

RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 1000

VOTER'S PAMPHLET

**GENERAL DISTRICT ELECTION
RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 1000
November 8, 2022**

I M P O R T A N T N O T I C E

This is a MAILED BALLOT ELECTION. You may vote the enclosed ballot and RETURN IT BY MAIL or deliver it to the District Secretary of Reclamation District No. 1000 using the RETURN ENVELOPE provided. You should return your voted ballot as soon as possible.

Return or mail your ballot to the District Office by 7:00 pm on November 8, 2022. Ballots not returned or postmarked before November 8, 2022 will not be counted.

Reclamation District No. 1000
1633 Garden Hwy
Sacramento, CA 95833

Questions may be addressed to the District at (916) 922-1449.

VOTER INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

Included with the ballot are: 1) Voter Information Pamphlet, including instructions on how to cast your votes, 2) a Legal Representative Form (Form A), in the event that you have been authorized by the landowner of a parcel to cast the votes for that parcel, 3) a Return Envelope. When completed, the ballot must be mailed or hand-delivered in sufficient time to be received by 7:00 p.m. November 8, 2022. **Ballots received after the deadline will not be counted.** The return envelope is to be completed as indicated on its face and must bear your signature where indicated.

HOW TO RETURN YOUR BALLOT:

Step 1. Read and mark your ballot indicating which candidate(s) you wish to cast your votes for. There are three Trustee's seats open. You have been assigned a number of votes based on the acreage of your parcel. You may cast these votes for one candidate, for no candidate, or you may split your votes among multiple candidates. **Your total number of votes cast must be equal to the number of votes assigned to you, as indicated on the top of your ballot.** Mark the ballot by clearly writing in the number of votes you wish to cast for your candidates. Do not make any other marks of any kind on the ballot. For instance, if you simply put an "X" next to the names of a candidate, the ballot will not be counted. You must indicate your vote by using numbers next to the name of one or more candidates.

Step 2. Detach the stub from the top left portion of the official ballot. This is your receipt for voting.

Step 3. Place the marked ballot inside the RETURN ENVELOPE. If the property title lists more than one name, please read the AUTHORIZED VOTERS information below before you complete your ballot. Complete and sign the RETURN ENVELOPE. **If the RETURN ENVELOPE is not completed and signed, your ballot will not be counted.**

Step 4. Mail your RETURN ENVELOPE to the District. Return postage has been prepaid on the envelope. It is addressed to: Reclamation District No. 1000, 1633 Garden Hwy, Sacramento, CA 95833. This envelope may be sent by registered or certified mail if you wish, at your cost. The return envelope may also be delivered personally to the District at the above address.

If you failed to receive, lost, or destroyed your original ballot and would like a second ballot, contact the District at (916) 922-1449.

NUMBER OF VOTES:

Each voter is entitled to cast one vote for each dollar's worth of assessment valuation as shown on that assessment roll for all parcels owned by the voter, multiplied by the number of seats (3) up for election. The total possible votes have already been calculated, and may be found on your official ballot. Votes are allocated among multiple owners of the same parcel according to state law.

AUTHORIZED VOTERS:

To be qualified to vote in the election, you must be a landowner in Reclamation District No. 1000, or the legal representative of a landowner. Renters or leaseholders are not qualified to vote unless authorized by the landowner. It is not necessary to be a registered voter to vote in a California Reclamation District Election.

“Landowner” means any person shown as the owner of land on the last equalized assessment roll or otherwise known to be the owner of land by the District.

“Legal Representative” means an officer or other person or persons appointed to serve in that capacity by the board of directors of a corporate landowner or a person appointed to serve as such by a non corporate landowner.

PROXY VOTING

Voting by proxy is permitted under Sections 50704 and 50759 of the California Water Code. All proxies must be in writing; must name the landowner, the person granted the proxy, and the election for which the proxy is granted; and must be certified under penalty of perjury. Any proxy is revocable at the pleasure of the voting landowner until the ballot for that parcel is cast.

