



Bethel Island Municipal Improvement District
Levee and Flood Control Facilities Maintenance and Repair Assessment
Frequently Asked Questions

What Does BIMID do to protect our property?

BIMID is responsible for the maintenance, operation and improvement of the levees, and the drainage and flood protection system on Bethel Island. BIMID protects properties on the island by regularly inspecting levees and repairing and upgrading, as needed. Also, BIMID has a system of internal pumps and drainage ditches, canals and other facilities which remove water that has collected locally, in order to keep the community dry all year around.

How would the assessment revenue be spent?

Revenue collected would be deposited in a two separate funds: Account #1-Levee and Flood Control Facilities Maintenance and Account #2-Levee and Flood Control Facilities Repair and Improvements, and may be expended only for the specified purpose. Fiscal safeguards such as a 10 year sunset provision, annual public hearings and independent audits are included.

Can the revenue be taken away by the State or County?

All funds raised would stay local and would only be used to maintain and improve local levees, and drainage systems and facilities. By law, the State, County or any other agency cannot take these funds.

Will this be a monthly or annual assessment?

The assessment amount, shown on the enclosed ballot, will be collected annually through your property tax bill.

Are all properties on Bethel Island being assessed?

All parcels within BIMID that would receive special benefit from the proposed services and improvements are subject to the assessment, including publicly and privately owned utility parcels.

Is the assessment rate the same for everyone?

Under Proposition 218, which was sponsored by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association and approved by California voters in 1996, an assessment must be applied to properties based on their relative special benefit. This rate will vary based on the parcel use type, elevation, structure type, location and replacement cost. See the rate table in the enclosed Notice for common property rates.

Other questions?

If you have any questions that are not answered by this sheet or the enclosed informational material, please call the BIMID office at (925) 684-2210. Ballots must be received by August 6, 2015 in order to be counted.