



SAVE DAD'S POINT - SAVE PIXIE WOODS



This flood control situation is not only an issue for the residents of the Country Club Area. Many people in Stockton are protected by levees and the impacts of FEMA and State Flood Control issues could be right around the corner for you as well. Pull your FACE out of the BOOK and learn more at savedadpoint.org. Read the Green Mountain Engineering (GME) proposal to San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency (SJAFCFA) and you will understand the issue of the gate.

An article was printed in the Record on 5/3/14 about Green Mountain Engineering's flood control solution and did a good job about representing the benefits of the solution; however, the other side of the story was not accurate. This has caused the people of Stockton to be misled. I believe this misconceived fear (which has been driving the gate all along) impacted the article tremendously and left a negative taste in the reader's mind regarding the Save Dad's Point campaign. Martin Luther King Jr. said "we must build **dikes** of courage to fight the **flood of fear**."

Mr. Giottonini of SJAFCFA (Jim) stated, "*we could save Dad's Point... but 8,000 homes would be in the floodplain.*" This is not true. The Green Mountain Alternate should get them out of the flood plain as well as provide significant improvements toward the 200 year State Mandated Urban Level of Protection (ULDC). The \$54,000,000 alternate **that SJAFCFA is currently still studying** (The Gate at Pixie Woods) would save Dad's Point and would get the homes out of the flood plain as well.

"Officials worry that the fight against a proposed flood control gate could jeopardize a plan that has been in the works for years to RESCUE thousands of central Stockton residents from forced flood insurance." They should be worried, though not because of my proposed solution, but because the Gate will have a very difficult time passing the CEQA process and is under funded if they switch to the more expensive alternatives. The chosen proposal from Peterson Brustad, Inc. (PBI) states in the cover letter "there are a number of critical issues discussed in our proposal- and any one of them could stall or KILL the project" and they have "assembled a team with the experience to eliminate obstacles." This is not a "fight" against the Gate. It is a proposed alternate solution that should be given proper consideration as it is in my expert opinion, the best solution for flood control. My proposed solution has not been given ANY consideration as the proposal to SJAFCFA was a "Statement of Qualification" which the "independent panel" judged my qualifications and experience against PBI's. The solution itself, the benefits, the schedule, and the cost were not factors at all. The Board of SJAFCFA never saw the actual proposal.

"Officials worry that Gulli's campaign might create the impression the community is not unified on a solution." The community does **not** know enough about the Gate or my alternate. They have not been given all of the facts and hardly anyone knows what is taking place. All they have been told is that the gate is the **only** solution to eliminate the flood insurance. Educating Stockton is the purpose of my public outreach.

Jim says he has *"never seen a company launch a public fight after failing to win a project."* It is not a fight over SJAFCFA's project. I am informing the public that there are other alternates that do not destroy Stockton's most precious asset, The San Joaquin Delta.

Jim says the most serious issue is that *"improving the north bank does nothing for the South Bank"* and *"everybody seems to get that. Dominick doesn't not get that"*. The USGS Topo map indicates that the floodwater cannot flow from the RD 828 to the RD 1614. The SJAFCFA consultant has told me that the USGS is incorrect. I will verify the map elevations, and we will see. **MAYBE I AM THE ONLY ONE THAT TRULY UNDERSTANDS THIS COMPLEX FLOOD CONTROL ISSUE.**

Mr. Larry Ruhstaller of SJAFCFA was quoted in the Record *"If I could do one thing to get you out of the flood plain and not build this project, I'd do it in a heartbeat."* Maybe the staff at SJAFCFA should have presented him a copy of the GME proposal. He also said *"We need to make sure the homeowners in that area, since they voted to tax themselves, understand what we're doing."*

The Reclamation District 1614 rejected my proposal to perform engineering, permitting and FEMA compliance. Thank you Bill, Ben and Bob you did the right thing making it crystal clear, telling me: "it is not our problem, it is SJAFCFA's".

For now **Savedadpoint.org** and **SavePixieWoods.org** will let this CEQA process play out and continue to educate the public. We should all hope that we don't see a 14 ft high Steel Wall from Dad's Point to Stockton Golf and Country Club.

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