

Annex H Reclamation District 10

1 Introduction to RD 10

Reclamation District 10 was established by special legislation in 1913, and operates under the authority of the State of California's Reclamation Board and the Department of Water Resources (DWR). The District encompasses approximately 12,000 acres and includes 23 miles of levees. The boundaries are Honcut Creek to the north, the Marysville Levee to the south, the Feather River to the west, and the Union Pacific Railroad Tracks to the east. The District includes approximately 50 businesses including 31 farms, 13 ag-related businesses, and numerous other small businesses scattered along State Highway 70 which runs north-south through the center of the District from Marysville to Honcut Creek on the Butte County line.

RD 10 is responsible for the maintenance of levees along the east bank of the Feather River. Maintenance includes the control of vegetation, erosion, rodents, and maintenance of access roads for levee patrols and emergency access. Maintenance is performed by the local farmers and community volunteers who are not compensated. Maintenance of the levees is accomplished in accordance with Federal and State regulations. During periods of high water the levees are patrolled by volunteers who monitor the levees for early detection of possible weakness, damage or erosion.

Many of the farmers and community members have a long history in the area; and as such are concerned that the levees are being weakened by beavers, rodents, soil erosion, storms, and high water events. The levees are also being further eroded and undermined by trees, brush, debris, and refuse piled on or near the levees, and illegal driving on the levees.

Reclamation Districts in Yuba County began as farmers mounded soil to protect farm land from flooding by nearby rivers. The State Legislature enacted law so Reclamation Districts could be formed as a way to pay the costs to "reclaim" the land. "This law (Water Code 50000 et seq.) provides a means for counties to finance the reclamation of land that has been made unusable by overflow or flooding. Services and facilities that can be financed by a Reclamation District include all things "necessary and convenient" to reclaim the land. Items commonly financed include facilities and services for sewage and waste removal and facilities to be used for the irrigation of lands inside or outside the district." (*source: California Property Tax Information: What is a Reclamation District?*)

Reclamation Districts in Yuba County provide protection through a system of levees on the Yuba, Bear, and Feather Rivers. Local Reclamation Districts are responsible for the maintenance and operation of levees and pumps. Maintenance is generally provided by volunteers. There are five levee maintenance districts in Yuba County. As in most cases, the needs and resources vary from district to district. Three of the districts include at least some urbanized area, while two are predominately agricultural.

The levee systems are under the jurisdiction of each Reclamation District in which the levee or portion of the levee is located. Any improvements to the levee systems or other types of improvements to remove areas from the floodplain are the responsibility of the Reclamation Districts and will require an adequate comprehensive financing system to provide system maintenance to FEMA required standards.

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Figure 1-1 Reclamation District 10

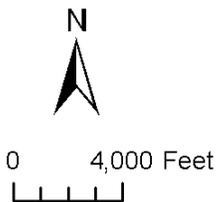
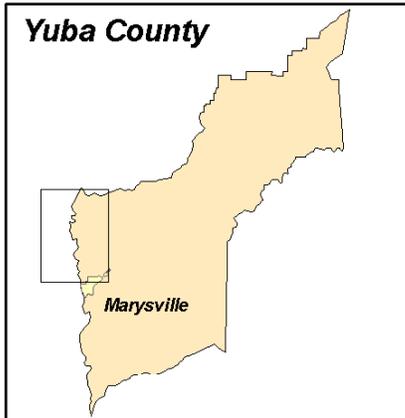
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Data Sources: County of Yuba, 2007

Legend

- Reclamation District 10
- Highways
- Streets
- Streams
- Yuba County Boundary



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