

HOW TO COMPLETE & RETURN YOUR BALLOT

Ballots must be received before the close of the public hearing on Thursday, June 8. By law, ballots received after the close of the public hearing cannot be accepted.

TO COMPLETE YOUR BALLOT:

- 1
- Cast your vote by marking an "X" in the box next to "Yes" or "No"
- 2
- Print and sign your name
- 3
- Date your ballot
- 4
- Place your entire ballot in the postage-paid return envelope

IMPORTANT!

Do not tear off any portion of the ballot or it will not be accepted.



TO RETURN YOUR BALLOT:

- A) BY MAIL — Ballots must be in the postage-paid security envelope, mailed and received no later than 5 p.m., Thursday, June 8. Postmarks cannot be accepted.
- B) BY HAND — Place in the security envelope and

A. DELIVER TO SJCFWCWD before 5 p.m., Thursday, June 8  
1810 East Hazelton Avenue, Stockton

B. DELIVER TO THE PUBLIC HEARING  
6 p.m., Thursday, June 8  
San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors Chambers  
44 N. San Joaquin Street, 6th Floor, Stockton



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ATTEND A COMMUNITY MEETING

- Community Meeting

6:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 2

John Adams Elementary  
Multipurpose Room  
6402 Inglewood, Stockton
- Community Meeting

6:30 p.m., Thursday, May 4

Edison High School  
Cafeteria  
100 Doctor MLK Jr. Blvd., Stockton
- Community Meeting

6:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 3

McNair High School  
Multipurpose Room  
9550 Ronald E. McNair Way, Stockton
- Community Meeting

6:30 p.m., Monday, May 8

Brookside School  
Multipurpose Room  
2962 Brookside Road, Stockton

PUBLIC HEARING & CLOSE OF BALLOTING

6 p.m., Thursday, June 8  
San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors Chambers  
44 North San Joaquin Street, 6th Floor, Stockton

“YES” OR “NO,” WHAT HAPPENS?

Yes, or no, there will be costs to property owners.

YES ✓	New assessment begins fall 2023
	Levee maintenance <b>will be improved</b>
	Community <b>will secure \$1.24 billion</b> in state/federal funding for levee improvements for North and Central Stockton
	Community <b>will maintain eligibility</b> for federal funding for emergency levee repairs
	Community <b>will stay ahead</b> of changing state/federal regulations for levees
	<b>Lower flood risk</b> for properties & <b>lower financial risk</b> for property owners
NO ✗	<b>FEMA accreditation will be maintained</b> and flood insurance purchase <b>will be voluntary</b>
	Levees <b>cannot</b> be properly maintained
	Community <b>will risk losing \$1.24 Billion</b> in state/federal funding for levee improvements for North and Central Stockton
	Community <b>will lose current eligibility</b> for federal funding for emergency levee repairs
	Community <b>will not be able to meet</b> changing state/federal regulations for levees
	<b>Increased flood risk</b> for properties & <b>greater financial risk</b> for property owners
	<b>FEMA accreditation may be jeopardized</b> , which could result in <b>mandatory flood insurance</b> for properties with mortgages



PROPOSED ASSESSMENT FOR  
LEVEE CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE

Official Notice & Ballot  
Information Guide

Questions?

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VISIT [WWW.SJAFCA.ORG/LCMA](http://WWW.SJAFCA.ORG/LCMA) FOR:

- Assessment district boundary map
- Assessment calculator
- Frequently asked questions
- Lower San Joaquin River Project information
- Community meeting dates

ATTEND A COMMUNITY MEETING  
& PUBLIC HEARING!

Look inside for dates and locations



WHY A PROPOSED ASSESSMENT?

California’s weather is becoming more extreme. Rapid shifts between too little and too much water can lead to serious flooding. At the same time, state and federal regulations for flood protection are changing and becoming stricter. As a result, properties in Stockton face two types of risk:

- 1 Physical flooding, which **is not** covered by most homeowner insurance policies
- 2 Financial impacts from changes to state and federal regulations, including mandatory flood insurance and building restrictions

The best way to defend against both risks is to improve and properly maintain levees.

The San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency (SJAFC) is responsible for reducing flood risk for the greater-Stockton metropolitan region through planning, financing and implementing projects and programs to improve flood protection. The San Joaquin County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Zone 9 (Zone 9), a division of San Joaquin County, maintains 112 miles of urban levees that protect approximately 90,000 Stockton properties. The agencies are jointly proposing a new Levee Construction and Maintenance property assessment to:

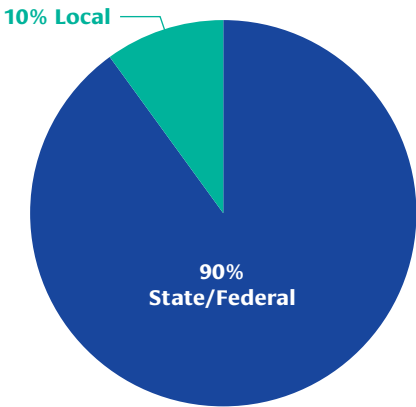
- 1 Fund the local cost share (10%, or 140 million) for the \$1.4 billion Lower San Joaquin River Project
- 2 Ensure continued Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) accreditation of the levees protecting North and Central Stockton
- 3 Address a \$1.5 million annual shortfall between existing and needed revenues for the proper maintenance of existing levees



Levee damage from January 2023 storms.

