



Rio Alto Water District

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Billing Updates/Evacuee Consumption Credits:

In response to the Carr Fire Evacuations, the District Board of Directors have determined that residents who opened their homes for evacuees should be granted additional consumption of 25 cubic feet per family, per day, added to the minimum consumption allocation for the number of days the evacuees were housed during the July/August billing period. Billings for this period will be mailed out after Labor Day. The party seeking the allowance must file an application with the General Manager of the District for approval. The General Manager will approve the allowance if it meets the intent of the Board Action. We now have over 75 customers who have signed up for ACH Bank Draft Payments. The process is simple and there is no fee for this service. If you have trouble remembering to pay your water bill, this is a nice option that can save you costly late charges. The bills are still mailed to customers and the ACH bank drafts are not processed until the following month. This allows the customer adequate time to review their billing before the auto draft is drawn. Sign up forms can be obtained at the District office or online at RAWD.org.

Drought News:

The District participated in a webinar regarding the new water conservation laws, and as predicted, they advised the smaller Districts that they will eventually be included in the restrictions. Outdoor budgets have still not been determined so no implementations have been made yet. With conservation as the new normal for California, if you are planning any landscaping projects, be conservative by planting drought resistant plants and avoid planting grass when possible. Applications for turf removal rebates can still be found at turf@saveourwaterrebates.com. The precipitation total for the water year beginning Oct.1, 2017 remains at 19.70", with a normal season to date being 33.96". The distance from the crest of Shasta Dam is now 66,44 feet, down 20.01 feet from what was reported last month due to increased flows for agriculture, firefighting and regulating water temperatures for fish. NOAA is predicting a 70% chance of a mild El Nino this winter. The bad news is that prediction includes warmer temperatures, less precipitation for the beginning of winter and only average rainfall towards the end of winter for the North State.

SAVE MONEY- Pay attention to your irrigation system.

As the summer season draws to a close, hopefully the temperatures will continue to decrease. To conserve water and save money adjust your irrigation timers accordingly with the lower temperatures/shorter days.

Change of September Board Meeting Date:

Please be advised that the September Board Meeting normally held on the third Wednesday of each month has been changed from Wednesday, September 19th to Wednesday, September 26th.

District Elections:

The regular biennial election will take place on November 6, 2018. Three candidates have filed papers for the Rio Alto Board of Directors, incumbents Craig Weaver, Steve Gibbs and new candidate Mel Freimuth.

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 at www.rawd.org under News & Notices.

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