



Rio Alto Water District

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NEWS FROM RIO ALTO WATER DISTRICT

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Message from Directors and Staff:

With heavy heart we announce the passing of our Board President, Max Richman. Max was on the Rio Alto Water District Board of Directors for over 31 years. It was an honor and pleasure to work with Max and he will be sorely missed. Our condolences go to his family at this sad time. Please visit our tribute to Max on our website at rawd.org. His position on the board will be filled by appointment until his term expires in December of 2018. The District received 5 applications for appointment to the board vacancy and the appointment will be made at our board meeting being held on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Water Conservation:

The mandatory outdoor irrigation watering day restrictions have been lifted until January 1, 2017 or until further notice from the State. After the last billing period, the cumulative conservation percent was 31% in comparison to 2013 consumption numbers. This continued conservation is very commendable. Just a reminder, the days are becoming shorter and the nights cooler so if your consumption was high last billing cycle, please consider decreasing your minutes on your outdoor irrigation.

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

WETLANDS UPDATE:

District staff has made an attempt to trim and pull weeds around the walking trails at the wetlands recently and we are hoping this effort and the lower temperatures will have a positive effect on the number of water midge swarms. In the early fall, ISHY camp inmates will be assisting with further weed abatement. The wetlands walking trails will be closed during the hours of their assistance and this will be posted at the wetlands as well as on our website. We are still working with the drinking fountain. Remember to observe the posted rules so we all can enjoy the new addition to the community!

Water Rate Adjustments:

The billings issued in September included the new water rate adjustments. We received many calls and much concern about increased rates and percentages. As a reminder, the minimum water consumption included in the minimum charge dropped to 1500 cubic feet and the remainder of your water cost is calculated based on consumption over the minimum. This last billing cycle is traditionally the greatest, water demand period because it includes the summer months of July and August. As your consumption goes down, your bills will reflect that.

New Billing Software:

The District is currently reviewing new billing software packages. Our current package will no longer be supported and we would like to get a program that allows customers the option to view their history on line and supports e-billing for those customers who prefer paperless statements.

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.