LEEVE IMPROVEMENTS

SJAFC is partnering with the US Army Corps of Engineers and the CA Central Valley Flood Protection Board on the \$1.4 Billion Lower San Joaquin River Project to protect North and Central Stockton. The project will strengthen 23 miles of levees along the Calaveras and San Joaquin Rivers and move the community closer to a 200-year level of flood protection. Ninety percent -- \$1.26 billion -- of all project costs will be paid for with state and federal funding. The community must provide the remaining 10 percent cost share, which is approximately \$140 million. SJAFC will also implement other improvements to ensure levees throughout the assessment district meet FEMA requirements for 100-year flood protection. This will avoid properties being mapped into Special Flood Hazard Areas. Properties in Special Flood Hazard Areas are subject to mandatory flood insurance.



LEEVE MAINTENANCE

Zone 9 is facing an annual \$1.5 million shortfall between existing and needed revenues to maintain 112 miles of urban levees and address deferred maintenance. These levees must be maintained to strict state and federal standards to retain FEMA accreditation and eligibility for federal emergency funding following a flood event. Emergency repairs can cost as much as \$25 million dollars. Adequate funding will allow Zone 9 to comply with state and federal regulations for:

- Removal of debris that obstructs storm water and flood flows, or that otherwise damages levees and channels
- Vegetation removal and control
- Rodent removal and control
- Levee patrol during high water warning and flood stages
- Resurfacing of levee maintenance and patrol roads
- Minor repair of levee embankments and erosion protection
- Inspection and repair of gates
- Participation in and reporting for state and federal inspections and evaluations
- State and federal permit application and compliance

To fund the annual costs of Levee Maintenance and to finance the cost of levee improvements, the total annual budget for the Assessment District for Fiscal Year 2023 is \$7,684,000.

Under California law, assessment revenues may not be used for any purpose other than levee maintenance, repairs and improvements as described in the Preliminary Engineer’s Report and summarized in this Ballot Information Guide.

HOW PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS ARE CALCULATED

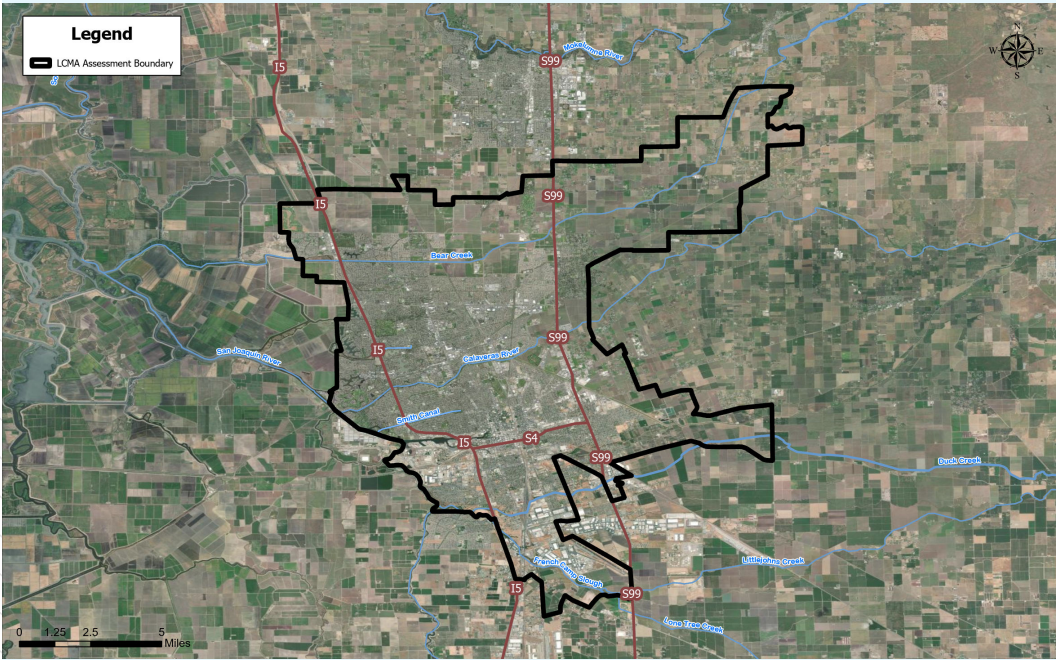
Every property’s assessment differs based on property characteristics and what type of benefit it receives. Benefits can be placed into three categories:

- 1 Levee maintenance
- 2 Levee maintenance and repairs to non-Lower San Joaquin River Project levees
- 3 Levee maintenance and Lower San Joaquin River Project improvements

Not all properties benefit from all categories. Generally speaking, factors used to determine each property’s assessment include land use type, parcel size, location of the property, and flood depths. The property location determines the category of benefit described above.

Visit [www.sjafca.org/LCMA](http://www.sjafca.org/LCMA) to:

- Use the Assessment Calculator to review the factors used for your property’s assessment
- Read a detailed description of the assessment methodology in the Preliminary Draft Engineer’s Report



Proposed Assessment District Boundary. View it online at [www.sjafca.org/LCMA](http://www.sjafca.org/LCMA).