

# Reclamation District No. 1607

VAN SICKLE ISLAND-SOLANO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

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To All Landowners:

Today I ran my atv around the levees at high tide on a wet and muddy day.

Today's high tide was 6.49 at 9am. Tomorrow is predicted to be 6.4 at 10:15 and Friday 6.7 at 10:45. The high on January 5th that caused us to overtop was 7.98. While I was waiting for the tide to peak I made up 50 sandbags in about an hour. I am using some of the sand that was delivered with our rip rap which was placed on the inside slope of the levee.

I should point out that the dirt levees on both sides of the island are extremely slippery and dangerous. Please do not drive anything but smaller atv's on these levees and only if you really need to.

I am concerned about the peak tides expected on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day as they are predicted to be the high of this cycle. Because of this I will be heading out early Friday morning to make up a couple hundred sandbags and lay some plastic down over the levee in the lowest spots. After Christmas in early January there will be higher tides. We need to prepare for all of these before they come.

I am looking for any volunteers who may be available Friday 12/22 to help with making sandbags up and laying some plastic down. I will be leaving from the Pittsburg Marina at 8am and you can ride over with me or you can head over in your own boat if you would want to get there late or leave early. I figure we can get a lot done by about 2 or 3pm. It will be messy work but it will make a difference. If you come on your own boat you can drive an atv from spoonbill, behind the sheet pile to the work site. If you're driving an atv from the Montezuma slough side do not try to drive over the lower levee between concord and spinner. There is continuing damage to that levee from water still coming over from spinner island at high tides. You can drive your atv counter clockwise along the honker bay/ spoonbill side. Just be careful.

Let me know if you would like to help. If you can't make this one there will be another couple work days after Christmas,

I have shovels, sand, sandbags, and plastic. All you need is your lunch, water, work gloves and boots to work in wet and muddy conditions. What we can do together may keep us from flooding again this winter.

Please let me know if you're up for it. I'm hoping for at least 3-4 guys to help. The more people we have the more bags we can make up. I know it's a bad time just before the holidays but I would rather be out there Friday instead of on Christmas Day. I know

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many of you can't help because of your backs or work conflicts so don't feel bad if you can't help this time.

Please let me know if you can help on Friday.