



Rio Alto Water District

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Billing Updates: Unpaid metered billings for the period 09/6/22 to 11/3/22 are scheduled for lock off on February 6, 2023. Current billings for the period 11/3/22 to 01/3/23 are due in the office by February 5, 2023 to avoid delinquent charges. 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 recent storms have really boosted our precipitation totals for the current water year. The current statewide average snowpack is 226% of normal and Shasta Lake is up 57.76 feet since last reported. As of January 18th, we have already exceeded the total annual precipitation received in the 21/22 water year. Let's hope we continue with this pattern and don't stop here because we are still not out of the drought. The new totals beginning October 1st and comparisons are as follows:

Year	Jan. 18 Precipitation Received	Average Precipitation to Date	Percent of Average	Shasta Lake feet from Crest
22/23	20.04	15.30	131%	88.20
21/22	14.77	14.12	104%	140.64
20/21	5.62	15.46	36%	105.80

We are experiencing freezing temperatures, so please make every effort to wrap any exposed piping to protect your pipes from freezing and bursting. **Sprinklers should be shut off for the winter now.**

Wetlands Update: Over 150 people have purchased their key cards for the wetlands, and we hope this new system will provide a safer and more desirable experience while enjoying the wetlands. As a reminder, please do not allow entrance to anyone (that is not within your party) who does not possess a card. Contracts can be completed, and key cards purchased at the Rio Alto Water District Office (**not the POA office**). The \$10.00 nonrefundable deposit must be paid by check or cash. No cards can be accepted. Due to recent vandalism, a second camera is being installed.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Updates: 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. Lateral plugs can be very costly to the homeowner and plugs can cause mechanical failures at our lift stations and wastewater treatment plant.

Board Meeting Date: The Board Meeting for February will be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, 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.

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