REMINDERS

Please remember that if you live on or own property that includes a levee, you must avoid digging or planting on it. You must first obtain a permit from the District before adding any landscaping or construction on or next to a levee. Do visit the district website for detailed information on the required permits. Feel free to contact the Levee Superintendent to assist you in applying for and obtaining the necessary permit.

Thank you for your individual efforts to keep our levees safe and well-maintained!

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