



Rio Alto Water District

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Billing Updates: Metered billings for the period 07/02/21 – 09/02/21 will be mailed out on 9/3/21 and will be due and payable by Oct. 8, 2021. Availability lot billings for the quarter 7/1/21 – 9/30/21 will be mailed out on Sept. 30, 2021, and due and payable by November Nov. 5, 2021. 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 state water year begins October 1st every year. As of August 18, 2021, the season to date precipitation was 13.81 inches with the normal average season to date being 33.02 inches. We are currently 58% below the average. Lake Shasta level is 155.65 feet from the crest, down 21.78 feet from the level reported last month. Last year, at this time, the lake level was 86.87 feet from the crest (a 68.78 foot decline in the lake level from last year.) We currently remain on voluntary restrictions, but that could change quickly. The District will notify it's customers if this changes. Water transfers to agriculture have been suspended and the water storage conditions are dire. Once again, we would like to remind customers of the **permanent water conservation measures:**

- **The application of potable water to outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes run off such that water flows onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private walkways, roadways, parking lots, or structures;**
- **The use of a hose that dispenses potable water to wash a motor vehicle, except where the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle or device attached to it that causes it to cease dispensing water immediately when not in use;**
- **The application of potable water to driveways and sidewalks;**
- **The use of potable water in a fountain or other decorative water features, except where the water is part of a recirculating system;**
- **The application of potable water to outdoor landscapes during and within 48 hours after measurable rainfall.**

These conservation measures are practical, easy to comply with, and discourage water waster.

Wetlands Update: Western Grazers has completed their grazing at the wetlands. The goats and sheep did a real good job of eradicating the exterior weeds, but it seems they prefer dry foliage to greenery. We are pleased with the outcome and hope to schedule this every couple of years.

Board Meeting Date: The Board Meeting for September will be held a week early on September 8, 2021 to assure we have a quorum 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.

Rio Alto Water District is a Special District governed by California Water Code and not affiliated with the Property Owners Association.