



Rio Alto Water District

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Water Conservation and Dam Updates:

On April 7, 2017, the Governor signed Executive Order B-40-17 which ended the drought state of emergency in all of California counties except Fresno, Kings, Tulare and Tuolumne. The new order maintains water reporting requirements and prohibitions on wasteful practices. There seems to be some misunderstanding about our rate increase and the ending of the drought. Our rate increase was in response to a rate study performed by Bartle, Wells & Associates to ensure the District had adequate revenues to maintain services to its customers and start funding long term infrastructure replacement. The District did not impose the rate increase in response to the emergency drought regulations. Some Districts that rely on surface water had to purchase water at a much higher rate which they passed on to their customers. Those Districts are going back to their normal rate structures because they have received 100% allocations for this year. Season to date, the North State has received 45.94 inches in precipitation, almost 16 inches above the normal season to date. Shasta Dam is currently 7.19 feet from the crest. The current releases from Shasta Dam have been increased to 30,183 cfs in an attempt to bring the reservoir down before we receive more rains and snow melt. A contract for \$275.5 million was awarded to Kiewit Infrastructures West Co., for repairs on the Oroville Dam. Repair work has started and will be done around the clock to make the spillway operational by Nov. 1. Complete recovery will be done in phases due to the enormity of the project.

Wetlands Update:

In addition to the project awards received from the American Society of Civil Engineers and the CA Water Environmental Association No. Sac Section, the Wetlands Project will be spotlighted at the CA Financing Coordinating Committee Funding Fair in Redding on May 2nd. The District will be approaching local schools for tours of the wastewater treatment plant and wetlands as soon as the weather is more stable. As a reminder, **dogs must be on a leash at all times** in the wetlands facility. Our insurance carrier insists that if we open the trails to dogs, they must be leashed. We would like to continue to allow dogs in the wetlands, however if the leash requirement is not followed, we will be forced to prohibit all dogs in the wetlands.

Update on Dinghy Place:

Until the flows in the Sacramento River are reduced substantially, the ground water will not subside enough to do the necessary repairs on Dinghy Place. We apologize for this inconvenience, but be assured that we will complete this repair as soon as it is possible to do the repairs properly. Please use caution when driving on Dinghy Place.

New Billing System Update: We are still working on our conversion to a new billing system. We hope the next bills you receive will be from our new software package. We will advise customers when they can sign up on the new portal for E-Statements and automatic payments.

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.