



Rio Alto Water District

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Billing Updates: New metered billings for the period 1/3/20-3/3/20 will be mailed out the first week in March. All payment arrangements need to be made prior to issuance of the 24hour notice. 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 new water year begins October 1st every year. As of February 21, 2020, the season to date precipitation is 12.53 inches with a normal average season being 22.79 inches (45% below the average). Lake Shasta level is 36.41 feet from the crest, up 7.93 feet from what was reported last month. With the lack of rain, this means that the increase in water at the dam is snow melt, which is not a good thing this early in the year. The current discharge from Shasta Lake is 3,771cfs. The second annual snow survey which was held on January 30, 2020 recorded current snow levels at 79% of normal. Let's hope the rains are only delayed. Some residents have indicated that they have started outdoor watering during this dry period. Please check your sprinkler systems out carefully before turning them on to avoid any surprise leaks or breaks. The state funding for turf removal rebates have currently been exhausted. We will keep you posted if the state funds this account again.

PG&E Safety Power Shutoff: Our 500kW generator is scheduled to arrive on February 24th. Until the transfer switch is installed, we still need to adhere to emergency water restrictions during any PSPS event.

Wetlands: The District is currently reviewing what actions need to be taken to resolve the issue of dogs being off leash at the wetlands. As mentioned in the monthly newsletters, this leash requirement is necessary to protect the walkers, the dogs and the wildlife habitat. It is also a requirement by our liability insurance carrier. Unfortunately, one of the actions under consideration may require prohibiting all dogs at the wetlands. **Sadly, it just takes a few offenders to spoil a good thing for all the wetlands visitors.**

Commercial General Plan Amendment No. 19-03 & Rezone on 22 Acres of 261.74 acres Parcel by Leviathan, Inc. The Tehama County Planning Department agreed to postpone consideration of the rezone until a vote of the Lake California Property Owners could be held and other items were presented. The rezoning vote will be included in your ballot mailed early in March.

Board Meeting Date: The March Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the District Board Room. We welcome the public to attend. 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.