



# Rio Alto Water District

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**Billing Updates:** Availability lot billings for the billing period 04/01/21 – 06/30/21 were mailed out on June 30, 2021 and are due and payable by August 4, 2021. Metered billings for the period 05/04/21 – 07/02/21 were mailed out on July 2, 2021 and are due and payable by August 9, 2021.

**AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup> IS THE LAST DAY TO MAKE PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS BEFORE A LIEN IS FILED ON DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS AND DELINQUENCIES ARE TURNED OVER TO THE COUNTY FOR COLLECTION THROUGH THE TAXES.**

Delinquent charges will resume on customers that are delinquent more than two billing cycles who have **not entered into payment arrangements with the District.** **COMMUNICATION IS KEY TO AVOIDING** delinquent charges, liens and collection proceedings. Delinquent charges will remain suspended on those customers who have made and complied with arrangements. 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 July 16, 2021, the season to date precipitation was 13.80 inches with the normal average season to date being 33.80 inches. We are currently 59% below the average. Lake Shasta level is 133.87 feet from the crest, down 15.96 feet from the level reported last month. Last year, at this time, the lake level was 41.08 feet from the crest (a 92.79foot decline in the lake level from last year.) Current consumption for the period 05/4/21 through 07/2/21 was 21.8% less than the consumption for the same period in 2013. Year to date data shows a decrease in consumption of 12.65% compared to 2013 year to date. The reason we use the year 2013 as a comparison year is because it represents the last full year of consumption data before restrictions were put in place for the last drought. Our District wells pull from the deeper aquifer located within the Bowman sub-basin. Currently over 75 private shallow wells in southern Tehama County have gone dry. We are fortunate, our sub-basin is very healthy and we are not experiencing any excessive draw downs. None the less, we all still need to do our part in conserving water. If the state switches from voluntary to mandatory restrictions we will have to comply.

**Wetlands Update:** We have contracted with Western Grazers to clean up the extra vegetation at the wetlands. If this process is successful, we will contract with them every so many years when we determine the vegetation needs thinning. They have strategically placed the fencing so that the wetland walkers can still enjoy their walks without interruption. It is also enjoyable to watch the sheep, goats and their babies!

**Board Meeting Date:** The Board Meeting for August will be held on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 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.

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