



# Rio Alto Water District

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## **Billing System Updates:**

Metered bills went out in the mail on May 3, 2018. If you have not received your bill by now please contact the District and we will print you a new bill. These bills will become delinquent June 6<sup>th</sup> and delinquent charges will be assessed on June 7, 2018. **Payment arrangements need to be made with the District prior to the posting of the 24 hour notice on June 18, 2018.** Payments can be made at the District, through the mail or on our website at [RAWD.org](http://RAWD.org) under "Pay Your Bill Now". Customers can also sign up for automatic payments. Applications can be obtained at the District Office or on our website.

## **Drought News:**

Precipitation totals for the water year beginning Oct.1, 2017 are 19.00", with a normal season to date being 33.19". The current outflow from the dam is now exceeding the input from snowmelt. The distance from the crest of Shasta Dam is 15.74ft. The good news is that the CA Water Commission has re-assessed the public benefits component of the Sites Reservoir project and it is slated for over 1 billion dollars of funding. We are one step closer to having the reservoir built. There seems to be some confusion as to the availability of the turf removal rebate. I called the state today and it is still available. If interested, applications can be found at [turf@saveourwaterrebates.com](mailto:turf@saveourwaterrebates.com). The toilet replacement fund has been suspended.

## **Wetlands:**

The District recently purchased a rotary mower and we were able to knock down the star thistle surrounding the wetlands. Hopefully if we hit it a couple of times per year we can eradicate the problem. As a reminder, **dogs must be on a leash at all times.** Plastic bags are provided in the doggie waste station as well as trash cans to clean up after your pets.

## **SAVE MONEY- Check out your irrigation system.**

Water Consumption was up last billing cycle and we expect the next couple of cycles to be much higher. You can save yourself considerable amounts of money on your bills by making repairs to your outdoor irrigation systems and smart water schedules. Check your timers, turn your systems off during rain events, adjust sprinklers to avoid runoff, and repair any broken lines or sprinkler heads.

## **Wastewater Treatment Plant:**

As a reminder, please do not flush anything down your drains/toilets other than human waste, gray water and toilet paper. A buildup of "flushable" wipes recently damaged aerators at a Michigan facility to the point where they can't adequately process the waste.

**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 at [www.rawd.org](http://www.rawd.org) under News & Notices.

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