

June 2018 LeveeSafe

Your Flood Protection Team
in the Natomas Basin.

RECLAMATION DISTRICT 1000



Board President Jeff Smith

Our Board is seeing changes in the Natomas Basin from a more traditional rural area to include significantly more urbanization. In response to this gradual shift, our Board is implementing a Capital Improvement Program that is updated every five years. One of the major projects includes a communication network that allows staff to monitor and operate all our facilities remotely through hand held devices such as smart tablets and laptops. Currently, each facility must be visited by staff to visually check the status. Implementing this communication system will

allow staff more time to perform other activities without the need to visit our facilities on a regular basis. This is especially critical during the flood season when our focus is on inspection of the levees protecting our basin.

In parallel with implementing the communication system, we are also embarking on development of a Geographic Information System (GIS) that provides the baseline map for our basin showing exact location of all our facilities using a coordinate system. Coupled with this will be an asset management system that stores data related to the condition of facilities, as well as maintenance activities. Storing and analyzing this data will help us define when facilities and equipment need repairs and replacement that help budgeting for our expenditure timing. Asset management is proven to reduce overall costs of a piece of equipment—just like regularly changing oil in your car—it will last longer.

I am excited with the direction of our Board and our ability to look to the future and implement changes that will increase our ability to keep Natomas Basin safe!



General Manager Paul Devereux

With our memories of the record 2017 flood season fading we must remind ourselves, the work to provide flood protection to Natomas is still not done. The levee work completed by SAFCA using Natomas assessment funds along with State bond funds allowed new development to begin again bringing a sense of excitement back to our area. Also, the work completed to date has addressed the highest risk areas along our levees putting us in a much safer place than ever before. However, we cannot rest until ALL the levee work is complete. The Corps of Engineers must now bring their talent and federal funds to complete the work. Plans for work along the Garden Highway from

Gateway Oaks to Northgate as well as work along the Natomas East Main Drain or Steelhead Creek have been completed and are awaiting construction. We should see work commence later this summer under I-5 with the majority of work in 2019. Yes, there will be traffic impacts including the closure of Garden Highway for a period between Truxel and Northgate—the price to pay for safety. In addition, work along the northern perimeter of Natomas will also start this year; and the Corps recently announced additional funding is available to fully fund the remaining work along this reach. Completing the work along the Sacramento River (Garden Highway from Powerline Road to Orchard Lane) is scheduled to begin in 2020. Just a reminder though, no matter how robust our flood protection system, we in Natomas will always live in a floodplain and need to continuously operate and maintain our investment and be vigilant including the 24-hour monitoring and emergency response capability provided by the dedicated staff and crew of RD 1000. As always, we hope for the best, but train and prepare for what Mother Nature may bring us in the future.



Congratulations to our newest Trustee, Chris Burns. For more information about Chris, visit our website.



We are happy to announce that RD1000 Trustee Nick Avdis was recently appointed Chair of the SAFCA Board of Directors.



Don Caldwell, RD1000 Superintendent
Our spray program schedule can soon be found on the RD1000 website. We are spraying annual grasses and weeds on the district's levees and ditches and doing some silt removal from the interior drainage ditches. Mowing season is here and you will see us on the District's levees; we recently mowed the Natomas Cross Canal in advance of the proposed Army Corp project. And, kudos to our community minded crew who were involved in the annual "Creekweek" clean up, hauling tons of trash from the waterways.

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RD1000 Board. Back row, from left, Thom Gilbert, Chris Burns, Nick Avdis, Fred Harris, VP Tom Barandas, sitting from left, David Christopher and President Jeff Smith

Transparency

In 2016 Reclamation District 1000 received the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence by the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF).

In order to receive the award, a special district must demonstrate the completion of eight essential governance transparency requirements, including conducting ethics training for all board members, properly conducting open and public meetings, and filing financial transactions and compensation reports to the State Controller in a timely manner.

RD1000 continues to update public information access on our website. Our FAQ topics are a great place to find information about permits, RD1000 elections, assessments, levees and canals, status of the Natomas Levee Improvement Plan, and answers to common flood questions. Under News & Resources, we've added a "Public meetings" tab so that the community may easily review our public meeting dates, times, meeting agenda and materials. The "Public Records Request" tab allows easy access to our policy and process to request and review records covered under the CA Public Records Request Act. Our website link: www.rd1000.org



Jay Hendricks

Retirement

As a heavy-duty mechanic with a Class A license, Jay Hendricks worked for the district from 1998 until 2018. He had a strong work ethic and was early for work every single day of his employment!! Jay hauled the district's heavy equipment, drove the dump truck, patrolled the levees during high water levels, maintained the district Pumping Plants and assisted with the mowing program.

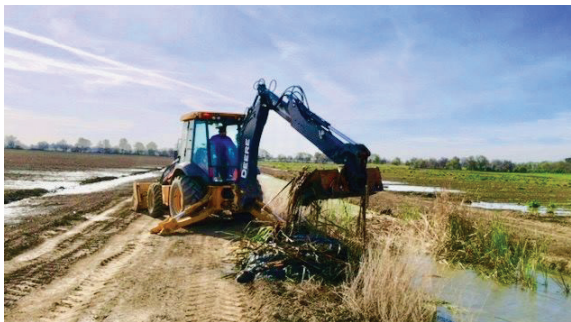
Congratulations on your retirement Jay, you are greatly missed.



Umberto Gutierrez, Jay Hendricks, Bryan Hall, Tony DelCastillo, Don Caldwell, Superintendent, Ray Lewis, Taylor Tikalsky, Mike Rhoads, Ron Peterson



RD Crew Ron Peterson and Umberto Gutierrez hauled away 800 pounds of trash during Creek Week 2018. Take a look at the RD1000 Facebook page for more photos.



"Silt removal from some of the interior drainage ditches"

Board Meetings are held on the second Friday of each month at 8:00 am at the District Office and are open to the public

Refer to the District's Website for agendas and minutes from past meetings.

Remember, no parking or driving a vehicle of any type is allowed on the levees.



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