



# Rio Alto Water District

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**Water & Sewer Connection Fee Increases:** Resolutions 03-24 and 04-24 passed at our May Board Meeting and Water and Sewer connection fees will be increasing August 1, 2024, and then each January 1<sup>st</sup> for the following 4 years. If you are planning on building, you might want to consider applying for and paying for your connection fees prior to August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Billing Updates:** Availability lot billings for the period 4/1/24 through 6/30/24 will be mailed out on June 28<sup>th</sup> and are due by August 5<sup>th</sup> to avoid delinquent charges. Metered billings for the period 5/3/24 through 7/3/24 will be mailed out on July 3, 2024, and are subject to delinquent charges if not paid by **August 8, 2024**. In accordance with SB998, unpaid billings for the period **3/3/24** through **05/3/24** will become subject to **lock-offs** scheduled for **August 8, 2024**. 24-hour notices will be posted on August 7<sup>th</sup> and lock offs will proceed at noon on **August 8, 2024**, if payments are not received. 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). If you pay using auto bill pay through your bank, be advised that they issue a check to Rio Alto which can take over 10 days to be received by the District. With this in mind, please allow adequate days to avoid a delinquent charge. Customers can also sign up for auto draft payments by completing the form found on our website or at the District office. This service is free and will ensure payment is received before delinquent charges are assessed.

**Drought:** The new water year began October 1, 2023. As of June 19, 2024, the new season to date totals compare with the previous two years as follows:

Year	June 19th Precipitation Received	Average Precipitation to Date	Percent of Average	Shasta Lake feet from Crest
23/24	31.31	32.89	95%	23.24
22/23	39.27	32.75	120%	6.23
21/22	18.84	32.73	57.6%	121.77

The statewide average snow level in May is reported at 87% of the average.

**Cell Tower Updates:** T-Mobile's antenna on our Verizon tower is now up and running. If your carrier is T-Mobile, please let the District know if your coverage is better.

**Wastewater Treatment Plant Tour:** The District is planning another **Wastewater Treatment Plant Tour** for July 16, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. If you would like to attend, stop by the office and add your name to the sign-up sheet.

**District Elections and Board Appointment:** Three Director seats will be up for election in the November General Election. Directors Richard Brubaker, Peter Suggs and Louise Wilkinson's terms expire in December of 2024. Candidate packets will be available July 15<sup>th</sup>. The nomination for candidates opens on July 15, 2024, and closes on August 9, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Packets can be obtained from the District Office or Tehama County Elections Office in Red Bluff at 633 Washington Street, Room 17, Red Bluff. Sadly, Director Weaver will be moving out of state in August, and it will be necessary to appoint a new Director in his place to serve the remainder of his term which expires in December of 2026. Applications for Appointment to Office can be obtained at the District Office or on our website at [www.rawd.org](http://www.rawd.org). The District will be accepting applications for this position for the period July 1- 15, 2024.

**Board Meeting Date:** The Board Meeting for July will be held on July 17, 2024, 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.

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