



Rio Alto Water District

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NEWS FROM RIO ALTO WATER DISTRICT

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Water Conservation:

Fall is upon us, the days are shorter, temperatures are cooler and the rains are starting. Now would be a good time to consider turning off your outdoor irrigation systems. The State Water Board will be reviewing the mandatory drought conservation restrictions in December and we should know if we have to reinstate the restrictions by January. This community has done an incredible job and the cumulative water conservation is still 31% below the cumulative consumption for 2013. Keep up the good work!

Notice of Upcoming Elections:

The following applicants filed Candidate Filing Packets for the three Director positions to be included in the upcoming November 8, 2016 Consolidated General Election:

Don Moitoza, Incumbent	Mark Reese, Incumbent
Dave Anders, Incumbent	Mel Freimuth

The District is proud to announce the appointment of a new Director to fill the vacancy created on the Board with the passing of Max Richman. The District was fortunate enough to receive 5 qualified applications and the decision was a difficult one to make. Craig Weaver was appointed to the position at our Board Meeting held on September 28th. Craig has been a business owner, managed vineyards and has been a member of the Agriculture Advisory Council. He also served as a Board Director for Eastern Water District in Hemet. We welcome Craig and look forward to him joining our team.

WETLANDS UPDATE:

Weed abatement was completed at the wetlands last week. Pond#1 is now full and water is overflowing into pond #2. Ponds 2, 3 & 4 are not lined so they will collect rain water and overflow, but will percolate, creating more of a wetlands environment. The water midges seem to be settling down with the cooler temperatures. We would like to thank resident Mary Mitchell for all of the beautiful pictures she has provided of the wetlands and the wildlife. A slide show of pictures, including Mary's can be seen on our new website. Please enjoy the walking trails and respect the wildlife.

VALVE EXERCISING:

When weather permits, the field crew will resume the valve exercising program. The valves are located in the middle of the street and will require traffic control at times. Please use caution in passing field personnel working in the streets.

New Billing Software:

The District is currently converting to a new billing software package. The new software will allow customers to set up a portal to view their account history, will support e-billing and should allow for more payment options. We hope to be up and running in January 2017.

Reminder:

Rio Alto Water District holds its Board Meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the District Boardroom. Agendas, Minutes and Resolutions can be accessed @ www.rawd.org under News & Notices.