



Rio Alto Water District

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Billing Updates: Metered billings for the period 09/02/21 – 11/02/21 will be mailed out the first week in November and will be due the first week in December. Availability lot billings for the quarter 7/1/21 – 9/30/21 are due and payable by November Nov. 4, 2021. Payments can be made by check or cash, and credit card payments can be made on our website at 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 Governor declared a Drought Emergency for the entire state on Tuesday October 19th and is asking customers to reduce their water consumption by an additional 15% from 2020 consumption. As a reminder, the following wasteful water practices are prohibited by state water law:

1. **The use of potable water for washing sidewalks, driveways, buildings, structures patios, parking lots, or other hard surfaced areas, except in cases where health and safety are at risk.**
2. **The use of potable water that results in flooding or runoff in gutters or streets.**
3. **The use of potable water, except with the use of a positive shut-off nozzle, for the individual private washing of motor vehicles.**
4. **The use of water to irrigate turf and ornamental landscapes during and within 48 hours after measurable rainfall of at least one-fourth of one inch of rain.**
5. **The use of potable water for irrigation of ornamental turf on public street medians.**
6. **The use of potable water for street cleaning or construction purposes, unless no other source of water or other method can be used or if necessary, to protect the health and safety of the public.**
7. **The use of potable water for decorative fountains or the filling or topping-off of decorative lakes or ponds, with exceptions for those decorative fountains, lakes, or ponds which utilize recycled water.**

The state water year begins October 1st every year. As of October 21, 2021, the season to date precipitation was 1.10 inches, with the normal average season to date being 1.09 inches. They are predicting an atmospheric river this weekend which could be a boost to the current drought conditions. Lake Shasta level is 184.48 feet from the crest, down 15.36 feet from the level reported last month. In comparison, in October of 2020 the lake level was 102.62 feet from the crest and in year 2019 the level was 42.92 feet from the crest (currently down 81.86 feet from 2020 and down 139.56 feet from 2019.)

Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA): This District is an active member of the Tehama County Groundwater Sustainability Agency which is tasked with preparing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). The plan is now out for review at <https://tehamacountywater.org/gsa/groundwater-sustainability-plans-public-draft/>. Comments will be accepted until November 19, 2021. The last outreach meeting will be held both on-line and in-person:

November 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. - In-person at the Tehama County Board of Supervisor's chambers
or on-line at: - <https://bit.ly/TehamaSGMA-PublicMeetingNov15-RSVP>

Board Meeting Date: The Board Meeting for November will be held on November 17, 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.