

## Project Will Eliminate High-Cost, Mandatory Flood Insurance

Once SJAFCA completes construction of the Smith Canal Gate Project and RD 1614 completes its Wisconsin Pump Station project, FEMA will “re-map” the Smith Canal area to remove the “high risk” flood zone designation. This will eliminate mandatory flood insurance requirements and FEMA-related building restrictions for approximately 5,000 properties and prevent approximately 3,000 additional properties from being mapped into a high-risk zone. FEMA’s remapping process is expected to be completed in 2025. Flood insurance will be required until FEMA’s process is completed.



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## Construction Continues on Flood Wall, Gate and Dad’s Point

In-water work on the Smith Canal Gate Project started again on July 1. Construction crews are continuing work to complete the flood wall structure, construct the miter gate, and make improvements – like grading and installing fishing platforms – to Dad’s Point. The Louis Park Boat Ramp, adjacent parking area and Dad’s Point will remain closed through the end of construction. During this period, free boat launch facilities and parking will be available at Morelli Park, 1025 W. Weber Avenue.

## ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Smith Canal Gate Project will meet State and Federal standards for flood protection by isolating Smith Canal from the San Joaquin River during high water and tide events. It includes a floodwall along the San Joaquin River between Dad’s Point and the eastern boundary of the Stockton Golf & Country Club, tying into the existing Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) accredited levee.

The floodwall will feature a gate to allow for tidal exchange and boat access to Atherton Cove and Smith Canal. The gate will remain open, except during high water and tide events and for periodic testing. Dad’s Point will be raised and strengthened to allow certification as a levee.



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# PROJECT SCHEDULE

Due to ongoing disruptions in supply chains (delay in shipping of critical gate components), construction may experience some delays. However, this is not expected to impact the timeline for FEMA remapping of the Special Flood Hazard Area. FEMA remapping is still expected to be completed in 2025.

2021	2022	2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Closure of Louis Park Boat Ramp &amp; Parking Area</li> <li>Closure of Dad's Point</li> <li>Cellular Wall south end</li> <li>Miter Gate</li> <li>Dad's Point sheet pile wall</li> <li>Maintenance access path</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Closure of Louis Park boat ramp &amp; parking area</li> <li>Closure of Dad's Point</li> <li>Gate structure</li> <li>North cellular wall &amp; Dolphin piles</li> <li>Golf course access path</li> <li>Dad's Point site restoration</li> <li>South cellular wall (remaining portion)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completion of outstanding construction activities</li> <li>Project certification &amp; submit FEMA Accreditation Package</li> <li>FEMA begins map revision process (expected to be completed in 2025)</li> </ul>



## Get to Know SJAFCA, RD 1614 & RD 828

SJAFCA, in partnership with Reclamation Districts 1614 & 828, is constructing the Smith Canal Gate Project. SJAFCA is a Joint Powers Authority created in May 1995 by the City of Stockton, San Joaquin County and the San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. The Cities of Lathrop and Manteca joined SJAFCA in January 2018. SJAFCA's mission is to reduce and manage the region's flood risk. Reclamation Districts 1614 and 828 are responsible for operations and maintenance of levees, pump stations and other flood control facilities in the Smith Canal area.

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