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**SUPERVISOR STEVE BENNETT CONVENES
PUBLIC MEETING TO MEET RIVERPARK RESIDENTS
AND DISCUSS THE RIVERPARK LEVEE AND RECENT
CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT**

With the recent Board of Supervisors redistricting, the Riverpark community of Oxnard is now represented by Supervisor Steve Bennett.

The Santa Clara River levee that protects the Riverpark community was constructed by the US Army Corps of Engineers in the 1960's and is now owned and maintained by the Ventura County Watershed Protection District (WPD). Last year, this levee was decertified by FEMA because of identified structural shortcomings of the levee.

In order to seek federal funding for the levee, the County WPD has been working together with the US Army Corps of Engineers to pursue a levee improvement project. The Corps has completed the first step in that process- a "Periodic Inspection Report" evaluating the current levee condition.

Supervisor Steve Bennett said: "With the redistricting, I'm looking forward to meeting my new constituents. The Corps levee report is information the residents of Riverpark should be aware of, and I have arranged for the Corps to present their findings in a meeting in the community so that residents can hear it firsthand. The completion of the report marks an initial step in seeking federal funding to upgrade the levee."

The meeting will be held on October 12th, from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM at Rio Vista Middle School in Riverpark. The public is welcome to attend.