



# Rio Alto Water District

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**December 10, 2021**

**Billing Updates:** Metered billings for the period 09/02/21 – 11/02/21 were due and payable by December 6<sup>th</sup> and are now delinquent. New metered billings will be going out the first week in January 2022. Availability lot billings will be going out on December 30<sup>th</sup>. Payments can be made by check or cash, and credit card payments can be made on our website at [www.RAWD.org](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> every year. As of December 10, 2021 the season to date precipitation was 8.51 inches with a normal average season to date of 7.24 inches, which is 117% of the average. We are expecting an atmospheric river and possibly some snow in the valley so hopefully we will continue on this trend. Shasta Lake level is 171.29 feet from the crest. In comparison, December of 2020 the lake was 108.52 feet from the crest and in December of 2019, the level was 50.19 feet from the crest. The State Water Project announced last week that there will be 0 allocations for 2022 unless there is a drastic change in water storage levels. This would have a major impact on agriculture in California as well as the economy. We all need to conserve and do our part. **ALL OUTDOOR IRRIGATION SHOULD BE TURNED OFF NOW.**

**Wastewater Treatment Plant Updates:** Winter rains increase the flows to our wastewater treatment plant. The District would like to remind customers **not to flush anything down the toilet other than human waste and toilet paper.** This includes feminine hygiene products, diapers, paper towels, the new toilet cleaning (flushable) pads and baby wipes (**even if they state they are biodegradable**). Fats and oils from cooking should never be disposed of through home plumbing systems. These items can cause costly lateral plugs for the homeowner as well as serious plugs and mechanical failures at our lift stations and wastewater treatment plant. Introduction of pharmaceuticals and chemicals into our collection system can seriously disrupt the biological processes at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Please refrain from disposing of these items through your sewer system. We have a sign-up sheet at the office for tours of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Stop by and add your name to the list. We will schedule a tour when we have 10 interested parties.

**Tank Rehabilitation:** The rehabilitation of Tank 1A on River View is progressing nicely. We expect the work to be completed mid-January. We hope this work has not been too disruptive to the Community. Superior Tank Solutions will begin work on Tank 2A which is located at the very south end of River View when Tank 1A is complete. This work will extend the life of our tanks.

**Board Meeting Date:** The Board Meeting for January will be held on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the District Board Room. Agendas, Minutes and Resolutions can be accessed at [www.rawd.org](http://www.rawd.org) "Agendas" and under News & Notices.

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