



Rio Alto Water District

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Billing Updates: Unpaid balances for the 11/3/22 -1/3/23 billing period are scheduled for lock off on April 6, 2023. 24 hour notices will be posted on the 5th. New billings for the period 1/3/23 through 3/3/23 were mailed out on March 3, 2023 and will be subject to delinquent charges if not paid by April 5, 2023. Payments can be made by check or cash, and credit card payments can be made on our website at www.RAWD.org. If paying in person remember to bring your billing stub with you for quick and accurate posting to your account. 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 assure payment is received before delinquent charges are assessed.

Drought: The current year precipitation numbers are very impressive with 126% of the average for water year to date. The current statewide average snowpack is 218% of normal, with the Sierra snowpack being the highest in recorded history. Shasta Lake is up 29.19 feet since last reported. Another atmospheric river is predicted for tonight. The new totals beginning October 1st and comparisons are as follows:

Year	Mar. 19th Precipitation Received	Average Precipitation to Date	Percent of Average	Shasta Lake feet from Crest
22/23	33.34	26.36	126%	44.82
21/22	14.97	26.08	57%	127.39
20/21	15.71	27.48	48%	90.42

Consumption for the period 1/3/23 through 3/3/23 was 1.58% higher than consumption for the same period in 2013. Governor Newsom has relaxed recharge permits in an attempt to divert approximately 600 acre feet of storm water to groundwater recharge in more permeable soils in the central valley area. Some areas in Southern California have rescinded drought restrictions. The Governor has yet to declare the drought to be over.

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 April will be held on Wednesday, April 19, 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.

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