



Rio Alto Water District

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Water Conservation and Dam Updates:

On April 7, 2017, the Governor signed Executive Order B-40-17 which ended the drought state of emergency in all of California counties except Fresno, Kings, Tulare and Tuolumne. The new order maintains water reporting requirements and prohibitions on wasteful practices such as hosing down driveways, washing cars without a nozzle, outdoor watering within a 48 hour period of a significant rain event and inefficient irrigation practices. Season to date, the North State has received 46.21 inches in precipitation, over 14 inches above the normal season to date. Shasta Dam is currently 5.77 feet from the crest. The current release from Shasta Dam is 4,984 cft.

Wetlands Update:

Much wildlife has recently been sighted in the wetlands. A river otter was seen relaxing on his back in Pond 1. Apparently a coyote with pups has made a den in the area near the walnut grove. Remember to always keep a safe distance from the wildlife. As a reminder, **dogs must be on a leash at all times** in the wetlands facility. This is especially important to protect your beloved pets from coyotes and rattlesnakes.. Our insurance carrier insists that if we open the trails to dogs, they must be leashed. We would like to continue to allow dogs in the wetlands, however if the leash requirement is not followed, we will be forced to prohibit all dogs in the wetlands.

Update on Dinghy Place:

Please use caution when driving on Dinghy Place. The ground water levels are subsiding and hopefully we will be able to begin the repairs on Dinghy in the next month. We apologize for this inconvenience, but rest assured that we will complete this repair as soon as it is possible to do the repairs properly.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Tours:

Currently we have four customers signed up for a tour of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. If you are interested in touring the facilities, please sign up at the District Office. Once we have about ten names we will coordinate a tour.

New Billing System Update: The conversion is not going as quickly as we anticipated, but we are balanced through April and are currently converting and updating May data. We will run parallel systems for several months to assure the accuracy of the new system and hope the next billing you receive will be on the new system. There seems to be considerable interest in the automatic payment option the new system will provide. To sign up for this, you will need to complete the bank draft sign up form with the District after the conversion is complete. For those who like to go paperless, E-Statements will be available. A notice on our website and our reader board outside of the District will alert you when you can sign up for these options.

Reminder: Rio Alto Water District holds its Board Meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm, at the District Boardroom. Agendas, Minutes and Resolutions can be accessed @ www.rawd.org under News & Notices.