



Rio Alto Water District

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Billing Updates: Availability lot billings were mailed out on 12/31/19 and need to be paid by February 5, 2020 to avoid delinquent charges. Metered billings for the period 11/03/19 through 01/03/20 were mailed out on 01/07/20 and need to be received by February 10, 2020 to avoid delinquent charges. All payment arrangements need to be made prior to 24hour notice posting on February 19, 2020. Payments can be made by check or cash and credit card payments can be made on our website at www.RAWD.org. If you make a payment on-line and get a pending receipt with “wings” on it, please contact the District. This type of payment will not post to your account. Customers can 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 January 20, 2020, the season to date precipitation is 11.17 inches with a normal average season being 16.81 inches (66% of the average). Lake Shasta level is 44.34 feet from the crest, up 2.19 feet from what was reported last month. The current discharge from Shasta Lake is 4,848cfs. **Everyone should have their outdoor watering systems turned off by now. As a reminder, it is prohibited to water within 48 hours of a significant rain event (1/2 inch).** Water consumption for the period 11/3/19 through 01/3/20 was 25.3% less than the consumption for the same period in comparison year 2013. Year to date conservation for 2019 was 25.8 percent lower than the year to date figures for 2013. The community has done a phenomenal job in water conservation. Kudos to our customers. We were able to detect some residences with leaks during the last billing cycle. It is always easier to detect possible leaks in the winter because indoor usage is so minimal compared to summer usage. We received numerous inquiries about the new water conservation law limiting indoor usage to 55 gallons per person. Enforcement of this law does not begin until 2023. This law currently applies to Urban Water Utilities. An Urban Water Utility is defined as 3,000 connections or distributor of 3,000acre feet of water. The law also states that eventually the smaller districts will be included in these conservation measures. The Department of Water Resources is still trying to determine outdoor water budgets that would take in account temperatures and evapotranspiration rates. Our understanding, at this point, is that each District will be given a per capita budget and the responsibility for enforcement will fall on the agencies. Failure to meet the budgets will incur fines to the agencies that will have to be passed along to the offending customers. The indoor budgets are set for 55 gallons per person until 2025, then 52.5 gallons per person until 2030 and 50 gallons per person beginning in 2030. We can't ignore that this is the direction that California is going, so plan ahead, and continue your water conservation practices. The District will keep you informed when we receive more information. Turf removal rebates can still be found at turf@saveourwaterrebates.com.

PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoff: Our 500kW generator is scheduled to arrive late January and the transfer switch installed so we still need to adhere to emergency water restrictions during any PSPS event.

Board Meeting Date: The February Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 19, 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.