



Bradford Reclamation District 2059

Landowner Preparedness Information

Prepare Your Property for King Tides and Winter Storms

Dear Bradford Island Landowners,

Prepare now for high water, heavy rain, wind, and power outages. Bradford Reclamation District 2059 works with DWR, FEMA, OES, the California Conservation Corps, and other agencies. Landowners can help protect their properties and keep levee access clear for District crews and emergency responders.

Before high tides and storms

- **Keep drainage open.** Some drainage ditches on landowners' properties are private ditches. Clear gutters, downspouts, private drains, and accessible driveway culverts before storms. Remove loose debris safely; do not enter flowing water or clear blockages during active flooding. Do not redirect runoff onto neighboring properties. [1]
- **Check your buildings and pumps.** Repair roof leaks and loose exterior materials. Test private sump pumps, check discharge routes, and arrange backup power. Have a qualified professional evaluate plumbing backflow protection and vulnerable electrical equipment. [2]
- **Secure property.** Tie down outdoor furniture, trash containers, and loose materials. Move vehicles, machinery, valuables, feed, and chemicals to a safer location before water rises. Secure fuel tanks and containers to prevent floating or spills. [1, 3]
- **Prepare flood barriers early.** Obtain sandbags and plastic sheeting before demand increases. Use county instructions for placement around vulnerable building openings. Keep drains and escape routes clear. Sandbags reduce some shallow flooding; they do not make a property safe from a levee failure. [1, 2]
- **Document and insure.** Photograph buildings, equipment, and belongings; protect important records in waterproof storage. Review flood coverage with your insurer now. Most homeowners policies do not cover flooding, and coverage may have a waiting period. [2, 3]

Protect the levee and report changes

Keep levee roads and access points clear of parked vehicles, equipment, and stored materials. Coordinate with the District before digging, grading, placing fill, planting or removing trees, or changing pipes or drainage on or near the levee.

Promptly report new seepage, muddy water, bubbling water or sand boils, cracks, slumping, erosion, animal burrows, or water flowing over the levee. Give the location, time, and photos taken from a safe place. Stay away from unstable areas and leave repairs to District-directed crews. For immediate danger to life, call **911**. [1, 4]

District and Ferry Emergency Contacts

Blake Johnson, District Engineer - 916-204-6869

Email: blake_rd2059@att.net

Angelia H. Tant, District Manager - 925-209-5480

Please call either District contact above to report emergencies.

Ferry captains in the event of an emergency

Bruce, Ferry Captain - 916-798-3366

Dave, Ferry Captain - 530-210-3551



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Prepare People and Monitor Conditions

Plan before access becomes unsafe

- **Make an evacuation plan.** Confirm your route off the island, transportation arrangements, and an off-island meeting place. Verify ferry or other access status before travel; do not assume service will continue during a storm. Plan early for tenants, visitors, people needing assistance, pets, and livestock. [2, 5]
- **Pack supplies.** Keep at least three days of food, drinking water, medications, flashlights, batteries, a radio, chargers, and first-aid supplies. Prepare go-bags, waterproof documents, and pet supplies. Keep vehicles fueled or charged. [2, 5]
- **Use backup power safely.** Run generators outdoors at least 20 feet from doors, windows, and vents; keep exhaust away from buildings. Keep units dry, use carbon monoxide alarms, and never plug a generator into a wall outlet. [5]
- **Act early.** Check forecasts and tide information regularly. High tides, river flows, wind, and storm effects can combine; a coastal tide calendar alone does not predict water levels at Bradford Island. Follow official evacuation instructions promptly. Never walk or drive through floodwater or around barricades. [2, 6]

District Updates and Volunteers

A list of local sandbag agencies was sent out last week. The District is working to have the existing Muscle Wall on the island filled. Landowners who would like to volunteer during emergency events should email the District Manager with their name and contact information.

Agency Websites and Useful Information

The links below are clickable in this PDF. Use current official alerts and District instructions for event-specific decisions.

[1] Contra Costa County

[Storm preparation and drainage](#) • [Sandbags and instructions](#)
[Community Warning System and alert information](#)

[2] National Weather Service

[Agency website and forecasts](#) • [Before a flood](#)
[During a flood](#)

[3] FEMA

[fema.gov](#) • [Ready.gov flood preparedness](#)
[FloodSmart insurance and preparation](#)

[4] California Department of Water Resources DWR

[water.ca.gov](#) • [Levee threats and flood response \(PDF\)](#)
[Ways you can be flood ready](#)

[5] California Governor's Office of Emergency Services Cal OES

[caloes.ca.gov](#) • [Winter weather preparedness](#)
[Generator safety](#)

[6] NOAA and California Coastal Commission

[NOAA tide predictions and water levels](#)
[California King Tides Project and local tide calendar](#)

[7] California Conservation Corps CCC

[ccc.ca.gov](#)