



Rio Alto Water District

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Billing Updates: Unpaid metered billings for the period 03/ 01/22 to 5/3/22 that remain unpaid will be scheduled for lock-off on August 8, 2022. New metered billings for the period 05/03/22 – 7/3/22 were mailed out on July 6, 2022, and are due by August 8, 2022, to avoid delinquent charges. Availability lot billings for quarter ending 6/30/22 need to be paid by August 4, 2022, 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. **JULY IS THE LAST MONTH TO MAKE PAYMENTS ON DELINQUENCIES BEFORE A LIEN IS FILED AND DELINQUENCIES ARE TURNED OVER TO THE COUNTY FOR COLLECTION THROUGH THE TAXES ON AUGUST 10, 2022.**

Drought: The severity of the drought can be seen in July’s last three years of precipitation and lake levels:

Year	July Precipitation Received	Average Precipitation to Date	Percent of Average	Shasta Lake feet from Crest
2022	18.84	32.92	57%	126.80
2021	13.80	33.80	40%	133.87
2020	23.65	33.96	69%	58.42

Customer consumption is 2.3% above the consumption for the same period in 2020. Governor Newsom has asked urban suppliers to reduce their consumption by 15% compared to the 2020 numbers. We still do not have a state mandate, but if the state, as a whole does not do any better in attaining the 15% reduction, it will be coming. If and when we are mandated to comply, we will revert to the 3-day watering schedule we used during 2015 unless required to reduce it even further. Visit <https://saveourwater.com> for conservation ideas or stop by the District for literature on water saving and drought resistant plants. We are still waiting confirmation on the turf replacement program approval or funding.

New Low Income Household Water Assistance (LIHWAP): LIHWAP provides one-time payments to low-income households that are eligible for assistance with delinquencies. The federal government awarded California funding to help households struggling to afford the costs of water and wastewater. Contact your local LIHWAP service provider to learn more about how to apply and qualify by visiting <https://csd.ca.gov/waterbill>.

Wetlands Update: Thank you for your patience, the District is contacting contractors to rebuild the gate as required to support the keycard reader. As soon as this is completed, we will notice our customers. Customers will need to come to the District, sign an agreement stating they will follow the rules, and provide a deposit for an access card.

Board Elections: Two Director seats will be up for election in the November General Election. Directors Craig Weaver and Ginny Mercer’s terms expire in December of 2022. Candidate packets are available now at the District office and Tehama County Elections Office Red Bluff. Completed candidate packets can be filed with our office or the Tehama County Elections Office at 633 Washington Street, Room 17, Red Bluff, no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 12, 2022.

Board Meeting Date: The Board Meeting for August will be held on Wednesday, August 17, 2022, 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.

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