A proxy form is available upon request from the District, and can be downloaded from the District's website at <https://www.rd1000.org/vote-by-proxy>. Return your proxy form to RD 1000 in your Return Envelope, with your voted ballot.

VOTING BY LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES

1. Corporate and Partnership Landowners: A legal representative shall be presumed to have authority to cast all votes for the principal identified in the certification by including in the Return Envelope a certificate under penalty of perjury identifying the principal and the authority of the legal representative. Therefore, a general partner (not a limited partner) can vote the entire ownership of a landowning partnership by including in the Return Envelope a certificate under penalty of perjury similar in form and content to that provided for a legal representative of a corporate landowner. Forms of certificate for a corporate and for a partnership landowner for this purpose are enclosed. (See FORM A)

2. Guardians, conservators, executors, administrators and other persons holding land in a trust capacity under appointment of court may vote without obtaining special authority from the court. Such a guardian, conservator, etc. must still, however, present proof of their appointment in the form of a copy of letters testamentary or of conservatorship or guardianship from the court, or a copy of a decree of distribution in the case of a testamentary trustee, unless the ownership shown on the appropriate county tax roll already shows the name and capacity of the conservator, executor, etc. If not, please include a copy of the needed documentation in the Return Envelope.

VOTING RESULTS

A County-appointed Election Board will count the ballots. The three candidates with the greatest number of votes will be appointed as Trustees of the Reclamation District No. 1000.

Candidate Statements

Jag Bains

Jag has lived in Natomas with his wife Preet, and two children, Sahib and Rhea, since 2001.

In addition to his day job with Construction Management and Inspection Division, Sacramento County, Jag serves as a Trustee for RD 1000, and Vice President of the Sacramento County Association of Professional Engineers.

Natomas provides a winning formula for developing housing and commercial projects. But this development in a floodplain is only sustainable with a robust flood protection system. As a Trustee, Jag played an active role in development of the Capital Improvement Plan to replace aging infrastructure, and implement operational, and maintenance improvements that reduce flood risks in the Natomas.

As a 20-year Engineering Professional for Sacramento County, Jag has managed and inspected the construction of numerous multimillion-dollar Capital Improvement Projects. Jag will ensure that upcoming construction projects are completed on time and within budget.

Jag will prioritize improved information sharing and partnering with all stakeholders to achieve a shared goal of flood protection. Jag will work on streamlining permit processes for property owners and developers.

Jag believes that transparency and accountability to constituents are the backbones of good governance. He is committed to serving the growing and diverse Natomas community.

Ronald E. Reafs

I'm a resident and property owner in Reclamation District 1000 and have been for more than twenty years. I am currently retired and not working so I have plenty of time to devote to the discharge of the duties of this office. I am retired from the Foreign Service and also retired from the State of California.

I grew up in Central Nevada where water management is essential to existence. There the collection, storage and distribution of this essential element through untold miles of canals serves an agricultural area and even generates electricity. Here Reclamation District 1000 maintains the levees, canals and pumping stations needed to manage any overabundance of water; to protect us from flooding. I understand water management.

Elena Lee Reeder

I have been honored to serve on the Reclamation District 1000 board since 2019, and I am the current Vice-President. I am asking for your vote so I can continue to focus on protecting our friends, families and community from flooding.

Flood control is critically important to our region. I was appointed by the board President to serve on the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA). In March 2022 Governor Newsom appointed me to the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board where I continue to advocate for the Natomas Basin to protect our water quality for present and future generations.

I have lived in the Sacramento region for more than 16 years, and love our Natomas community. I am a graduate from UC Davis, and have worked in the Governor's office, a top tier government advocacy firm and the California State Legislature. If elected to a new term I will continue to modernize the Board to better connect with our community. I recognize the importance and need to ensure that the requirements for 200-year flood protection in the Natomas Basin are completed in a timely and cost effective manner.

I respectfully ask for your support.

