



# Rio Alto Water District

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**Covid-19 Updates** Payments can be deposited through the slot in the front doors to minimize contact if you choose or you may come in the office now, but masks are required for entry. Tehama County is still scheduling appointments for the No-Cost Vaccine Clinic. Tehama County is offering vaccines for everyone ages 16 and up. You can call (530)527-6824 or email [covidvaccineappts@tchsa.net](mailto:covidvaccineappts@tchsa.net) to schedule a vaccine appointment.

**Billing Updates:** Metered billings for the period 03/04/21 – 05/04/21 were mailed out on May 4, 2021 and are due by June 8, 2021. Reminder statements will be mailed out on June 9, 2021. 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. Delinquent charges will remain suspended on those customers who have made and complied with arrangements. Availability lot billings for the period 04/01/21 through 6/30/21 will be mailed out on June 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 May 19, 2021, the season to date precipitation is 13.80 inches with the normal average season to date being 32.31 inches. We are currently 57% below the average. Lake Shasta level is 103.53 feet from the crest, down 14.3 feet from the level reported last month. Last year, at this time, the lake level was 35.54 feet from the crest (a 68foot decline in the lake level from last year.). The California Department of Water Resources said this is California's fourth-driest year on record, especially in the northern two-thirds of the state. Currently restrictions here are voluntary, but I am convinced that will change soon. We will advise the community if or when this should occur. As a reminder from the drought of 2015, the following **Water Conservation Measures were placed into permanent law:**

1. The application of potable water to outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes run off such that water flows onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private walkways, roadways, parking lots or structures;
2. The use of a hose that dispenses potable water to wash a motor vehicle, except where the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle or device attached to it that causes it to cease dispensing water immediately when not in use;
3. The application of potable water to driveways and sidewalks;
4. The use of potable water in a fountain or other decorative water features, except where the water is part of a recirculating system;
5. The application of potable water to outdoor landscapes during and within 48 hours after measurable rainfall.

**Board Meeting Date:** The Board Meeting for June will be held on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the District Board Room. In person meetings with still comply with social distancing requirements. 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.