

# "MegaFlood"

## ...and The "4Natomas" Program to Raise Our Flood-Protection Awareness



(above) RD100 is keeping the Natomas Basin free from floods. They are protecting you and your homes by shown by the recent improvements to our pumping system throughout the Region.

(right) Some of the old equipment that has to be maintained or replaced to keep you safe.

(far right top) The RD1000 crew works hard everyday to maintain our facilities with talent and professionalism.



significant trash/debris blockages.

While our levees have recently been fortified, it would be a grave mistake to believe those improvements will be enough to prevent dangerous flooding.

As we have learned from New Orleans, strong levees are only one element of flood protection. Lift pumps help push the water from flood areas and back into our river system.

After Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans fortified its levees but failed to upgrade its pumping equipment and other infrastructure needs. This is why Hurricane Ida caused so much damage despite strong levees.

Sacramento cannot afford to make the same mistake. In the next few months, Natomas residents will be hearing about **4Natomas** – a new public awareness program intended to provide a better understanding of the area's flood control system, as well as informing them about a proposed fee to make sure businesses, homes and families are protected for years to come.

[4Natomas.org](http://4Natomas.org)

provides valuable information about our intricate system of levees and lift pumps that protect lives and ensure the Natomas Region stays dry.



"Modernizing our flood protection system is an investment in the future of Natomas, which



deserves to grow and thrive without fear of natural disasters," said Kevin King, the General Manager of the RD1000. "We are looking to improve our external levee system and our internal pumping operations to protect lives – not just for the immediate future but for generations to come."

For more information, look to the Learn More block below. This article is part of an ongoing N magazine series about RD1000, flood control, and a proposed fee for investing in repairing and upgrading the flood-prevention infrastructure in the Natomas Region.



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