

September 2018 LeveeSafe

Your Flood Protection Team
in the Natomas Basin.

RECLAMATION DISTRICT 1000



Jeff Smith, Board President

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 will be updated every five years. One of the major projects includes a communication network that allows staff to monitor and

operate all of 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 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!



Board of Trustees: Back row, from left, Thom Gilbert, Chris Burns, Nick Avdis, Fred Harris, Vice President Tom Barandas, sitting from left, David Christophel and President Jeff Smith



Paul Devereux, General Manager

This is a very exciting time for our District and all of Natomas. With the levee work completed to date new development has been allowed in Natomas creating a sense of excitement and renewal. We at RD 1000 are equally

excited now that the Corps of Engineers has started work on the remaining levee improvements to be completed over the next 5 to 7 years to finally achieve our goal of AT LEAST 200 year flood protection. While the initial work is at the rural northern perimeter of our flood basin; work is expected to begin along the Garden Highway between Interstate 5 and Northgate Blvd later this year with the major work and temporary closure of Garden Highway in 2019.

As I have noted to you in the past, our work does not stop when the levee work is done. Natomas will always be in a floodplain and we need to continue to look for opportunities to reduce our flood risk including improvements in our flood preparation, monitoring and emergency response. With the new and improved levees comes a much larger footprint the District must operate and maintain. We continue to improve our operations to meet our flood safety mission in the most efficient and cost effective manner for our constituents; though at some point we will need to seek a rate increase to maintain

the flood protection essential to the Natomas community.

Despite this excitement and the promise of improved flood protection, we here at the District are preparing for the coming flood season as we have for the past 100 years. Early forecasts predict El Nino conditions for the winter. While this does not mean we will have a wet winter, we know



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some of our largest floods have occurred during El Nino years.

Other changes are also coming; I have told the Board I will be retiring as General Manager in early 2019. While I have enjoyed serving the Sacramento Community these past 28 years working to improve our flood protection, including serving as General Manager for RD 1000 the past 13, it is time to hand the reigns to a new leader. A manager is only as good as the staff who follows and supports them, and the Board who sets policy and provides leadership. I have been fortunate on both counts with a professional staff who has given me and the District their unwavering support to implement the District's flood safety mission; and a Board who has shown courage to do what is in the best interest of the entire Natomas community. It has also been my pleasure to work with the elected officials and community leaders during my tenure. However, my best memories are connecting with individuals at community events, workshops or just out on the levees responding to questions/concerns about flood control and safety for them and their families or listening to their stories and observations from past floods. It has been a great ride!!



Crew: From Right to Left - Superintendent Don Caldwell, Umberto Gutierrez, Bryan Hall, Taylor Tikalsky, Tony DelCastillo, Jay Hendricks (now retired), Ray Lewis, Ron Peterson, Mike Rhoads



Repairing a slip in the levee in the Pleasant Grove area



Mowing on Natomas Cross Canal



Spraying tumble weeds and star thistle along Garden Highway



Silt removal from some of the interior drainage ditches

Transparency

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

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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