Nate Pelczar

As your representative, I will help RD 1000 prioritize flood control infrastructure development, operations, and maintenance to ensure that Natomas has strong flood protection systems. I will continually work with state elected officials to enact laws to address the unhoused and minimize the risks associated with encampments on our levees. I will fight for federal funding to support our operations because I want to secure funds that support critical infrastructure improvements. Our pumps are aging, and such improvements will help streamline operations and maintenance. I strongly believe that new property tax assessments should be the last option for our district and, only then, any new taxes should be solely dedicated to operations and maintenance of district facilities.

I've been a Natomas resident since 2009 and I love our community. I am a government accountability and finance expert who has built a 20 year career as a management consultant, project manager, and public servant. I will use my skills and expertise to strengthen our community's flood protection systems and will work to ensure that our limited resources are used effectively and efficiently.

I would be honored to have your vote.

Ed Perez

I would be honored to earn your vote as Trustee for Reclamation District 1000 (RD1000). RD 1000 is our local flood control agency responsible for keeping our communities safe. While the recent improvements to our levee system offer greater protection, an equally vital part of the system—the pumps and the supporting infrastructure that help drain water from inside the Natomas Basin, require major maintenance and upgrade. Maintaining the long-term financial viability of the system is also a must. These projects need significant investment and the RD1000 Board will play a big role in guiding this effort.

As a manager for a state water agency, I am intimately familiar with the importance of flood protection and the significant work that goes into maintaining such a vital public service system. I have also served on the boards of community associations, employee organizations, as well as a Sacramento city commission. From these positions, I learned to value the input from concerned residents, the importance of working with community partners, and managing a diverse workforce. These experiences have prepared me to serve you as Trustee on the RD1000 Board.

Learn more about my campaign: <http://www.ED4NATOMAS.org>

Ryan Friedman

As a resident of the Natomas Community, I have lived on the Garden Highway levee road for the past 16 years. I graduated law school at the University of California, Davis in 2007 and passed the California Bar Exam before going to work as a government attorney. In 2012, I shifted into private practice and founded the Friedman Law Firm, which is also located on the Garden Highway levee road in the Natomas Community. Along with my wife and son, I'm proud to call Natomas my home, and hope to one day serve as an RD1000 Trustee.

A key component of levee safety requires meaningful engagement of those who live on the front lines. Many people live directly adjacent to the Garden Highway levee road, which separates the Sacramento River from the Natomas Basin. If elected to RD 1000's Board of Trustees, it will be my goal to improve community engagement with those who live along RD1000 levees. Engaged residents who live along the levee can help serve as the district's eyes and ears. Due to their continuous presence along the levee, they are in a unique position to quickly spot and report problems. This helps ensure that everyone living in the Natomas basin is better protected from flood waters and high insurance rates.

While RD1000's primary mission is to provide flood protection, I believe that its policies must also promote safe recreational access to the Sacramento River and support the area's unique ecological importance and beauty. I have volunteered many weekends helping pick up trash along the Sacramento River, and believe that RD1000 can play a more active role in ensuring that area levees do not contribute to the discharge of trash/pollution into our waterways.

Joleane King

I am a third generation Sacramento resident whose parents and grandparents farmed in the valley and the Natomas basin. In the first year of my parents' marriage, they lost their large bean crop to Sacramento River floodwaters. So when my husband and I bought our home next to a Natomas rice field in 2003, my father asked why I was moving to "that floodplain" from high and dry Fair Oaks!

As a former K-12 teacher, I have a passion to share the history of our unique levee and storm drain system with our local schools. RD1000 works in sync with the Army Corps of Engineers and other agencies to strengthen our flood protection. We must strengthen our kids' knowledge about RD1000's mission before the next 100-year storm event.

In my career outside the classroom, I have successfully managed multi-million dollar education grants and statewide marketing contracts. I was instrumental in bringing California's innovative safety campaigns to national recognition and awards. Locally, I continue to write for N Magazine to highlight our diverse and growing community. I will bring my education, government and communication experience to the RD1000 board to protect our neighborhoods.