



Reclamation District 799

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October 14, 2011

Attn: Levee Property Owners who live along Sandmound Slough & Dutch Slough
Re: Trimming of Vegetation for Levee Inspection set for (12/05/2011)

In prior years we've had a great response from property owners regarding the trimming of vegetation and we would like this opportunity to say thank you.

As you all know it is flood season and the levee patrols will be in full effect once again. Our office is seeking volunteers that are willing to help out on an on call basis to do levee patrols and other possible emergency work. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact our office at 925-684-2398 and the District Secretary will add your name and phone numbers to our list of emergency volunteers.

In order to help keep the levee and the levee slopes visible for emergency patrols during the flood season, we are asking once again for your help by bringing your property into conformance with our guidelines. This will assist in providing flood protection for everyone in the district. Our goal is for patrol personnel standing on the crown of the levee to be able to visibly identify signs of levee distress, such as seepage boils and soil sloughing on the landside toe or erosion on the waterside slope. This is recommended by the California State Department of Water Resources.

The following guidelines are for acceptable vegetation on the crown, on the landside slope, 10 feet beyond the landside toe and on the waterside slope.

1. Large trees and bushes must be trimmed of branches within 5 feet of the ground.
2. Small trees and bushes, (less than 6 feet tall), must be trimmed of branches within 3 feet of the ground.
3. Low growing ground covers such as grass, red apple, miniature, etc. are desirable.
4. Trees must be trimmed to provide 15 feet of vertical clearance over the crown and to provide horizontal clearance across the full levee crown width.
5. Fences along the levee crown must be clear of vines and vegetation.
6. No thorny plants are allowed, such as cactus, blackberry, roses, century plants, etc. These can scratch or tear the clothing of personnel during patrolling and flood fighting.

7. No bamboo, pampas grass, broom, horsetail, honeysuckle, ivy, periwinkle, perla grass, ice plants or large bunch grasses are allowed because they are too large and invasive.
8. No piles of debris, boards, tree trimmings, small boats, or storage of items are allowed on the crown of slopes. Any of these items left on the levee will be hauled off (larger items at your expense).
9. No parking of cars, trucks, boat trailers, and travel trailers, etc. on the waterside edge of the levee along Dutch Slough Road and Wells Road. No parking at all on the levee along Sandmound Blvd. during flood season. (Vehicles in violation will be towed at the owner's expense).
10. No locked gates in fences along the levee crown that prevent patrol personnel from inspecting the levee slopes and toe.
11. No ponds or fountains containing water are allowed on the levee. Please turn them off and empty them. After the flood season ends on March 15th please apply for a permit at the RD799 office to have the ponds or fountains removed and the holes in the levee filled.
12. No planting of any trees on the levee because, if the tree blows over it can leave a dangerous hole.

A sketch is included with this letter to help demonstrate appropriate trimming of vegetation to comply with RD 799's guidelines. Our goal is not to have you strip your entire yard of its vegetation. We just want you to trim vegetation to improve visibility. RD 799 is willing to help with the disposal of the vegetation. Please place your trimmings at the street edge and give us a call at 925-684-2398 and RD799 will arrange to have it picked up and hauled away. We will not haul any junk or items considered not to be vegetation. These things will be left behind.

If while undesirable plants and ground covers are removed a potential erosion problem is created, please call our office and RD 799 will supply you with jute netting.

RD 799 is committed to eliminating encroachments that inhibit levee inspection, such as decks, sheds, solid board fences, and concrete slabs located on the slopes or at the toe. As the risk of flooding increases, so must our level of flood protection efforts. RD 799 will be increasing efforts to remove non-conforming encroachments and to prevent their repair or reconstruction.

~~You are hereby notified that, the levee slopes on your property must be in compliance with these guidelines by 8:00 a.m. on November 30, 2011. After this date and upon completion of an inspection, if your home does not comply with the guidelines, our office will arrange for the California Conservation Corps to perform the work and RD 799 will bill you directly.~~

Please don't hesitate to call our office and speak with the Levee Superintendent regarding any levee issue. Also, if you need to have some clarification on the guidelines, you are welcome to call and ask questions. RD 799 would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation and continuing support in helping to keep our levees safe.

Reclamation District 799 Landowner Emergency Contact Information

Please complete this form and return it to:
~~63255993~~ Bethel Island Rd. Oakley, CA 94561

Or

Email it to: dinard799@outlook.com
~~Rd799_angeliahope@yahoo.com~~
www.rd799.com

Landowner Name: _____

Landowner Name: _____

Property Address: _____
City, ST, Zip _____

Mailing Address: _____
City, ST, Zip _____

Phone: _____

Cell: _____

Work: _____

Email: _____

If you would like to be added to our list for emails, please
circle - yes or no