



Rio Alto Water District

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Billing Updates: **DELINQUENT CHARGES HAVE BEEN REINSTATED EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022.** Metered customers billed for the period 01/3/22 to 3/3/22 on March 3, 2022, were due and payable by April 7, 2022, and those that remained unpaid received delinquent charges. Customers that had not paid their previous billing balance and/or made payment arrangement contracts were locked off for non-payment. New metered billings will be mailed out on May 3rd and will be due and payable by June 5th to avoid delinquent charges on June 6, 2022. Availability lot billings mailed out on March 31, 2022, need to be paid before May 5th to avoid delinquency charges. Payments can be made by check or cash, and credit card payments can be made on our website at www.RAWD.org. Customers can also sign up for auto draft payments by completing the form found on our website or at the District office.

Drought: The severity of the drought can be seen in April's last three years of precipitation and lake levels:

Year	April Precipitation Received	Average Precipitation to Date	Percent of Average	Shasta Lake feet from Crest
2022	17.87	29.77	60%	123.68
2021	13.27	30.22	44%	89.28
2020	19.35	30.74	63%	35.54

Still no word on the turf removal plan funding, but the state normally does not approve the budget until June. We were fortunate to experience a couple of storms in April, but that is not enough to pull this state out of its drought. **Most likely** we will be returning to restricted watering days and we will keep you posted if/when that becomes mandatory. Please take the time to check your irrigation system for leaks and missing heads. Visit saveourwater.com for conservation ideas and water-wise techniques or stop by the District for literature on water saving and drought resistant plants.

New Construction: At the request of Rio Alto, the POA AC Committee has included **restrictions on planting redwood trees and oleanders within 25 feet of District water and sewer lines on new builds.** Redwood trees and oleanders have very far-reaching root structures that find their way into our pipes and cause massive root balls that clogs pipes. Repair and removal can be very expensive. You might want to consider this also when planting near your own plumbing infrastructure. No planting should be done in easements where water, sewer, electric, phone and cable utilities are located.

Wetlands Update: On April 21, 2022, the District locked the wetlands due to continued non-compliance of leash rules. We are trying to get a meeting together for all the concerned walkers to discuss a solution to this ongoing problem. Hopefully this situation will be resolved by the time this newsletter is printed.

Board Meeting Date: The Board Meeting for May will be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the District Board Room. Agendas, Minutes and Resolutions can be accessed at www.rawd.org "Agendas" and under News & Notices.

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